



Hi Kindergarten Friend,

My name is Mrs. Voelker and I am so excited to be your kindergarten teacher this year at Franconia Elementary School !!! We are going to have a FROGTASTIC year together !!!

I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I live in Harleysville with my husband . I have a son named Ryan and a daughter Kelsey. I also have 2 dogs Lexi and Baxter ! Some things I like are the color pink, pizza, peanut m&m's, puppies , the beach and penguins ! Of course, I also like frogs... you will see why when you come to visit me in our classroom.

Some things you can look forward to this year in kindergarten are ; reading many great stories, counting, singing songs, playing games, painting ,building, learning about apples, spiders, pumpkins, penguins, goldfish, and of course frogs. You will make many new friends this year in kindergarten too !

I can't wait to meet you !! On 30th you will get to come to school for our official first day together.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer, start getting to bed early and I can't wait to see what kind of backpack you will bring to show me !!!

See you soon, Mrs. Voelker





## IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Welcome to kindergarten !!! I am so proud and excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year !! Below you will find some important information about our classroom.

BACKPACKS~ please help your child select a backpack large enough to hold an 8 1/2 x 11 folder and library book. Practice zipping and unzipping and taking things in and out of it.

FOLDERS~ Your child will receive a return /keep folder on their first day. They should bring this folder back and forth to school each day. This will help us get important information to and from school. Please check your child's folder each day and remove papers.

Supplies ~ We will have our own personal supplies this year. Please see the kindergarten supply list on our Franconia page on the district website.

SNACKS ~ Kindergarteners do work up an appetite ! please send your child with a healthy snack each day. It should be something they can open and eat with ease and in a few minutes and please remember our classroom is **not free** !!! (yogurt, applesauce squeeze bottles, granola bars, peeled or cut fruit or vegetables are all great options)

WATER BOTTLES ~ please send a non-spill water bottle with your child each day.

BIRTHDAYS~ We LOVE to celebrate them !! Our school district will no longer be having traditional baked items sent in. You may send in your child's favorite book for me to read on their special day ! We will do other things in class to honor this very special day at school !!!!

ABSENT NOTES~ If your child is absent a written absence note is due within 3 days of their return in order to be excused. You may send it in your child's folder and I will send it to the office.

You can use the forms provided or any paper note is accepted.

**FAMILY TRIPS** ~ If your child will be missing school due to a family trip or other planned absence a written note must be submitted to the school office **PRIOR** to your trip so that it will be an excused absence.

**CLOTHING** ~ When selecting an outfit for school comfy clothing with minimal zippers and buttons work best for using the bathroom. Sneakers are always a good option for the playground and physical education day.

**Recess** ~ we do try to go outside everyday (weather permitting). Please make sure your child is dressed and prepared for outdoor weather.

**SPECIALS** ~ your child will attend a special class each day. You will receive a special schedule on the first day of school in your child's folder. It is important to have sneakers on P.E. day and Library books on Library day :)

**SHOW AND TELL** ~ We do have **Show and Tell every week on Friday**. The Show and Tell topic will be posted on our Schoology page each week. We always have one free-choice week each month !! This is a favorite time in kindergarten !

**SCHOOLGY** ~ Schoology will be an important tool that we use to communicate and post announcements, information, resources etc.

You will receive more information about Schoology at the start of school as well as your child's log in information. Please make it a **daily habit** to check our class Schoology page !!

**LUNCH** ~ Your child will be eating lunch here at school each day. Please send their lunch in a lunchbox or bag clearly labeled with their name. Buying lunch at school is always an option. Information about school lunches can be found on our district website.

**CONTACT** ~ If you need to reach me you can send a note in your child's folder, e-mail me at [slvoelker@soudertonsd.org](mailto:slvoelker@soudertonsd.org) or call the school office.

We will go over more about our classroom together at our Back to School Night coming in September. Look for more information coming soon !!

I look forward to working with you this year and sharing in your child's first school experience as a Franconia Falcon !!! This is a very exciting time for all of you !!!! Together we will make it an amazing experience !!!



~ Sandy Voelker :)

