

Dear Parent(s),

August 1, 2011

I would like to welcome you and your child to Itasca's District 10 kindergarten prep program. This program provides an environment that will foster emotional, social, intellectual, creative and physical growth. This is achieved through an active learning environment, carefully selected materials and interaction with other children and adults. We will be learning about various themes and the curriculum areas will be related to each theme. I hope to develop each child's self-esteem through daily opportunities for them to succeed.

Since we are a part of Benson Primary School, we are allowed access to their resources and additional staff. We will be using the computer lab, library, and gym. These days will be noted on the monthly calendars once they have been established.

There is a Kindergarten-Prep open house planned for Tuesday, August 16th from 1:00-1:45. The open house is a great opportunity for your child to familiarize himself with our classroom and meet some of his classmates. It's also a great chance for you to drop off school supplies and ask any last minute questions you may have.

I am enclosing a supply list for the 2011-2012 school year. Please put your child's name on each item. If you plan on purchasing the optional supplies, I strongly encourage you to bring them to the open house - your child will have enough to think about that first day of school without having to think about what to do with all those supplies! You can also bring your child's change of clothes to the open house.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17th. School begins at 9:05 and the children are dismissed at 11:45am.

I believe that parental involvement is a key element to a child's development. I will keep you informed through newsletters, monthly calendars, and daily notebook checks. I would ask that you keep me informed of any concerns you may have or successes you may want to share. You can do this in many ways: the daily notebook, email, telephone (voice mail), or a personal conference. I look forward to working together with you to foster your child's total learning environment.

With warmest wishes,
Catherine McNulty