

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations! Your child is going to start kindergarten! This is a major transition for both your child and you. The *Individual Planning Starter Checklist* attached can help you keep track of your child's personal, social, academic, and career development. This checklist consists of items, for you to save during your child's elementary years and beyond.

During the elementary years your child will have different career awareness experiences. Later in middle school, he/she will begin exploring career interests and thinking about which classes to take in high school. This checklist will help you and your child discover the subjects or topics your child has gained interest and excelled in over the years. In the short term, it is a great tool to help your child intentionally plan afterschool and summer experiences based on their interests!

Enjoy collecting, reviewing, and reflecting on this information with your child! If you have any questions or ideas to share, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to helping you and your child through your journey at Old Bonhomme Elementary!

Educationally,

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## **Elementary School Individual Planning Starter Checklist**

This starter checklist includes information to help elementary school students and their families when talking together about their student's educational and career goals, and will be especially helpful when the student is transitioning to another grade, building or school district.

### **CHECKLIST**

*Keep the following key artifacts as your child progresses through elementary school:*

- Report cards
- Formal academic assessment results (MAP, Achievement Tests)
- Certificates of achievement awards
- Individualized information (Behavioral Plans, Health Limitations, IEPs, 504 Plans)
- Documentation of participation in activities, teams, organizations and clubs
- Documentation of volunteer activities, job shadowing and work experience (babysitting, lawn mowing, bring your child to work days, dog walking, raking leaves, etc.)
- Documentation of achievement (internet posts, certificates)
- Documentation of Parent Involvement

*Other things to consider:*

- Continue or start to teach your child about earning, saving, spending, and giving money.
- Continue or start saving for your child's postsecondary plans.