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Dear Parents and Kindergartners,

What an exciting adventure we are about to begin as teacher and families. Kindergarten is a critical school experience for each as we explore God's world together through reading, writing and numbers. This will be a year of learning how to work together, become more independent, while seeing God's hand in all we do.

The grand opening will be at Monday, August 29. There is a tradition at Mack to begin each school year meeting for prayer at the flag pole in front of the administration building. First come in the classroom and then escort your child to this ceremony. After the ceremony please say goodbye to your child in the hallway and you can proceed to the parent meeting. We will begin our day with a wonderful story about beginning kindergarten.

Please make this year a matter of prayer as we seek to do what is best for His children. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and dismisses at 2:45 p.m. I will escort the students to the front of the classroom building and wait for you to get your child. Students are expected to check out with me each day.

The first day of school is exciting, but some students come with apprehensions. Please feel free to stay with your child until we go to the flagpole. Be assured that there are many opportunities throughout the year to help with the many projects and field trips. Please plan on attending the parent meeting in the morning. This year I am going to do it somewhat different than in the past. After the parents attend the meeting in the MPR you will be invited to return to the classroom for curriculum and procedure information. While we are meeting, your children will be given a tour of the school and stop for a snack and play time. After I am finished presenting, the students will be returned to you and you can go home with them. This should be finished by **11:15 a.m.** This will be in place of the curriculum night the second week of September.

These items can be brought to the campus visit on August 26 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Scissors, paints and pencils will be provided by the school. Please do not send anything else for their pencil boxes. I will also put your child's name on the pencil box.

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Besides lunchtime, the students will break for a nutritious morning snack. Please provide one each day, but please no candy or pop. Please send in juice containers that have small openings such as juice pouches or juice boxes. Please no glass bottles. It is also helpful if your child learns to open any juice container you send. Students may bring in lunch items that can be microwaved for one minute or less. If students bring in lunchables, please do not send the ones that require assembly and then microwaving such as the pizza or taco ones. **Our classroom will be a peanut free room so please plan accordingly.**

Please mark all of your child's belongings with his/her name.

The following is a list of supplies that your child will need to provide during that first week of school. Parents may bring these supplies to the open house held before school begins.

- 1 backpack with no rollers
- 4 large boxes of baby wipes for sticky fingers
- 1 picture of your child for the bulletin board—3x5
- 1 complete change of clothes in a 1 gallon freezer bag—please mark it with name
- 1 one inch wide white notebook with view folder in front—put name inside and 10 protective sheets
- 4 large glue sticks
- 1 pencil box (approx. 5"x7") Keep it simple please
- 1 small box of crayons put in their pencil box—please keep twistables at home
- 1 box of watercolor markers for all to share
- \$20.00 for parents' gifts and extra projects—checks made out to BCS

Again, welcome to Bellevue Christian School. I have been buying many new books and searching for new activities and I am eager to share them with students.

Prayers,

Mrs. Jean Loven