

# Kindergarten Welcome Packet

2021 — 2022





# Kindergarten!

What an exciting time in the life of your 5 year old! We are thrilled to take this journey with your family!

This packet contains a variety of things that you may need to help your child (and you!) feel successful for the transition to the St. Joseph kindergarten program. We believe in the partnership between home and school so we welcome your questions, concerns, and ideas.

Thank you for taking the time to look this information over and for preparing the necessary items for the first days of school.

*Blessings for a great year!*

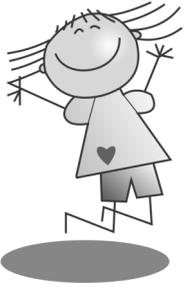
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# Welcome to Kindergarten!



**We are so excited to meet you!**

Below, please find the first week's agenda and some important reminders.

August 31 <b>TUE</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher and Supply Drop-off Afternoon</b> <i>The entire school is open for children to meet their teacher and to drop off supplies. If you have questions or concerns that might require more than a brief answer, let us make an appointment with you for Wednesday.</i>
September 1 <b>WED</b>	<b>First Day for 1—8 Students at St. Joseph!</b> <i>Please note: this is NOT Kindergarten's first day of school. We would like to take time to guide both the children and you on dismissal procedures during the next two Kindergarten half days. TODAY, we are in our classrooms for those scheduled appointments made yesterday. Thank you!</i>
September 2 <b>THU</b>	<b>First Day of Kindergarten, Half Day</b> <i>School starts at 8:15. All kindergartners will need a cold lunch. We will dismiss at <u>11:30</u> at the Mary Statue. (The rest of the school will dismiss at 3:15)</i>
September 3 <b>FRI</b>	<b>Kindergarten Full Day</b> <i>School starts at 8:15. All kindergartners will need a cold lunch. We will dismiss at 3:15. Details about dismissal procedures will be coming later in August.</i>

On Tuesday, please bring the following to school:

- School Supplies
- Forms for the Office: Medical and Emergency forms, PTO, Dismissal, Photo Release, etc.
- Student Bio (which is included this packet)

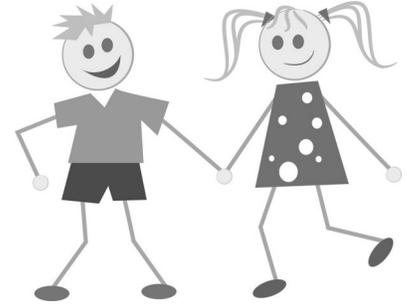


*It is not necessary for child to wear the school uniform on Tuesday*

# First Week (continued)

## Wednesday, September 1

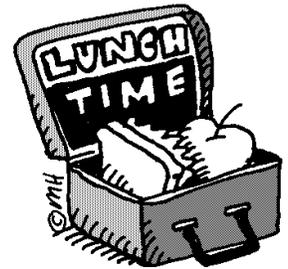
- This is not Kindergarten's first day of school.
- We are available from 8:00 — 11:30 for our new-to-St.-Joseph families who might have clarifying questions or student concerns to share.



## Thursday, September 2

School starts at 8:15 with doors opening at 8:00.

- Students wear uniforms!
- Please make sure your child has one snack.
- Please make sure your child has a cold lunch\*
- We will be getting to know one another as a class and we will be learning our first school routines.
- Pick up at 11:30 at the Mary Statue, in front of Marian Hall, for all kindergarteners.



## Friday, September 3

School starts at 8:15 with doors opening at 8:00.

- Students wear uniforms!
- Please make sure your child has a cold lunch\* that day and two snacks.
- Pick up at 3:15pm with the rest of the school
- **\*Hot lunch will be available for kindergarteners the following week.**

### Backpack Request

*Your child's backpack will come to school and go home each day. Please encourage independence by allowing your child to carry and hang up the backpack each day. Two-strap traditional backpacks work best for kindergartners (rather than rolling backpack or messenger bags).*



# Considerations for Kindergarten Success

## Sleep

- School is a busy time! Encourage good sleeping habits for your child and aim for 9—11 hours of sleep per night.
- The first few months of kindergarten are a huge adjustment for your child. Do not be surprised if your child falls asleep on the way home or needs more attention. We have worked hard during the day!

## Breakfast

- Make sure your child has breakfast before arriving at school. Although some children say they are not hungry, their bodies cannot sustain the requirements for a productive morning without something to eat.
- In a hurry? Quick breakfast ideas: a glass of milk, bag of dry cereal, granola bar, string cheese, Go-gurt. (These can even be eaten in the car!)

## Snacks

- Each child will need two snacks each day: one for the morning and one for the afternoon.
- It might be helpful to prepare a gallon-sized baggie of several snacks to keep in your child's backpack for the week!
- Good snack ideas: granola bar, cut fruit, crackers, apples, Goldfish, etc.
- Please do not provide a snack that requires an eating utensil.
- Because of allergies no snacks with nut products should be brought to kindergarten. (Peanut butter sandwiches for lunch are ok. Children with allergies are separated from children who bring allergenic products.)

## Other

- Have your child use the bathroom before bringing him/her to the classroom.
- Drop-off time is for welcoming and getting started on our day. We respectfully request that you make an appointment to meet with the teacher to discuss any concerns.
- When the last morning bell rings, we will begin class. Enjoy your day. We will!

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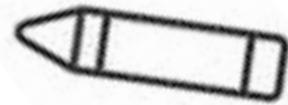


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