## **Dress for Safety and Success**

Children are encouraged to dress appropriately and neatly for all occasions. Cleanliness and neatness are stressed. School philosophy strongly subscribes to the belief that individual appearance has a marked effect upon attitude and accomplishment. During art classes, children have the opportunity to use clay, water colors, fingerpaints, etc. It is recommended that parents provide a smock or an old shirt to protect clothing, especially in Kindergarten and the primary grades. In the interest of safety, all children are required to wear sneakers while participating in Physical Education classes.

During the warmer weather, shorts and tees are probably the most comfortable. They are lightweight and tend to keep the children the coolest. Also, clothing should be light in color.

During the colder months, the buildings tend to be cooler. Children should be dressed for the weather, since recess is still outside, weather permitting. Pants, shirts, sweaters (sweatshirts), socks, jackets, hats, gloves and boots or shoes.

Shoes should be both comfortable and appropriate. CROCS, flip flops, backless sandals and platform shoes are NOT appropriate footwear for the playground or the blacktop. They tend to cause blisters, twisted ankles and cut feet. Children wearing this type of footwear will not be able to participate in Physical Education or recess.

We do not require a specific uniform, but request that children wear appropriate clothing which allows for freedom of movement.

Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe and healthy.