

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

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Dear Kindergarten Family,

Welcome to Siebert! We hope you are enjoying the summer and are excited to begin this milestone year for your child. It's hard to believe, but the first day of school is quickly approaching. We have some information and a few reminders to share with you about the beginning of the year.

Assessment Opportunity: To help us get to know your child before the school year begins, as well as give them an opportunity to meet their teacher and see the classroom, assessment appointments will be held the week of **August 21st**. We know that vacation plans may coincide with this week, so we will do our best to accommodate your family's schedule.

The easiest way to schedule everyone is to contact you by telephone. You can expect to receive a call from your child's teacher the week of August 14th. If you know that you will not be at home that week, feel free to contact your child's teacher directly about a time that would work for you. Also, please understand that we won't leave a message if your voice mail recording does not include a name. We want to be sure we are leaving information about your child at the right number.

School Supplies: The only supplies your child will need are a backpack, a pair of clean tennis shoes, and an art shirt. Please be sure to label everything with your child's name. The tennis shoes will be kept at school to wear for physical education class. They can also use them during the winter months when they wear boots to school. It is very important that they can put these shoes on and take them off independently. Therefore, if your child does not know how to tie their own shoes, please send a pair that they can slip on or that have Velcro. As far as an art shirt, an old, oversized t-shirt is ideal. We would also recommend that you keep a spare change of clothes in your child's backpack. Since the children are at school all day, there may be playground, lunch, or possible bathroom accidents. They are much more comfortable if they can change into their own clothes.

Other Supplies: If you are interested, there are some additional supplies we could use in our classrooms. These include:

disinfecting wipes

Ziploc bags (any size but snack)

tissues

pencils

crayons (Crayola 24-pack)

baby wipes

Expo black dry erase markers

hand sanitizer with a pump

glue sticks (Elmer's brand)

markers (Crayola washable, classic colors)



First Day of School: If your schedule allows, it would be helpful if you came into the classroom with your child on the first day of school. You can help them find their seat and begin the day. You would only need to stay for about 10-15 minutes. After the first day, it would be beneficial if you allowed your child to come into the building independently. This will help them learn how to take care of their belongings and prepare for the day on their own. We are always there to assist if necessary.

Transportation: To help the first days of school go smoothly, we need to know how your child will be getting home from school. You can communicate these plans at your child's assessment appointment. You are also welcome to email your child's teacher. Throughout the year, please remember that we will always follow the transportation plans we have on record for your child. If plans should change, please notify your teacher the night before or call the school office during the day. A written note from you is also acceptable.

Contact information for each teacher is included at the end of this letter. Be sure to let us know what their first day plans will be, along with their regular plans and when they will begin. That being said, you may want to consider starting your regular transportation routine the first day. This will help your child adjust more quickly and will alleviate some confusion.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together! Your child's time in kindergarten will be full of learning and growth, and we feel privileged to spend it with them.

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