

July 22, 2025

Dear Parents,

I am really looking forward to the beginning of a new school year. I am sure many of you are wondering about the size of the class. There are currently 16 children enrolled in kindergarten. Kindergarten meets Monday through Friday all year.

Here are some items which your child should bring from home. These will be used during the school year and will be kept in our lockers and in our classroom. Students **do** need to purchase **5-10 pencils, 2 large glue sticks, 16-24 crayons, scissors, 4 dry erase markers and 2 pencil boxes to keep them in. They will also need to bring 2 containers of Sanitizing Wipes.** Please **do not** bring markers, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, notebooks, binders.

- Your child will need gym shoes. Old tennis shoes are just fine as long as they are not worn outdoors. These shoes are separate from shoes worn to school each day. In the winter they can become school shoes if your child wears boots outside for recess.
- Your child will need headphones that have a jack to plug into an ipad (not the kind that connect by bluetooth). My experience has been that really cheap headphones do not last. Also earbuds can be difficult for little children to use.
- Please include an oversized shirt which will be worn during art class. Your child's name should be clearly written with permanent ink on both the front and back of the shirt. An old T-shirt with few or no buttons is best.
- It is very important for your child to bring a book bag or backpack each day for taking things home. An important thing to remember is that snow pants take up a lot of room in a backpack; so your child's bag might look huge now, but in January you will appreciate the extra space.
- A water bottle is very helpful so your child has access to it in the classroom. There are times throughout the day that it is not convenient to go out in the hall to get a drink and if your child has a water bottle in the classroom it helps in those situations.

We will be having an Open House for you and your child to visit our room on Thursday evening, August 14 between 5:30-7:30 p.m. This is a special time for me to meet your child and for your child to explore our room. Please bring a piece of paper with your child's name and bus number (or driver) written on it, if you know it.

Your child's first day of school will be Tuesday, August 19. It is a full day of school. Your child will need a morning snack every morning for snack time. Your child will be eating lunch and riding the bus home, so when you know your child's bus information please get it to me so I can help your child get on the correct bus. Hope to see you soon!

Mrs. Dick