



What to Expect in Kindergarten

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I thought it would be helpful to mention some of the basic concepts that your student will be learning this year in kindergarten.

Your student will participate in the following special classes:

Gym Class-Mondays & Wednesdays (gym shoes required on these days)

Music Class-Tuesdays & Thursdays

Art Class-typically on Fridays taught by Mrs. Noller

Computer Class-Wednesdays

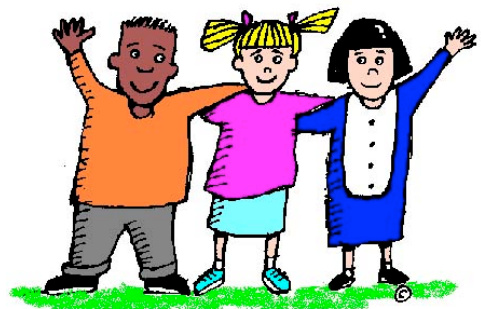
Library time-Tuesdays

The following are skills your student will master by the end of the kindergarten school year. Have fun spending time with your child and reinforcing these skills at home.

- Rote count to 30
- Recognize the numbers 0-30 out of order
- Print the numbers 0-30
- Beginning adding and subtraction
- Sorting by color, size and shape/Recognizing the shapes and colors
- Able to draw a person with details
- Print first and last name
- Recognize the alphabet letters (both capital and lowercase)
- Hear and be able to reproduce each letter sound
- Able to give a word that starts with each letter of the alphabet
- Learn approximately 50 sight words/Begin to read short stories
- Can sit quietly and be a good listener
- Journal writing/ Be able to write short sentences by using the sounds of the alphabet

Social Skills

- Tying shoes
- Zipping coat
- Putting shoes/boots on
- Packing backpack
- Organizing own belongings



- Turning in lunch money/Notes from home
- Knows address, phone number and parent's names

****Many of the skills listed above should be taught at home so your student can dress and undress for recess each day.****

Behavior Control: We work a great deal on how to be a good friend, treat others kindly and how to control our own behavior in kindergarten. The colored card system will be in place in this classroom. Each student begins on green each day and may be asked to move to either a blue, yellow or red card based on his/her misbehavior. If your student has to move his card to either blue or yellow during the day, you will receive a note home indicating the misbehavior. Please sign and return this to school the next day. If your student is asked to move to a red card, you will also receive a call at home. It is also encouraged to talk to your student about the misbehavior and ask to see a more acceptable behavior. This discipline system is explained in greater detail in the St. Matthew Parent-Student Handbook.

Many, many more skills are learned in kindergarten, but this will give you an idea of how the year will progress.

If you have any questions about the kindergarten program, please let me know. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Noller ☺