## ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCH??

Ordering hot lunch can be challenging at the beginning of the year. Kindergartners need consistent routines that help support their independence. Please follow these specific directions to help your child to become comfortable with the procedure of ordering lunch. Lunch orders are placed by $9: 30$ in the morning. Your child does not choose their lunch when they get to the cafeteria. These protocols are to help your child get the lunch you want them to have.

## Directions~

- Use a clear reusable pencil bag. (I will affix a label on it with you child's name and ID \# so that you do not need to write that information daily.)
- Print your child's lunch choice \# on a (sticky) note/ piece of paper \& put it inside the clear pencil bag. This is done for two main reasons; one I want to ensure your child is ordering a lunch you know they will eat and two we do not have the time during our morning routine to read all the lunch choices to each child.
- Lunch choices are not numbered, on the lunch calendar; consider them 1-5 as listed.
- Put the bag into your child's home-school folder.
- Even if your child has credit on a prepaid account or if they receive a free lunch they will still need the bag with their lunch choice and ID number as their lunch choice token will be placed in the bag to be brought to the cafeteria.

Payment $\sim$ cash (to be placed in the bag), credit card (online account) or free/reduced (for those who qualify). I do not collect money for lunch or milk. Money is collected by the lunch staff. This is one other reason why the clear clear reusable pencil bag is crucial.

Student ID Number~ Have your child practice entering their ID number on the keypad below (the cafeteria keypad looks the same as the practice pad below). Student ID numbers will be sent home within the first week of school. For families who use ASPEN, with older students, you will be able to see your child's ID number there.

Practice on keypad.

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |
| $\#$ | 0 | $*$ |

