

Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are so excited to have your child begin their journey at South Fayette, and we are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding year! We are sure you have many questions and concerns. This letter includes information which will help you prepare for the upcoming school year.

Thank you,  
The Kindergarten Teachers

## **Kindergarten Supply List**

- **School Supplies:** (These items may need to be replaced throughout the year, so you may want to stock up now while prices are low. If you purchased a Supply Kit through the PTA, the items below will be included in your kit.)

- 6 Glue Sticks
- 1-12 pack Ticonderoga or Dixon Pencils (sharpened)
- 1- 24 Pack of Crayola Crayons
- 2-Highlighters
- 4 Dry Erase Markers (fine tip, low odor)
- Erasers-Large
- Scissors-Kid Size
- Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box (not bigger than 11x7)



### **Additional items your teacher may request:**

- 2 cans of Play-Doh
  - 1-10 Pack of Washable Markers
  - Headphones
- **Standard size backpack-**Large enough to hold a standard size folder, zipper closure, no wheels. Please label with your child's name.
  - **Tennis shoes-** Explore Time is outside (weather permitting). If your child cannot tie, please double knot shoes and continue to practice.
  - The PTA will provide your child with a Teacher/Parent Communication folder that your child will use every day.
  - It is always a good idea to label your child's belongings so they don't get confused with others.

**If you are in need of assistance in purchasing the items on the school supplies list due to financial hardship, please contact Molly Kuczinski, Elementary School Guidance Counselor, at 412-221-4542 x335.**

**All information is kept confidential.**

### **Suggested Classroom Donations:**

- Kleenex
- Play-Doh
- Hand Sanitizer
- Ziploc Bags (any size)
- Baby Wipes
- Clorox Wipes

### **Academic Skills to Practice:**

- Recite/sing the alphabet
- Recognize and identify upper and lowercase letters
- Recognize name in print
- Write their first name starting with an uppercase letter and the rest lowercase
- Count to 20
- Identify numbers to 20
- Use finger to touch and count objects
- Know basic colors: red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink
- Sing or recite nursery rhymes
- Rhyming skills: Have your child give rhyming words or identify if two words rhyme
- Use scissors to cut on a line
- Practice using a glue stick
- Recite phone number, birthday and address
- Color a picture within the lines
- Sit for a story (5-10 minutes)
- Work on listening skills: Retell stories and discuss characters and setting

### **Self Help Skills to Practice:**

- Saying his or her first and last name
- Tell an adult if something is wrong or ask an adult for help
- Use restroom independently: shut the door, wash hands and flush without reminders
- Independently put on and take off his/her coat using zippers and buttons
- Independently pack/unpack backpack: zippers, pockets, etc.
- Clean up after themselves
- Take turns and share
- Tie their shoes on their own
- Attend kindergarten with a positive attitude
- Be confident and ready to separate from parent
- Be able to listen and follow 2 step directions. (1. Get your folder; 2. Put paper away)
- Be able to solve problems without aggression