

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your child to Kindergarten! This is a new and exciting time for everyone and by working together; we can make it a happy experience for your son or daughter. It will look very different than anything we have done before, but between us, we can make it as memorable as any other year!

Our program is designed to be 'hands-on'. Our 'work' is made up of a lot of projects. Listed below are supplies your child will need for kindergarten.

***backpack:** The backpack should be large enough to carry a take-home folder, lunch box (if applicable) and projects to and from school. **Clearly label your child's backpack with his/her name.** Also, please help your child learn how to zip and unzip his/her backpack and how to get it on or off.

***Water Bottle** - please bring a water bottle each day.

Each student will be getting a Chromebook, padded envelope and a bag to transport it to and from school. This bag can (should) be placed inside your child's 'school backpack'.

***art smock:** This will remain in school in your child's locker. An old, oversized t-shirt works best.
Please label your child's smock.

***sneakers:** We have P.E. and recess every day. This means your child needs sneakers every day. A pair can be left in their locker space. Your child needs to be able to put these on independently (tying independently would be appreciated too). Velcro is A-OK!

***extra change of clothing:** Please put it in a **labeled zip-lock bag**.
This will also remain in school in your child's locker.

The school provides pencils (I use specific pencils that are developmentally appropriate), and scissors. I will also supply each child with a pencil box at their seat.

***The PTO will be providing crayons and glue sticks for each child to start the year ***

This group goes above and beyond, please think about joining to be a part of the awesomeness!

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES (These items will be used at my discretion throughout the class.)

I would appreciate any of the following items **throughout the year**.

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| -a package of Ziploc bags (girls=sandwich, boys=gallon) | -a roll of paper towels |
| -a package of sanitizing wipes (!!) | -a package of small white paper plates |
| -Elmer's glue sticks (extras will be needed at some point!) | -a package of napkins |

* We eat lunch early in the day, so the children often need a snack in the afternoon. I will send home a snack calendar that will indicate what day each month your child will be responsible for providing snack for the entire class.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at school 369-6200 or via email at khafele@unatego.stier.org Kindergarten is a year of great growth and development -socially, mentally and emotionally. I look forward to working with you to make this a successful year for your child.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in September!

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Kindergarten Teacher

