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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Ms. O'Connor, and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. I am excited to partner with you as we begin this important and exciting journey together. Kindergarten is a year filled with growth, discovery, learning, and new friendships, and I am honored to be part of your child's educational experience.

Kindergarten is often a child's first experience in a structured school environment, and our classroom is designed to be a safe, welcoming, and supportive place where every child can learn and thrive. Throughout the year, students will develop important academic, social, emotional, and problem-solving skills that will serve as the foundation for future learning.

In reading and language arts, students will learn letter names and sounds, practice phonics skills, build vocabulary, develop comprehension strategies, and begin reading simple texts independently. In mathematics, students will work on counting, number recognition, addition and subtraction concepts, measurement, shapes, and problem-solving. We will also explore science and social studies topics through hands-on activities, discussions, experiments, and projects that encourage curiosity about the world around us.

Just as important as academics, Kindergarten helps children develop independence, responsibility, and social skills. Students learn how to follow routines, work cooperatively with classmates, solve problems respectfully, manage their belongings, and become confident learners. We celebrate effort, kindness, perseverance, and growth every day.

Families play a vital role in a child's success. I encourage open communication throughout the year and welcome any questions, concerns, or information that will help me better support your child. Together, we can create a positive and successful Kindergarten experience.

I look forward to getting to know your family and watching your child learn, grow, and shine throughout the school year. It is going to be a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, and memorable experiences!

Warmly,

Ms. Shannon O'Connor
Kindergarten Teacher

"Every child can learn and succeed when they feel supported, encouraged, and valued."

Below is a list of supplies your child should bring with them at the start of the school year. The supplies listed will add up to about \$45, however you are permitted to purchase more of these items if you want your child to have more of the items listed. Please don't buy your child items other than these. For example, the folders listed should be the exact folder on the list, do not buy a different folder, otherwise I will send it home and it won't be used. Each item listed has a purpose and there is a reason why we need exactly those.

You do not need to write your child's name on each pencil, glue stick, marker, or crayon.

Need:

1. A pencil box of your choice
2. Ticonderoga Pencils \$7.99

https://www.staples.com/ticonderoga-my-first-pre-sharpened-wooden-pencil-1-3mm-2-medium-lead-4-pack-x33309x/product_640198?cid=ps:gs:dot:nb:pla:os&gad_source=4&gad_campaignid=11659550391&gbraid=0AAAAACN4I7z6JYowUYeR7DBvCrczoEGd3&gclid=CjwKCAjwxITRBhBYEiwA6mZm7RWX77zngghkkU8Pvzp0Xt1JiK1qEOsbcV-oNTwyRbKpzwfUdQ7sP7hoCk_IQAvD_BwE

3. Skin color pencils \$7.29

https://www.staples.com/crayola-colors-of-the-world-colored-pencils-assorted-colors-24-pack-68-4607/product_24467862?cid=ps:gs:dot:nb:pla:os&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=11659550391&gbraid=0AAAAACN4I7wt7oFAyPogQvOnEWAFlinI-&gclid=CjwKCAjwxITRBhBYEiwA6mZm7bkd_4734aoxy8phJ9RpQzhPNzCRnw-7X8P6uF7XvdQBhtVUy2qrhhoCJfYQAvD_BwE

4. Washable markers \$16.49

https://www.dickblick.com/items/crayola-ultra-clean-washable-marker-set-broad-tip-set-of-40/?clicktracking=true&wmcp=pla&wmcid=items&wmckw=21206-1019&country=us¤cy=usd&srsltid=AfmBOorKGVLFznQCP2s_VdfKIJvcD2ILJgF_eJpPdsA81H27cGbleZcKhg

5. Crayons \$4.99

https://www.staples.com/crayola-crayons-with-sharpener-64-crayons-box-52-0064/product_175406?cid=ps:gs:dot:nb:pla:os&gad_source=4&gad_campaignid=11659550391&gbraid=0AAAAACN4I7z6JYowUYeR7DBvCrczoEGd3&gclid=CjwKCAjwxITRBhBYEiwA6mZm7atUnyU95JBgvBE5Ee18EclU7HcBhqpg4VM6qoyb2ft9tr2LqY-2PRoCTvYQAvD_BwE

6. Glue Sticks \$3.99

<https://www.target.com/p/elmer-39-s-3pk-washable-school-glue-sticks-disappearing-purple/-/A-10804795?sid=1330S&afid=google&TCID=OGS&CPNG=Seasonal&adgroup=81-22>

7. Red Folder \$1.99

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/RBCKVXZ-Plastic-Folders-with-Pockets-Colored-Heavy-Duty-2-Pocket-File-Folders-Letter-Size-Pocket-Folders-for-Home-and-Office-Red-18-5-x11-4-Inch/17470823721?wmlspartner=wlp&selectedSellerId=101645294&selectedOfferId=21BA43718DD5320ABFB363528F7833D6&conditionGroupCode=1>

8. Blue Folder \$1.99

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/RBCKVXZ-Plastic-Folders-with-Pockets-Colored-Heavy-Duty-2-Pocket-File-Folders-Letter-Size-Pocket-Folders-for-Home-and-Office-Red-18-5-x11-4-Inch/17484359771>

9. Safety Scissors \$1.08

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Pen-and-Gear-5-Inch-School-Scissors-Multi-Purpose-Blue/12346967816?classType=REGULAR&athbdg=L1103&from=/search>

10. The 2 pack Children's composition notebook \$5.68

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Spark-Create-Imagine-100-Sheets-Primary-Composition-Book-9-75-x-7-5-Primary-Ruled/14981521502>

11. Erasers \$1.64

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Paper-Mate-Pink-Pearl-Large-Eraser-3-pack/14929323?wl13=2531&wmlspartner=wlp&selectedSellerId=0>

The items on this list add up to about \$45... but if you'd like you can also buy items from the "extras" list below.

Extras:

1. Construction Paper \$5.89

<https://www.target.com/p/crayola-240-sheet-construction-paper-12-color/-/A-16693485?sid=1330S&afid=google&TCID=OGS&CPNG=Seasonal&adgroup=81-4>

2. Clorox wipes
3. Baby wipes
4. Hand sanitizer
5. Goldfish
6. Pretzels
7. Water bottles
8. Little paper cups
9. Napkins
10. Papertowels
11. Spoons
12. Tissues