Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten at OES.  I hope your child is excited about beginning this school year.  I am sure you have many questions about your child's kindergarten year, so I hope this newsletter will answer many of them.  If you have further questions, please feel free to email me at barmstrong@oneidaschools.org. or call the OES office at 569-8340.

**What to bring to school**

I have included a school supply list in your child's packet.  You can also check at Walmart.  The most important things are the two durable folders with pockets.

**Friday Folder**

Every Friday I will send home your child's Friday folder with work from the previous week as well as important notes.  Look over the work and review any concepts your child seems to be having trouble with.  Don't forget to praise him/her for good work.

**Homework Folder**

The homework folder will be sent home on Monday and returned to school each Friday.  In your child's homework folder, you will find a homework packet for the entire week.

**Snacks**

We have a snack time every day at school.  You may send a snack with your child each day or send enough for an entire week that your child can keep in his/her locker.  If snacks are kept in your child's locker, please make sure they are in an airtight container.  Don't send items that need to be refrigerated or microwaved.

**Discipline**

You will find specific consequences in the OES handbook for misbehaviors once a child has been sent to the office.  However, I have a discipline plan in place in my classroom.  Class rules are as follows:

         Follow directions given by **any** adult

         Keep feet and hands to yourself

         Use quiet voices inside and listen when another person is talking

         Work together and share

         Always do your best

**Drop off**

In the mornings your child will go into the gym and sit with his/her class until **8:10**. At this time, a teacher’s aid will walk all Kindergarten down to their classrooms. We ask that you only walk down with your child the first couple of days.

**Pick up**

Kindergarten attends school the entire day which is until 3:00. A Kindergarten teacher will walk all K students out to the front of the school. Look for your child’s K sign and a teacher will put him/her in your car. If you need to exit your vehicle, please park in the parking spaces provided. Pick up time is from 3:00-3:30. If you arrive after 3:30, you will have to walk inside to pick up your child from the cafeteria.

Thank you so much for being involved in your child’s education. I look forward to having your child in class and know we are going to have a great year!