

August 1, 2022

Dear K5 Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at St. Sava Orthodox School! I am Mrs. Hearold and I am your child's K5 teacher this year! Let me start by telling you about myself. I have earned a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education and this will be my third year as a lead teacher, my second year teaching K5 at St Sava. My husband and I have three children. We enjoy spending time together as a family camping, traveling and being outdoors.

Kindergarten is a fun year! This year we will focus on learning the fundamentals of language arts and pre-reading skills and begin to read. We will work on rhyming, syllables, distinguishing between the beginning, middle and ending sounds of words. We will begin to learn sight words and use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose text. In math, we will focus on numbers and simple addition and subtraction, shapes, counting and grouping objects, patterning, and data collection. Beyond reading, writing and math we will be continuously working on being kind, gentle, helpful little people. In K5 we will focus on building a community in our classroom, being "bucket fillers" and good friends. We will learn about rules and routines to follow in the classroom, hallway and at recess. We will practice making positive choices, communicating our needs and using our words to help solve our problems. Throughout the year, I will incorporate creative, exciting and interactive hands-on lessons, sensory play, dramatic play centers and opportunities to develop large and fine motor skills.

On Tuesday, August 30th St. Sava is hosting a "Welcome Back Night" from 5-7pm. This is a great opportunity to drop off your school supplies, check out the classroom and meet the teaching staff and clergy. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 31st. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child. Let's get ready for a successful school year! Please see the school website for the current back to school supply list for K5.

Looking forward to an AMAZING year! Please reach out to me through email or phone if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hearold

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