



# **Immaculate Conception School Somerville, NJ**

## **Kindergarten Plan - September 2020**

This plan contains information pertaining to our Kindergarten Program's back to school night, in person instruction plan, and plan for virtual/remote learning.

\*Please note that this plan was developed at a specific point in time, under a specific set of circumstances, and is subject to change up and until the start of school.\*

## Back to School Night

Kindergarten's back to school night will be held virtually on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. More information regarding how this will be conducted will be sent via email closer to this date.

## In Person Instruction Plan

**\*Mask wear will be strongly suggested and encouraged throughout the day.\***

**Arrival:** Kindergarten students will report to the entrance closest to the Kindergarten classrooms. Students will be temperature checked upon arrival and will then report directly to their classroom. Backpacks and jackets will be hung in a manner that ensures personal items do not come in contact with each other. There will be two rows of hooks to ensure spacing. Students will leave their folders in their personalized bin next to the door for the teacher to collect for daily parent communication and weekly homework.

**Morning Meeting:** Students will sit in squares on the meeting rug that are spaced according to class size. Students will all face toward the teacher. Materials will not be shared during morning meeting (wand, calendar pieces, etc), but students will be able to stand to participate and contribute daily.

**Whole group lessons:** Whole group lessons are conducted at working tables or on the meeting rug. Students will maintain appropriate distance during group lessons, utilizing personal clipboards and alternative seating throughout the room, as well as continuing the spacing from morning meeting.

**Small Group Lessons:** Small group lessons will be conducted at tables with shields to allow students and teachers protection in closer proximity to one another.

### **Altered centers:**

- **Religion/Language Arts/Math-** Students will be limited to working in groups of four students at a table. Students will not sit directly next to each other and will

wash hands before utilizing manipulatives. Tables will be visibly divided into four quarters with colored masking tape and students will stay in their section to use materials that are able to be sanitized daily. Students will wash their hands before switching to a different table or handling additional materials.

- **Science/Sensory-** Students will wash hands before and after utilizing materials in the science table. All materials will be sanitized daily. Students will access the science/sensory table from opposite ends to ensure distance.

The bins in this area can also be used as a Sanitation Station. Two color-coded bins will be available next to the science area to accommodate materials. A red bin will be labeled for materials that need to be sanitized and a green bin will be labeled for materials that have already been sanitized that are ready to use.

- **Free Play-** During free play centers, students will be encouraged to wear face masks in order to share hard manipulatives/toys that can be easily sanitized at the end of the day. Students will wash their hands before/after using shared items.

**Transitions within the Classroom:** Our Kindergarten classrooms contain two sinks with automatic soap and paper towel dispensers. Students will have access to both of these sinks for hand washing upon arrival, after handling learning materials, before and after snack and lunch, after recess, before dismissal, as well as when deemed necessary.

**Transitions within the Building:** Spot markers will be in place on the floor in the classroom as well as in the hallway to provide students with a visual expectation of spacing when lining up and traveling outside of the classroom. As mentioned in our whole school plan, hallway traffic for all grades will be drastically reduced this school year.

**Specials Classes:** Kindergarten specials include Art, Computer, Gym, Music, and Library. Specials classes will be held in the classroom with the exception of gym and computer class.

**Snack & Lunch:** Snack and lunch are to be nut free (**tree nuts & peanuts**). Students will eat all food in the classroom and will be assigned a seat at one of three tables with shields. Students will clear their areas individually and each area will be sanitized by the classroom teacher after each meal.

# Dear Parents

(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch.

**PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.**

These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!! (even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)

**Recess:** The Kindergarten classes will have their own scheduled time for use of our school playground. Only one class will have access to the playground at a time and the playground will be sanitized between each use.

**Rest Time:** Students' rest mats will be a minimum of six feet (head to head) apart from one another during rest time. Students do not need to wear masks while resting. Rest mats will be provided by the school and each child's rest mat will be stored inside of it's own bin in a cubby. Rest mats will be sent home on a weekly basis to be washed by families.

**Dismissal:** Students will pack up individually and assemble all items to go home at the three tables with shields. Students will line up based on dismissal line and use spot markers on the floor to ensure distance. Mask wear will be strongly encouraged during dismissal.

- **\*Kindergarten will only utilize Rectory Line as the walking line option for dismissal this year. Kindergarten students will be first in line and parents must get out of their car to meet their children.\***

#### **Additional Items:**

- **Materials:** Student materials will be individual and kept near the teachers desk in personalized 8oz. cans labeled with first and last name. Each student's can will contain pencils, crayons and glue sticks. Each child will have a clipboard, dry erase pocket and writing journal that will be kept in their cubby.
- **School building cleaning days:** Up to two days a month, our school building will be closed to perform additional cleaning using a dense fog cleaner. On these days, we will utilize our virtual/remote learning plan described below.

### Virtual/Remote Learning Plan (For Virtual Days/If Government Mandated)

- Google Classroom will be utilized for virtual/remote learning. Each student will receive their own account information to access video lessons, recorded read alouds, and enrichment activities. Specials class assignments will also be accessible via Google Classroom.
- Teachers will meet with students via Google Meet on a daily basis and evaluate the option for multiple live meetings per day based on student needs and curriculum. Daily meetings will align with daily lessons in core subject matter.

- Teachers will send home weekly packets of workbook pages and written assignments to accompany live meetings.
- Each family will have access to personalized Seesaw and Splashlearn accounts for homework and academic reinforcement. Weekly online activity reports are generated through these websites and sent to teachers to gauge student performance.
- Attendance will be taken via Google Meetings and completion/submission of activities. In the event the teacher's Google Meet schedule for the day conflicts with parents' work schedules, completion and submission of that day's assignments by 7:00pm that evening will count as a child being present that day.
- Weekly "Kinder News" reports will continue during virtual/remote learning to maintain communication with families about upcoming material and important school announcements. Weekly feedback will allow teachers to remain flexible while communicating expectations.