**![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\APEA6431\MC900281179[1].wmf]()**

**The ABC’s of Kindergarten**

**ATTENDANCE: Your child's progress, both academically and
socially, is influenced to a great extent by daily participation.
Regular attendance without tardiness is a key.**
 **ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE: We will begin to review the letters of the alphabet, focusing first on the lowercase letter formation and all letter names and sounds. We use the Wilson Fundations Program.

BACKPACKS: To help your child carry messages information to and from school, you are asked to provide a backpack. It should be big enough to carry projects, lunch boxes, notes and the home folder to and from school. No toys should be sent to school.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays are special occasions for your child. If you wish, please reference our Weebly to see how we celebrate them.

CENTERS: The best way for children to learn is active play. The centers are set up to develop skills and to meet the needs of all students in the class. We have math centers, literacy centers and free choice centers on a daily basis.

CLOTHES: Please dress your child in comfortable clothing. It is a good idea to label all jackets. Kindergarten activities can be messy!

COMMUNICATION: Communication is very important. My primary means of communicating is through email. Please feel free to email me at** **Danielle.tucker@reading.k12.ma.us** **You can also catch me at the classroom door briefly in the morning or in the afternoon. Our class website, where all of our information is posted is** [**www.mrstuckerskindergarten.weebly.com**](http://www.mrstuckerskindergarten.weebly.com) **Please visit it frequently.

CONFERENCES: Parent/teacher conferences are held in November. At these conferences we will be discussing your child's accomplishments, strengths and overall progress. The signup link is available on our weebly.

DIFFERENTIATION: Because all children are unique and special, they begin at different instructional levels. Students may be learning different concepts from his/her peers. Please try your best not to compare your child to others in the classroom.**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: Please make sure that we have your email address on file.

FIRE DRILLS: Fire drills are held throughout the year. Some children experiencing fear at first, but soon realize there is nothing to fear. We typically have one during the first week of school.

FOOTWEAR: Please have you child wear shoes that are appropriate for running and other outside activities.

GROSS MOTOR- We will go outside to work those large muscles on the playground as much as we can. Physical activity is an important part of a kindergartener's day. We also have PE one time per week.

HANDS-ON-LEARNING: Many learning activities in kindergarten use manipulatives to teach key concepts.

ILLNESS: It is important to keep your child home if he/she is ill. This helps them to be more comfortable and prevents others from becoming ill.

INDEPENDENCE-We encourage the kindergarteners to develop self-help skills by allowing them to do as much for themselves as possible (zipping, packing bags, putting shoes on, etc).

JOY-Learning should be a joyful process, especially in the early years.

KINDNESS: Students in our classroom are encouraged to treat all others with kindness and respect.

LISTENING: As a group, we discuss regularly how important it is to listen to your teacher’s and friend’s words.

MATH: The students will be provided with mathematical experiences that help them develop age appropriate math skills utilizing a hands-on approach.

MUSIC: We will sing and use music on a daily basis. Many important skills are taught through music. The children will also have music once a week, on Tuesdays.

NEWSLETTERS: I will be posting newsletters to keep you updated as to what the children are learning about each month. Please check our Weebly regularly for updated information.

OUTSIDE TIME: We will go outside for recess each day, except for inclement weather days. Please, keep this in mind when dressing your child in the morning.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: We have a PTO at our school. All parents are welcomed and urged to attend these meetings. There are also several opportunities to volunteer in our classroom on a weekly basis.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email me or catch me at the door.

REPORT CARDS: Progress Reports will go home in December, March and in June. Conferences are available as needed throughout the year.**

 **RESTROOMS: We have two restrooms in our classroom. The children are able to use them as needed.**

 **RULES: We work together to develop our classroom rules during the first full week of school. A copy of the rules will be signed by each student and posted in our classroom.

SNACKS: Please, send in a snack (peanut free) with a drink.
Include spoons, forks, etc. if needed with the snack. Make sure they are labeled with the ingredients and name brand.

TRANSPORTATION: Please let us know if your child’s means of transportation is changing on any given day.

UNIQUE: Each Kindergartener is special and unique. We celebrate our differences and similarities.

VISITORS: Visitors must sign in at the office and wear a name tag. It is important to remember that while this may seem inconvenient to frequent visitors, it is the goal and responsibility of the school to create a safe learning environment.

WEBSITE: Our website is** [**www.mrstuckerskindergarten.weebly.com**](http://www.mrstuckerskindergarten.weebly.com) **please visit it frequently.

X: We will have many wonderful experiences this year.

YOU: You can make your child feel successful by reading with your child on a daily basis.

Z: Have your child get a good night's sleep with plenty of ZZZZ's and establish a bedtime routine.**