

Dear KH Families,

I am so excited and pleased to be teaching your Kindergartener at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School! I went to this school (when it was called Devotion) for Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, and Fourth grade. It was at this school that I fell in love with my Kindergarten teachers and knew that I wanted to teach. This will be my 10th official year teaching (7th year at FRR) and I have worked with, cared for, and taught children my whole life. I would like to invite you and your child to a **brief visit** to KH on **Tuesday, 8/31, between 2-3PM**. This is a time for you and your child to see the classroom, find their cubby, drop off supplies, meet me, and meet other KHers/KH families. You do not need to stay for the entire hour- plan on a 15 minute visit. **Please complete this KH Student Information Form at your earliest convenience (by Saturday, 8/20) so that I have all the pertinent and helpful information before school starts.** On the first day of school, please send in at least **1 photo** (up to 3) of your child's family that we can put in our KH Family Book. If you can email pictures to me (louise_herzog@psbma.org) before the first day, that would be even better! There will be more detailed information to come. These are the specifics I wanted you to have before the first day! A supply list is included below, on the second page.

Important School and KH Information

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Last name starting A-K: Tuesday, September 6th, 8:00-12:00 (send in NUT FREE snack.)

Last name starting L-Z: Wednesday, September 7th, 8:00-12:00 (send in NUT FREE snack.)

Regular school hours will start on Thursday, September 8th, for the entire class.

School Hours:

School hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00-2:30 and Friday, 8:00-1:40.

Snack:

We will have snack time every day. Please provide your child with a small, healthy snack that will help him/her to stay alert and energetic. Suggestions for healthy snacks are: fruit, crackers, a half sandwich, juice, etc.

Candy and soda are not allowed. **Due to peanut and nut allergies, please do not send in snacks or lunch that contain peanuts or any type of nut. CHECK GRANOLA BAR INGREDIENTS.**

Lunch:

You may send your child to school with a "bag lunch" or your child may buy lunch. (Please refer to information from the office about ordering lunch for your child.)

Toys:

Please **do not send any toys to school**. Special or favorite things often get lost or broken and this can distract students from our daily activities and learning.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and understanding. If you have any questions, please email me at: louise_herzog@psbma.org. (I will begin checking school email the last week of August.) In order to start putting names to faces, I hope that you will email me a picture of your child as soon as possible- high resolution would be best! :) I love to hear from families and I value working with you, as a team, to ensure that KH will have a successful year. I hope to hear from you soon! ☺

Warmly, Louise Herzog

Supplies:

The following supplies are requested to help KH run smoothly, keep us healthy, and support our learning. *If purchasing any of these supplies poses a hardship, please let me know or you can contact the guidance counselor, Jordana Spitz, at Jordana_Spitz@psbma.org* . FRR will always make sure each student has what he or she needs to do his/her best learning! **Please put your child's name on school bags or backpacks, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, etc. We do our best to help your child keep track of his/her belongings, but it gets very tricky when items are not labeled.**

On the first day of Kindergarten your child will need:

- **1 LARGE** backpack (*NO WHEELS*, for safety and space reasons) that can store a standard-sized folder, lunchbox, extra clothes, and snack. *please label
- **lunch box** (unless your child orders lunch daily) *please label
- 1 *separate* snack bag (this ensures that your child knows exactly which food is for snack time)
- 1 water bottle *please label
- 1 extra set of **seasonal** clothing, and 3 pairs of underwear & socks, in a large, **labeled**, Ziploc bag (**please label all clothes, individually**)
- 1 pack of Classic Colors Crayola markers (10)



All other classroom materials (folders, pencils, journals, etc.) will be provided at school

KH Wishlist!

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

- Antibacterial soap
- scotch tape/tape refills
- [Scotch thermal laminating sheets \(letter size\)](#)
- arts and crafts materials (pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, tissue paper, googly eyes, glitter, pompoms, construction paper in assorted colors, etc.)
- Band-aids ([would love these assorted ones, if possible!](#))
- white cardstock
- dish soap
- sponges
- paper towels
- Clorox wipes
- Ziploc gallon sized and sandwich bags
- baby wipes
- glue sticks
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
- [magnet squares](#)
- cardstock in assorted colors
- crayola twistables, special colored markers, glitter markers, etc.