



Dear Families,

Welcome to Gladstone Elementary Kindergarten!

In preparation for your child starting kindergarten in August, here are a few things that will help you plan. Our Kindergarten Back-to-School Night is scheduled before school begins. It will be Thursday evening, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. This is a time for **adults** to meet teachers and get an overview of the school year. You won't want to miss this!

We know this is an exciting time and that you will probably be planning in advance for this new adventure. Your child will need a regular size, empty backpack to bring to school each day to carry his/her work home in. Please **DO NOT** buy backpacks with wheels as storage in the classroom is a problem. Do not send folders, notebooks, extra pencils, crayons, or toys to school in the backpack. Clearly mark all backpacks, lunch boxes, and jackets/sweaters with your child's name.

With state budget cuts and rising cost of goods, we periodically ask for donations for the classroom. Below is a partial list of items that we have great need for in kindergarten. At Back-to-School Night, your child's teacher will have a list of other items that are needed.

Our needs include:

White Xerox paper

Crayola washable markers (thick and thin)

Kleenex

Bright colored Xerox paper

Band-Aids

Remember to:

Read every night to your child

Have your child practice writing his/her name

Have your child practice counting

Teach your child how to tie his/her own shoes

Teach your child to use the bathroom by him/herself, button and/or zip own pants

We are excited to have your child in our Kindergarten program and look forward to another successful year at Gladstone!

Gladstone Kindergarten Teachers