

Welcome to Kindergarten!

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Greetings KBC Families,

Hello! My name is Randy Bradley-Campbell, and I will be your child's Kindergarten teacher (most people call me Mr. B). This will be my 13th year teaching at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School and my 22nd year teaching in Brookline.

Over the past two and half years, we have faced many challenges and our team has learned a lot about the safety protocols that support us in having as near-as-normal a kindergarten experience as possible. I want to reassure you that I will be looking after your children as if they were my own. Their health, safety, and emotional well-being are my highest priority this and every year. During a typical year, I view our parent-teacher relationship as critical for providing students with a joyful and exceptional start on their journey into school. This year, our relationship will be even more essential, as we rely on each other to make sure that all our families feel safe, and that your children have the wonderful Kindergarten experience that they deserve. I am here for you, and we are a team with the same goal! Please do not hesitate to reach out for any reason. I really look forward to reconnecting with familiar families again, and building great relationships with new families this year!

Please come to our classroom (Room 264) for a short visit on **Thursday 9/1 any time between 2-3 p.m.** This visit will give you and your child the opportunity to meet me and explore our classroom environment. Coming into a new classroom or a new school can be a very exciting and, at times, overwhelming experience for young children. This meeting allows your child the opportunity to ease into the transition of starting kindergarten with her or his family close by sharing in the experience. During this first visit, students will get to choose their cubbies, see a sample of our daily schedule, and they will have a chance to explore the different work centers within the room. Please preview with your child that this is a visit day and that we will not be playing or learning in the classroom yet.

Here is some helpful information about the first days of school:

- In order to slowly initiate our young students into the Kindergarten classroom, half of our class will begin school on Tuesday 9/6 and the other half will attend on Wednesday 9/7. Students with last names beginning with A-L will attend on Tuesday 9/6; students with last names beginning with M-Z will attend on Wednesday 9/7. On both 9/6 and 9/7, students will be dismissed at noon, and no lunch will be served. Students should pack a nut-free snack. We will send more information later on arrival/dismissal procedures on these days.
- Our class will meet all together on Thursday 9/8 for our first full day of school from 8:00-2:30. Please plan to arrive at school every day by 7:55 so your child will have time to organize their things and be ready to learn at 8:00. On this day, and every day thereafter, your child will need to bring a nut-free snack and lunch (or know what you would like them to order from the school cafeteria).

If you have any questions or concerns for me before the start of school, please email me at randy_bradley-campbell@psbma.org.

I am really looking forward to working with a new community of learners and I can't wait to get to know our new students and families!

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KBC Supply List

Our classroom is generally well stocked with the tools we need for learning, however there are a few things your child will need to be the most successful in kindergarten.

- a school backpack (used just for school): This is where your child will keep their tools that travel back and forth from school to home, like library books and homework. It should be big enough to hold a full size two-pocket folder, a book, a snack and a lunch, and a water bottle. It should never have toys from home inside it.
- a snack bag ***and*** a lunch bag: It is helpful to have two separate containers, labeled with your child's name, to help kindergartners manage more independently. We also frequently eat snack outside or lunch in the cafeteria so being easy to carry down two floors of stairs is also helpful.
- a refillable water bottle: This is helpful for eating outdoors, drinking in the classroom, and for P.E.
- well fitting sneakers for P.E. in the gym
- a sturdy two pocket folder for carrying papers to school and home.

Optional Supplies:

We are always in need of the following shared classroom items and *sincerely* appreciate any and all donations.

- Thick Crayola Markers
- Lysol Wipes (lemon/lime/orange scents only please—Mr. B has a sensitive nose!)
- Glue Sticks
- Masking Tape
- Blue Painters Tape
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
- Ziploc Gallon Bags (freezer bags are the sturdiest)

Please put your child's name on school bags, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, etc.