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Dear Kindergarten Families:

Welcome to kindergarten at Boyne City Elementary School! The beginning of a new school year always brings excitement to students, parents and teachers alike.

You, as a parent, are probably excited about the many new experiences your child will have. Your child is excited and probably a bit nervous about starting school, meeting new friends, riding the bus and learning about reading and writing. We as teachers are anticipating all the possibilities this school year brings!

We are very excited about our evolving kindergarten curriculum. We will continue our strong emphasis on Language Arts and Math. However, this is only the beginning! We look forward to helping your child reach his/her potential this year. Kindergarten will be filled with so many fun learning activities. You'll be amazed at how much your child will grow!

To make the transition from home to school a little easier for children, we recommend that you:

- Establish a bedtime which allows for at least 10 hours of sleep each night
- Set up a plan to avoid those "rushed" mornings—try a practice morning!
- Continue to read to your child daily
- Please clearly label all your child's clothing

Below are some basic school supplies that your child will need for Kindergarten. We will be providing pencils for the class that are latex free. You do **NOT** need to send any pencils yourself. While shopping for classroom supplies, please attempt to purchase LATEX-FREE products. The most common school supplies that contain latex are pencils, erasers and rubber bands. It is relatively easy to find LATEX-FREE alternatives, but it does take a little shopping. We would also ask that while purchasing school snacks you would REFRAIN from purchasing snacks that contain PEANUTS or PEANUT OIL.

Your child will need the following items in kindergarten:

- ✓ Standard size backpack clearly labeled with your child's name
- ✓ One box of snack crackers or cookies to share at snack time (NO PEANUTS!)
- ✓ A box of Kleenex or other brand tissue for the classroom
- ✓ 24 pack of Crayola Crayons
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer or Clorox Wipes
- ✓ Jumbo glue stick

\*It is not necessary for you to label the above items because we will be sharing them as a class.

- ✓ A light colored paint shirt without buttons for art projects (adult-sized T-shirts work well)
- ✓ Gym shoes
- ✓ Change of clothes, in case they are wet or soiled (in a large Ziploc bag)

The goal of our developmentally appropriate kindergarten is to provide all children with a successful and exciting introduction to their educational journey. Thank you for sharing your child with us! We can't wait to know your child (and you!) better.

Sincerely,

Boyne City Elementary Kindergarten Staff