



Dear Parents,

I am very excited about the upcoming school year, and teaching your child in Senior Kindergarten. There are many enjoyable, interactive and engaging activities planned to encourage your child to explore, investigate and discover God's wonderful world. I look forward to partnering with you to help your child learn, and to use their skills and gifts to maximize their potential. In order to make the beginning of kindergarten a positive experience, it will be helpful if you can prepare your child to:

- \* demonstrate listening skills
- \* play with others cooperatively
- \* follow directions
- \* clearly communicate their needs
- \* develop independence with skills in dressing and tidying up

Their listening skills will develop when they are asked to:

- \* stop what they are doing
- \* look at the person who is speaking
- \* think about what the person is saying

Children are expected to be toilet trained before entering kindergarten. Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes to be kept at school in case of an "accident". Please note below, items needed for the first day of school.

There will be many opportunities for parents to volunteer in the classroom and I will have a sign-up sheet ready for those able to volunteer.

I look forward to seeing your child on the first day of school and meeting you all at 'Meet the Teacher' night and BBQ on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Items needed for the FIRST DAY of school:

- Updated photo, no bigger than 4X6"
- Lysol wipes – one container
- Kleenex box
- Scissors
- Large glue stick
- Paint smock
- Bag labeled with spare clothing in case of accident
- Lunch bag (we are a nut-free school) with healthy snacks, lunch items
- Backpack (large enough to fit lunch bag and school communication folder)

Sincerely,

Jane Shantz

Senior Kindergarten Teacher