

Welcome to Kindergarten

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

We all look forward to the coming school year. Together we can provide a nurturing environment wherein your child continues to develop language and academic skills. You are encouraged to participate in your child's education through support at home and classroom visitations. A home/school partnership contributes to your child's success in any setting.

Here is a list of some things you could practice at home to help your child be successful in school, no matter what the setting may be:

- Hold a book properly and turn one page at a time carefully.
- Pick up and hold a pencil, crayon, and marker correctly for writing.
- Write his/her first and last name.
- Trace a straight line, a zig zag line, and a circle – then make their own.
- Pick up and hold scissors correctly for cutting.
- Cut on a straight line, a zig zag line, and a circle.
- Use a glue stick properly and be able to twist it back down and put the lid on independently.
- Open and close a zipper seal bag independently.
- Stay attentively on task for 15 minutes in a seated position in a chair.
- If you plan to send your child with a cold lunch, please make sure they are able to open (and close if necessary) each package independently.

We are sure that there are still questions that you may have about your child's kindergarten year. More information will be coming from both the district and the school. Please always look to the most recent information available, knowing that things could change as the health and safety of all children will always be our primary goal. If you have any further inquiries, please feel free to reach out to us through email, our addresses are provided below or at Dundee School (531)299-1340.

Thank you in advance for your support. It's going to be a great year and we look forward to working with your child!

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School begins at 8:50 and dismisses at 4:05. Upon arrival, students will line up outside on the south side of the building. They may begin lining up at 8:35 and will walk in together with their class at 8:40. The playground is closed before school.

- A **full-sized** backpack identified with your child's name is a required school item. Parents should check the backpack **daily** for correspondence. Backpacks should come empty each day other than school correspondence.
- Please write your child's name on any outerwear: jackets, hats, coats, gloves, etc.
- Below is a list of classroom supplies that your child will need in the classroom:
 - Large boxes of tissues, a multi-pack would be appreciated
 - Disinfecting wipes (ex. Clorox, Lysol), a multi-pack would be appreciated
 - An oversized T-shirt with your child's name on the front for Art class
 - Hand sanitizer (alcohol free if possible)
 - Broad line washable markers (8 or 10 count classic colors, no more please)
 - Colored pencils (12 count, no more please)
 - 2 Pencil boxes (2 different colors measuring approximately 5 x 8.5)
 - Two individual 5oz cans of Playdoh
 - Watercolor paint set (with brush included)
 - One - 2 pocket folder of your child's choice
 - 1 plain **red** vinyl 2 pocket folder with no prongs in the center
 - Skinny Expo dry erase colored markers (4 count; black, blue, green, red)
 - Headphones **with a microphone** clearly labeled with your child's name
 - 1 box of zipper seal bags (such as Ziplock) 1 or 2 gallon, quart, or sandwich size
 - Snack items – we will have snack each afternoon and donations of store bought, single serving size, individually prepackaged snacks to be distributed to all students in the class would be greatly appreciated. If you send 1 class set of snack each month we would have enough for every child every day. (granola bars, fruit snacks, cereal bars, cheese & cracker packs, fruit roll ups, gold fish, Ritz bits, fruit pouches, cheese sticks, etc.)
 - If you are able to donate extra items from the list above it would be greatly appreciated. There is no need to send items that are not included in the list. I know the list seems long and a bit overwhelming, but since we may not be sharing any supplies, we appreciate your understanding.
 - If other supplies are needed throughout the year, we will send a note home with your child.
- A gym schedule will be sent home with your child. It is important that your child wear socks and gym shoes for gym class in order to participate.
- Students should not bring toys or trinkets to school. Accessories and jewelry should be kept to a minimum as they can be a distraction and get lost easily.
- Birthdays are celebrated in the classroom. Please do not send any birthday treats with your child, unfortunately any treats sent will be returned home.
- Any parents who are interested in volunteering in the classrooms or attending field trips, should this be possible in the future, will need to fill out a parent volunteer packet online at <https://dundee.ops.org>. Click on Quick Links and then Volunteer Form.