# John A. Crookshank Elementary

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Dear Crookshank Families,

Welcome new Cougars! We are very excited to have you and your child as part of the Cougar Family. This year will be an exciting one filled with learning and growth for all. We can't wait to see you soon.

Please use the information below, the kindergarten orientation power point, and CES staff, to answer any questions you may have about the approaching new school year. Please note that the first day of school is Monday, August 16, 2021. Students will be released at 2:45p.m. Also note that kindergarten does a staggered start. See information below.

### **Meet and Greet**

This year, teacher Meet and Greet will be held on Friday August 13, 2021 from 8-11:30am. To limit crowd size, the district has requested that we split this event. Families with children in grades Pk-2 will be asked to come from 8:00-9:45. Families with children in grades 3-5 are asked to come from 10-11:30. It is a drop in event so feel free to come at the time that works best for you.

## **Kindergarten Staggered Start**

All kindergarten students in St. Johns County, participate in a staggered start. *This means that students are assigned one day during the first two days of school where they will attend in a small group. This allows the teachers to provide students with individualized attention and teach daily routines and procedures.* Staggered start will be Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 17th. You will sign up for your day at "Meet the Teacher". If you have a request for a particular day, please let your teacher know the day that works best for you. ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL COME TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST18<sup>th</sup>.

### First Week of School Arrival

Due to the current circumstances, Kindergarten parents will only be able to walk their child directly to class on the first day they attend school. Children who ride the bus will be escorted to their classrooms when their bus arrives.

### **Supply Lists**

The CES supply lists are located on the school website home page.

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### **Extended Day**

Crookshank is pleased to provide extended day services to our families. We offer both before care beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after care until 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in extended day, please visit the Crookshank websiteunder the "Departments" tab. Our Extended Day Coordinator is Mrs. Jahmel Weary-Miller. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Miller at <a href="mailto:jahmel.waery-miler@stjohns.k12.fl.us">jahmel.waery-miler@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a>. Each week, we will be sending a newsletter to families through School Messenger, our mass messaging system, to keep you updated on all the happenings at Crookshank Elementary.

## **Code of Conduct**

Grades K-2 will receive hard copies of the district Code of Conduct. Please note that the Code of Conduct is electronic for grades 3-5 and can be found on the school district website under the "Families" tab. Please remember to sign and return the acknowledgement form that will be included in your child's first day packet.

#### **COVID-19 Protocols and PPE**

As of right now, the district has made the use of masks optional for students and teachers. We will no longer have desk shields or temperature checks but will still maintain our current sanitization protocols and maintain social distancing when possible. If you would like for your child to wear a mask, that is fine. Please just make your teacher aware. Please also be aware that only essential volunteers will be permitted on campus this year. Parents will not be permitted to come and have lunch with their children. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we keep all our Cougars safe.

Again, we look forward to a successful year. Together we can make a difference! Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions. Go Cougars!

See you soon,

Bethany Mitidieri

Principal