**Welcome to Kindergarten 2023**

**Some Reminders and Requests**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Mary’s School Kindergarten! We promise you an exciting school year with lots of fun learning experiences.

Over the summer before Kindergarten begins, we encourage you to build some skills that will make the transition to kindergarten a bit easier. Within this packet, you will find some suggested skills. We hope you will have fun!

Always remember Reading is #1! A favorite child’s story of your choice read to your little one each night will make an amazing improvement as we begin to work on vocabulary and reading comprehension in the fall.

Also contained within this packet is a list of supplies we ask you to purchase. It is much appreciated. Thank you.

In closing, I wish you lots of sunshine and happiness this summer. We will see you at our Kindergarten Orientation to be held on an evening during the week before school begins late this summer. (We will contact you as to the date in early August.)

Respectfully yours,

Donna Peluso

**Kindergarten Supplies**

* Backpack (regular-sized - label with child’s name)
* Lunch Box (with an ice pack and thermos, if necessary)
* Water bottle
* 6 pencils
* 2 boxes of 16-count crayons
* 1 pair of Fiskars blunt tip safety edge scissors
* 1 Hard plastic pencil case - labeled with your child’s name
* Elmer’s 1.4 oz glue sticks (4 back)
* Hand sanitizer
* Box of tissue
* Headphones in labeled Plastic Ziploc bag
* 2 tubs of Playdough

**Kindergarten Supply Directions**

* Label the tag inside the child’s jacket or vest or sweater with his last name.
* Label the lunch box inside.
* Label the outside of the child’s hard pencil box with your child’s name.
* Place 3 pencils, 1 glue stick, 1 box of crayons, and the scissors in the hard pencil box. (Place the other supplies in a zip lock bag - we will keep them for you)
* Place 2 tubs of playdough in a zip lock bag and label it with your child’s name
* Place the computer headphones in a labeled zip-lock bag

\*\*\*$60.00 Chrome Book insurance is due in January \*\*\*

**Developmental Skills that Help with Readiness for Kindergarten**

Would you kindly work on the following skills with your child?

* Follow simple two-step directions.
* Work and play cooperatively with other children.
* Know his full name.
* Independent in toilet habits including wiping him/herself after a bowel movement (a necessary skill)
* Knows how to use a tissue.
* Knows how to put on and take off a jacket.
* Knows how to zip and button clothes.
* Knows how to zip and unzip a backpack and lunch box.
* Identify colors
* Identify most uppercase and lowercase letters
* Count to 20
* Write first name using upper and lowercase letters
* Identify Shapes
* Read a book with Mom or Dad