

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! ☺ I am super excited to have you on board and I'm eagerly anticipating a wonderful year together. Your child is in for a fun filled year! They will make lots of friends and learn many new things!

My name is Alyssa Chrisman and this will be my 5th year teaching at Hopkins, but I have been teaching 11 years total! I grew up in Grandville, MI and graduated from there in 2009. I then went to Central Michigan University and graduated in 2014 with a degree in Special Education, Elementary Education, and a Reading Endorsement. I have previously taught high school, elementary resource room, and this will be my 6th year teaching kindergarten!

My husband Randy is from this area and a year ago we bought a house 5 minutes away from the school to raise our family in. We have two children, our son Griffynn (Griff) is just over 2 years old and our daughter Emmalynn (Emmie) will be one on November 9th, We have a yellow labrador named Rory who is 3. I love spending time with my family at our cottage in Montague and my labrador loves it too (especially the water).

My husband and I are both coaches for Hopkins! This will be my 6th year coaching both sideline and competitive cheerleading at Hopkins, and my husband coaches JV & Varsity football as well as JV baseball, so we love to attend different events in the community. If your child is in a sport throughout the year, please send me a schedule and if I can make it to one game/match, I will!

I will post updates and last minute things on our private classroom Facebook page throughout the school year. Please join by searching **Mrs. C's Kinder Vikes 24-25**. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. **I will respond faster to an email than voicemail, so contact me through that first.** I look forward to getting to know you and your child this coming school year!

E-mail: alyschri@hpsvikings.org (available anytime)

Facebook: [Mrs. C's Kinder Vikes 24-25](#) – request to join the group for updates!

Below you will find some basic information about the upcoming year, including our classroom supply list. I look forward to a very successful year with both you and your child.

Mrs. Chrisman

School Supplies

Please see the attached school supplies list and bring your child's supplies with them to our Meet the Teacher/Open House night.

School Hours

School begins at 7:45 AM (students are let in at 7:35), and dismisses at 2:55 PM (pick up starts at 2:40ish). Please send a note on the first day of school indicating how your child will get home for that day so there is no question.

Quiet Time

We will have 15-20 minute, quiet time each day. Sleeping is not necessary, but being quiet will be. Students should NOT bring items from home for rest time.

Gym Shoes

Each child needs a pair of clean (not necessarily new) gym shoes. These will be left at school in your child's locker, so please be sure to **put your child's name on them**. If possible, please send these on the first day of school. I will send these home around Christmas time in case your child's feet have grown and they need a bigger size.

Snacks

I am trying something new this year! At the beginning of each month, you will receive a special friend calendar. If your child's name is listed as Special Friend, it is your child's turn to provide snack for the whole class. Individually packaged snacks are best. Great choices are cheese and crackers, cheez-its, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, apple slices etc.

Special Friend

The Special Friend of the day is listed on the monthly calendar. This person provides the snack for the whole class on that day. This person can also bring one item for show and tell.

Lunch

Free and reduced lunch forms are available in the office. Know that if your child is eligible for free lunch he/she is also eligible for free/reduced breakfast. You only need one form per family. If you have participated in the program in the past you will need to fill out a **new form** for this school year. Hot lunch, which includes milk, is available every full day. You may also send a cold lunch with your child. Lunch boxes/bags should be labeled with your child's name.

Facebook Page

Please join us! Find **Mrs. C's Kinder Vikes 24-25** to stay connected! The purpose of this page is to be helpful to parents and loved ones of our Kinder students. It is a **private** group, which is a safety precaution so that anything posted can **only** be seen by people in our group. Also, I will have to approve all members to our page. If you are under a different name and I do not recognize it, please send me an email so I know and can approve. All pictures and posts will be directly related to our classroom community.

Here you will find:

- ~What we are doing at school (photos)
- ~Reminders & last minute need to know
- ~Announcements (school delays/closings, etc)

Birthdays & Birthday Invitations

Birthdays are big business in kindergarten! You are more than welcome to send a birthday treat for your kiddo's special day.

Please do not send invitations to school unless you have one for each child. It unfortunately can cause too many unwanted tears and upset kiddos! However, if you need help contacting classmates, we would be more than happy to help!

**Mrs. Chrisman's
Suggested School Supply List
2024 - 2025**

Supplies to label with your child's name for their personal use:

- Large Backpack
- 1 Plastic Pencil box to hold all their supplies
- 2 Boxes of Crayons (16 or 24 counts only please, Crayola if possible)
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 1 Pair of Child Scissors
- 2 Pairs of Inexpensive Headphones (**I ask for two because they usually break so it is easier to have a backup for when that happens**)
- 2 Dry Erase Markers (Expo lasts the longest)
- 12 pack of No. 2 pencils (these do not need to be labeled)
- Gym shoes (they will keep these at school, slightly large is better so they can last all school year)
- Water Bottle (ones with attached straws are preferred, one that your child can open and use independently)

Supplies to be shared in our classroom:

- 2 packs of glue sticks (at least 3 in there)
- 1 Box of Tissues
- Girls:** 1 Box of Sandwich Ziplock bags
- Boys:** 1 Box of Gallon Ziplock bags
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Large Hand Sanitizer (2 if you are able)
- A set of individually wrapped snacks (pack of granola bars, goldfish bags, etc.)

Please send what you are able to supply for the shared supplies. I will provide a take home folder for your child that will go home every day.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our learning!

Mrs. Chrisman