

## **Welcome Parents and Students to Kindergarten!!**

I am so excited to meet you all in September. I hope you are having a wonderful summer and have lots of fun and relaxation. I would love to hear about your summer fun in September.

I have made a supply list for you to bring to school the first day of school. We are also enclosing a fun July Bingo sheet for you to complete and a fun reading log for students to complete. We are asking that the children read or be read to for 20 minutes/day every day. There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed as a reader than reading aloud together. Fill your story times with a variety of books. Be consistent, be patient, and watch the magic work. In addition, reading to children gives them a lifelong love of reading, helps improve concentration, teaches them empathy, kindness and they can learn about other cultures. Lastly, children who are read one book a day have heard 290,000 more words than a child who isn't. It's also wonderful to model reading. Take time for yourself to read a book and make that time enjoyable for all.

In addition, here are some things children should know when entering kindergarten:

Please teach your children about safety, how to be responsible, how to work out social issues and disagreements.

Your child should know:

- first and last name
- parents' name, phone number & address
- not to talk to or go with strangers
- to obey school staff
- to cross the street carefully
- who to go to in case of an emergency
- how to dial 911 in case of an emergency

Your child should also know:

- how to get dressed independently (be able to identify, put on/take off and hang up outer clothing)
- how to wash hands
- how to ask to use the bathroom and use the toilet independently and wash/dry hands
- how to clean up and put toys away and be responsible for taking care of their own items. (i.e. crayons get put away in their desk neatly when done being used.)
- how to use and dispose of a tissue properly

- to cough and sneeze into the inside of their arms
- to hold and use scissors correctly
- to use glue and glue sticks
- to be familiar with crayons, markers, and other art materials
- to button and zipper jackets
- to begin to learn how to tie shoes
- to know birth date
- to recognize the letters and sounds of the alphabet
- to recognize numerals 0-31
- to recognize basic shapes

Lastly, we will be helping the children learn social skills and ask for your help as well. Please show and talk to them about how to be cooperative, courteous, and respectful. We ask that you talk to them about using kind words with other children in the class. We teach the children that it's great to be different and to have different ideas, tastes, likes and dislikes, but we encourage them not to say things like "ew, that looks terrible" or "I don't like your drawing". Please also let your child know it's ok to speak up for themselves and we are there to help them in anyway they need!

We are so excited to meet our newest kiddos! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns at [jfarrell@sj-school.org](mailto:jfarrell@sj-school.org)!

# KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST 2021-2022

- 2 Two-Pocket Folder – Print name on it please
- 3 Large Glue Sticks
- 3 Elmer’s Glue
- 2 Pink Long Erasers
- 2 Boxes of Colored Pencils
- 1 Box of 10-12 Count Colored Markers
- 1 Pair of Safety Scissors
- 3-5 Dry Erase Markers (can be colorful)
- 2 12-count of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 3 Packs of Xerox Paper
- A Pair of Headphones
- 1 Backpack, no wheels, that can hold their folders
- 1 Lunch box
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 1 Box of sandwich bags
- 1 Box of gallon sized bags
- 2 Large Boxes of Tissues
- 2 Containers of wet or baby wipes (for hands and face)
- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 Change of clothes just in case of spills or accidents.

\*\*\*One envelope with \$20 to cover the cost of a chair pocket, pencil case, composition books and other classroom supplies. Please write their name, grade, amount and “chair pocket” on the envelope.

Please put all items in a sturdy bag with your child’s name on it.

## **Classroom Wish List**

- Construction paper
- Play doh or modeling clay
- Stickers / Sticker sheet for reward fun
- Small items for our prize bucket