## PRE-KINDERGARTEN

### Arrival
The first day for Pre-Kindergarten students will be **Tuesday, September 1** at 8:45 AM. Parents should take their children directly to the classrooms, and are invited to spend short periods of time in the classroom with the students to help them become familiar with their new environment.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 2, Pre-K morning supervision will be in the Multipurpose Room from 8:00-8:30 AM and on the playground after 8:30 AM. Classes begin at 8:45 AM.

### Dismissal
In order to smooth the transition back to school, the first two days for the Pre-Kindergarten children will be half days ending at noon. Teachers will walk the students out to their parents at the end of the day. The first full day of school for Pre-Kindergarten students will be on **Thursday, September 3**.

### Lunch and Snack
The first week of school, students must bring a packed lunch to school. The lunch program begins on **Tuesday, September 8**. Please also pack a small healthy snack for your child.

### Extended Day Care
Extended Day Care for Pre-Kindergarten students begins on **Thursday, September 3**.

## KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 5

### Arrival
The first day of school for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be on **Monday, August 31**. Parents are invited to take their child(ren) directly to the classroom beginning at **8:15 AM**. Signs will be posted in the hallways to direct you to the correct room. There will be a brief opportunity to meet one of your child’s teachers before the day begins. We ask that you keep introductions short, as we will begin to establish morning routines to help students adjust to the new school year.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 1, students in grades **1-5 should arrive by 8:20 AM** and **Kindergarten students should arrive by 8:45 AM**. Grades 1-5 students arriving between 8:00 AM and the start of school will be supervised on the playground. Kindergarten students arriving between 8:00 and 8:30 AM will be directed to the Multipurpose Room for morning supervision, followed by the playground at 8:30 AM.

### Dismissal
Please familiarize yourself with dismissal procedures, outlined in the *Family Handbook*. Families picking up students by foot will line up at the side gate, wearing a parent ID badge, to pick up their children. Families picking up students by car should display the pick-up pass, included in the packet mailed to families, in the lower right corner of the car windshield and students will be escorted to the car. As we are establishing routines and there are no after school classes during the first two weeks, car pick-up lines may run 20 minutes longer than normal. Please note that parents of grades 1-5 students should NOT arrive prior to 3:35 PM (2:45 PM on Wednesdays), which is reserved for our early childhood dismissal.

On the first day of school, parents are invited to mingle with one another and with children at our Open Playground event, from 4:15 to 6:00 PM. The playground will be open only after the normal dismissal routines have been completed. Plan to arrive after 4:15 PM if you are attending the Open Playground and be mindful of DC street parking regulations.

### Lunch and Snack
The first week of school, students must bring a packed lunch to school. The lunch program begins on **Tuesday, September 8**. Teachers will also provide time for a small healthy snack during the day, so you may choose to pack a separate snack for your child each day.

### Extended Day Care
Extended Day Care for Kindergarten through Grade 5 students will be available beginning on the first day of school.