



*A Holy Ground of
Loving and Learning*

Saint Denis-Saint Columba School

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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Dear St. Denis-St. Columba Kindergarten Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten year will be filled with exciting learning experiences. We will have many opportunities to learn and grow.

Often parents ask if there is something that they can work on over the summer to help prepare their children for Kindergarten. Please have them complete the **Pre-Kindergarten Math Summer Solutions book** and the **Reading Challenge sheets for July and August**. You can do other activities that involve reading/math/writing. For example: letter recognition, letter sounds, counting, writing numbers games are all beneficial. Please read to your child daily or join a free summer library reading program. This will also help to complete the reading challenge. In Kindergarten the students use the computer lab. **One thing that the children will need help with is using a computer mouse. In our computer room they are expected to use a mouse to work the computer, and sometimes students find it difficult to maneuver one.** There are many fun links on the Kindergarten webpage (*under the Staff Directory tab*) found on our school website (www.stcolumba.net) that they can use to help.

Some items you need to buy for your child are a lunch box and a backpack big enough to carry a lunch box. The children have a snack each morning and can either bring a lunch or purchase one. A monthly lunch schedule can be found on the school website. Please send a finger type snack; nothing that requires the use of a fork or spoon, please. They can have a drink, and I suggest you send in an extra water bottle on hot days. They will also need a two pocket folder (pockets on the bottom, not the sides, please) and a change of underwear and socks in a Ziploc bag (labeled with your child's name that can stay in school).

Below you will find the school uniform guidelines and Kindergarten supply requirements needed to make this a successful year.

SUMMER UNIFORM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Green shorts (no more than 1 inch above the knee) with a brown or black belt

White polo shirt with the school logo

White crew socks- must reach the ankle bone

Black or brown supportive shoes with laces, Velcro or straps

WINTER UNIFORM FOR BOYS

White oxford dress shirt and plaid school tie

Green V-neck sweater vest or long sleeve pullover sweater with school name

Green dress slacks with belt

Dark socks and Black or brown supportive shoes with laces, Velcro or straps

WINTER UNIFORM FOR GIRLS

Green plaid drop waist jumper with white blouse with Peter Pan collar

Green or black knee socks or tights

Black or brown supportive shoes with laces, Velcro or straps

Green cardigan with school name

***PLEASE USE PERMANENT MARKER AND WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING.
REMEMBER EVERYONE WEARS THE SAME THING.***

Kindergarten Supplies needed:

1 box of pencils- Ticonderoga brand #2 only, please

1 big pink eraser

1 package of glue sticks

1 roll of paper towel

2 Lysol wipes

2 boxes or refill baby wipes,

2 boxes of tissues,

1 Art smock in a zip lock bag with name

1 set of headphones in a zip lock bag with name

\$40.00 supply fee to cover writing and drawing paper, art supplies, dry ease boards, markers, erasers, etc.

Please bring all of your child's supplies (except their backpack and lunch box) with you on Orientation Day, which will take place on Tuesday, August 28th. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. You can send an e-mail through the Kindergarten web page on our school website.

We look forward to a wonderful first school year at St. Denis- St. Columba School.

God bless you,
Kindergarten Teacher

