



Summer 2022

Dear KF Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Zach Fraielli (pronounced “FRY-ELLI”) and I am so excited to be your child’s Kindergarten Teacher this year! This will be my third year teaching kindergarten in Brookline. My first year I taught at the neighboring Driscoll School. I have been connected to the Brookline community in various roles since 2015. Most of my Brookline experiences as an after-school coordinator, paraprofessional, and lead teacher have been with kindergarteners. It continues to amaze me how much kindergarten students grow over the course of a year. I feel very at home in this community and with this age group, and I am eager to begin the school year with your child at FRR!

Students will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn, play, and grow throughout the school year. My understanding of children is that every child is unique and differs in their abilities and learning styles. One of my responsibilities as an educator is to help your child reach their fullest potential by providing an environment that is safe and nurturing; challenges, motivates, and engages them in a variety of activities. I will work alongside your child to help maximize their strengths so that they feel capable and successful. Additionally, I want each student to learn to respect, welcome, and embrace the differences between one another. In this classroom, we are a TEAM! Together Everyone Achieves More!

Despite all of the challenges our community has faced in the past two years, we had a wonderful 2021-2022 school year, and I am excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year with our new kindergarten students and families! At your earliest convenience, please take some time to fill out our KF Parent/Guardian Form below. This gives me all of the information I need so I can support your child the best way possible during their transition to Kindergarten!

[KF Parent/Guardian Information Form](#)



## Classroom Visit

Starting at a new school can bring up a lot of feelings for students (and teachers!) and I will do my best to make it a smooth transition for everyone. **I would like to offer the opportunity for families and students to come for a short classroom visit (KF-Room 261) on Thursday, September 1st any time between 2:00-3:00pm.** This visit will give you and your child the opportunity to meet me and explore our classroom environment, and to help your child feel better prepared for their first day of school! It is a chance to ease into the transition of starting kindergarten with family close by sharing in the experience. During this visit, students will get to choose their cubbies and start decorating their name cards. I will show them our visual daily schedule, and they will have a chance to explore the different work centers within the room. I will also have some information for families regarding Kindergarten, such as notes about what to expect the first couple of days/weeks of school and logistical information (i.e. dismissal procedures, arrival/morning routines).

## 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 for a half day and the other half will attend on Wednesday 9/7 for a half day. Your child will only attend **one** of those days before joining the full class on Thursday 9/8 for a full day of school (8:00am-2:30pm). Below is a schedule of the first week of school for you to review. ***Please refer to this to find out which half day your child will be attending.***

### **Tuesday, September 6:**

Students with **last names** beginning with letters **A-K** (12:00pm dismissal, no lunch, please pack a nut-free snack)

### **Wednesday, September 7:**

Students with the **last names** beginning with letters **L-Z** (12:00pm dismissal, no lunch, please pack a nut-free snack)

### **Thursday, September 8:**

**ALL** students will attend this day for a full day (8:00am-2:30pm)



## Supply List

The following supplies are requested to help our classroom get up and running, keep everyone healthy, and support our learning. With the exception of your child's backpack and family photo, all supplies will be classroom supplies and shared with our entire classroom community. Should any of these supplies pose a hardship, please let me know and I will make certain that every student has what they need!

### What To Bring To School:

- A backpack big enough to fit a folder, snack bag, and lunch bag inside.
- A snack and lunch bag (unless your child is getting school lunch). It is helpful to have 2 separate bags that are already labeled with your child's name. Snack should be ***nut-free***.
- A labeled water bottle.
- An extra change of clothing: pants, shorts, socks, shirt, and underwear all labeled and placed in a labeled Ziploc gallon bag for easy storage in your child's cubby.
- A picture of your family to hang inside your child's cubby. It is very comforting for children to see familiar faces, especially over the first few weeks of school.

### Optional Supplies:

The following items tend to go quickly throughout the school year and we sincerely appreciate any and all donations.

Eco-Friendly Disinfectant Spray	Paper Towels	Hand Soap	Clorox Wipes	Tissue Boxes
Ziploc Gallon Bags	Glue Sticks	Crayola Washable Crayons	Felt Tip Pens	Ticonderoga Golf Pencils



Finally, I believe that communication is the key to a great family-teacher relationship. While there is a lot of information here and still to come, please know how eager I am to work with you and your child this year! I encourage you to please contact me at [zachary\\_fraielli@psbma.org](mailto:zachary_fraielli@psbma.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming school year. I look forward to a wonderful and exciting year with your child! Together, we will strive to **Work Hard, Be Kind, and Help Others!**

Best,  
Zach Fraielli  
Kindergarten Teacher  
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