

Dear Parents of Upcoming Kindergartners,

We are looking forward to you joining us in the next school year! In order to ensure the transition to kindergarten is a bit easier on your child, it is important that he/she maintain or acquire the necessary skills to begin the year on a positive note. Below is a list of skills your child should be working on over the summer in order to prepare them for Valley kindergarten.

Students should:

- Be able to recognize and name all the upper- and lower-case letters of the alphabet.
- Be able recognize and name the numbers 0 – 10.
- Be able to spell and write their first name.
- Be able to count aloud to 20.
- Know how to color inside lines relatively well.
- Know how to zip, unsnap/unbutton, in order to use the restroom.
- Know how to hold and use a pair of children’s scissors, to cut on a line.

While this is not an exhaustive list of things your child should know prior to kindergarten, it includes many important and essential skills. Daily practice and repetition are vital, as is play. It is very important, especially during these times, that your child is able to engage in active, thoughtful, playtime that will stimulate their gross and fine motor skills. This can include hopping, jumping, swinging, drawing with sidewalk chalk, discovering bugs on early morning nature walks, making cookies with parents, drawing pictures, making forts, etc... While digital learning and screen time has its place, it should not constitute the majority of your child’s day.

We want to thank you in advance for helping prepare your child for a successful year!

-The Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Johnson, Miss Olsen, Mrs. Pearson & Mrs. Sutaris