



ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY

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Welcome to St. Joseph's Elementary!

This package contains important information for parents/guardians of children entering Kindergarten at our school. **Please keep it handy as a reference while preparing your child for Kindergarten.** You will receive additional information regarding the curriculum and program at the beginning of the school year.

Supplies/Materials required for Kindergarten:

Item	Quantity Recommended
Exercise books ½ plain, ½ ruled	3
Pencils	3 packs, sharpened
Crayons/leads/markers	2 packs
Glue sticks	8
Erasers	4
Duo-tangs	5
Highlighter	2
Scissors	1
Whiteboard markers (fine tip)	10
Playdoh	2 containers - any color
Indoor sneakers <i>(to keep at school)</i>	1
Headphones	1
Paintbrushes	4
Optional Supplies: <i>These supplies are not required for academic programming, but are very helpful to the classroom environment.</i>	
Baby wipes	2 packs Note: These are used for sticky fingers and dirty faces, not for bathroom use.
Tissues	2 boxes
Plastic spoons	1 pack
Plastic/paper straws	1 pack

Please note that these supplies are intended for the start of the year and children may need to replenish supplies as needed. In addition to these supplies, it is also recommended that students have:

-One pair of sneakers to leave in school: These sneakers should have light soles which do not leave marks on the flooring. Children change into these sneakers daily when they arrive at school. If your child is not yet able to tie laces, sneakers with velcro would be preferable to encourage his/her independence with dressing. Please ensure your child's name is on all footwear.

-One bookbag to bring to school daily. This bag should be big enough to carry books (including library books) comfortably. The children will be bringing books and materials back and forth to school regularly throughout the school year.

-We encourage all students to bring their lunches in reusable containers! Lunch bags, water bottles, thermos bottles, and sandwich containers are excellent to help reduce the amount of garbage produced here at our school. We are a recycling school. We recycle juice boxes, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles.

CLOTHING/PERSONAL INDEPENDANCE

It is recommended that children come to school dressed comfortably for a variety of activities including outside play for all kinds of weather! **We encourage independence with clothing right from the start of the school year. Therefore, your child's clothing should be easy for him/her to take off and/or put on, as necessary.** For example, avoid sneakers and winter boots with laces, especially if your child has not mastered tying bows. In addition, avoid clothes with belts, buttons, buckles, etc, if your child cannot manipulate them for toileting needs. Children are asked to come to school dressed for gym on their assigned gym days. Sneakers are a necessity for the gym for safety purposes. Monthly calendars will list all days that children have Physical Education classes. We recommend that you place an extra change of clothes for your child, in a labeled bag, to be left at school. This will alleviate the inconvenience of contacting you to bring in extra clothes in the event of a bathroom or spill accident.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON ALL FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING!

PICKUP LINE - DROP AND GO

Our school has a designated “drop and go” line where children arrive at school at 8:20am and are received by school staff from your vehicle. This runs from 8:20am to 8:24am. Parents/guardians are asked to drive up the lane and create a waiting line in the designated area leading up to the entrance of the school. Children will get out of the vehicle independently and proceed to the entrance. If you choose not to avail of the “drop and go”, we ask that you park in our designated parking area (at the back of the parking lot - close to the church) and walk your child to the door. The same stands for pick up times - if your child cannot get into the vehicle independently, we ask that you park your vehicle and retrieve them from the entrance. The traffic flow is much more efficient when everybody keeps moving!

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please inform the school of any medical problems your child may have. This information should also be included on the student registration form which you will be requested to complete in September. If your child has to take medication while at school, you will have to complete forms giving the staff permission to administer prescribed drugs. Please note that staff is not permitted to administer medication which is not prescribed, such as tylenol. **The medication will have to be brought to the school’s general office by the parents.** Under no circumstances should children bring such medication on the school bus or bring it to their classrooms. **There cannot be any occasion when another child can have access to such medication.**