



Dear Pre-K and Kindergarten Parents:

Welcome to Pontchartrain Elementary School! The Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers have compiled some information they believe will help both you and your child have a successful school year.

### **SUPPLY PACKS (Kindergarten ONLY):**

Please consider purchasing the kindergarten supply pack. School supplies are community property in kindergarten and the supply packs allow for consistency amongst supplies. If you are unable to purchase the PES supply pack, we ask that you purchase the **tri-fold Kinder Mats** for your child's rest mat and please **DO NOT LABEL SUPPLIES**.

### **UNIFORM TIPS:**

- Please purchase uniforms that are easy to access in the bathroom. We highly discourage pants that require belts or jumpers that need to be removed before using the restroom. It is important that your child be able to easily button/unbutton or zip/unzip their clothes independently to avoid bathroom accidents. Bottoms with elastic waist bands are best.
- Research shows that children "learn by doing" through play. Please make sure the uniforms you purchase are washable—we will get dirty!
- We recommend non-tying athletic shoes. Shoes with laces and zippers become a safety concern. Please, no sandals or "croc" style shoes. We encourage non-tying shoes until your child can independently tie their own shoes.
- **LABEL!! LABEL!! LABEL!!** It is important to **label all clothing items** that come to school with your child!
- **\*\*\*Please put a change of clothes in a Ziploc bag to keep in your child's school bag; accidents do happen!\*\*\***

### **SCHOOL BAG INFORMATION:**

Please consider purchasing the PES Pre-K/Kindergarten tote bag from the PTA. This is easier for the students to put items in their bags independently. Also, it is added safety as it allows staff to easily identify our kindergarten students.

### **FIRST DAY PROCEDURES:**

- Students may ride the bus, or be dropped off in car line
- Send in nap mat, a daily afternoon snack and drink for your child. Please pack the snack separately from lunch.

Check our website for important dates and information: <http://pontchartrainelementary.stpsb.org>

We look forward to working with you and your child this year!