

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to St. Bartholomew School. Kindergarten is always an exciting year! Our learning style is activity based using varied hands-on experiences and manipulatives. We sing, dance, exercise, and play games. Like the older students, you attend weekly classes in Computer, Art, Music, Spanish, and Physical Education. You will enjoy special times on the playground with your friends.

Besides using workbooks that will help you learn many new things, our rooms are filled with storybooks, puzzles, blocks, cars, beads, housekeeping items, markers, play dough and plenty more. But the best part of our classroom is YOU!

Each Kindergarten student will need the following items:

- Two sturdy folders with pockets on the bottom
- A non-rolling bookbag (large enough to fit the folders)
- A special coloring book
- A box of tissues
- Lysol spray
- 2 Packages of Jumbo Elmer's Glue Sticks
- A Supply of #2 Pencils (Preferably Ticonderoga) Sharpened
- 2 Boxes of Crayola 24 count crayons
- 1 Plastic Pencil box to hold their supplies
- An oversized shirt for a smock
- Play Dough Tubs in any color your child prefers
- 10 Count Markers
- 12 Count Colored Pencils

Please label everything that you send to school. These supplies will be for your child's exclusive use (any extras will be stored in a bag with their name) and will be cleaned regularly. You may also wish to have the following supplies at home: crayons, pencils, glue stick, safety scissors. You may be asked to provide additional crayons, pencils, and glue sticks as your child uses their supply.

As a summer reading project, please read any alphabet book (example: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom) with your child. Have your child make a simple poster and decorate it with pictures (photos, magazine, web, etc.) of things that they find that begin with the same letter as the first letter of their first name. For example, if your child's name is Grace, maybe they would include a picture of grapes and a goldfish.

It's time for the 2021 SBS Summer Challenge!

Summertime is a great time to try new things. This summer's challenge includes more activities than just reading - though we still want reading to be a major part! You can read or someone can read to you. You can draw pictures, take nature walks, try new yoga poses and more!!

You will earn virtual badges along the way and be eligible for rewards when you return to school in September.

We are again working with the online reporting system, ReaderZone. It is easy for you or your parents to login the time you are reading and the other activities you have completed on this app. That's what is so special about our challenge this summer. We want you to do lots of things and tell us about them when you return to school. Make sure you log them in as you complete them! Check out the app and you will find all 10 categories!!

Download the ReaderZone app onto any Android, Apple or Amazon device. Log into our program by entering the name 2021 SBS Summer Challenge, using the code:034a2

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We look forward to seeing you in September. Until then, have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Your Kindergarten Teachers

