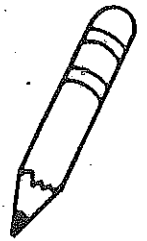




Kindergarten Supply List



Welcome to Seacrest Kindergarten! To help you get ready for kindergarten, please note the following items your child will need:

Please provide your child with a school bag with his or her name on it and large enough to carry papers and library books. (Zippered backpacks work better than the drawstring or wheeled types.)

Each child should have a lunchbox with a freezer pack to keep lunches cold and a cloth napkin or a washcloth to use as a placemat. Please have your child's name on the outside.

Mid-morning snack will be fruits or vegetables. Please send your child's snack (labeled with his or her name), in a separate container or zip lock baggie that can be taken out at snack time. We are asking for your assistance in providing only fruits or vegetables during snack time.

Each child needs to bring in a *regular sized* beach towel (labeled with his or her name), which will be used for rest time. It will be sent home on Fridays for laundering.

Please send in an oversized shirt that will be used as an art smock (labeled with his or her name).

Please send in on the first day of school the following school supplies:

Two boxes of regular sized *Crayola Crayons* (8 count).

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Ten glue sticks (Ross or Elmer's)

2 4-ounce glue bottles

One plain durable vinyl 2-pocket folder that will be used for our Fun Folder (these will be covered with stickers; labeled with his or her name).

Crayola Markers (8 or 10 pack, regular size, not thin)

Package of colored pencils

1 regular sized (7 1/2 X 9 3/4) Composition book (labeled with his or her name).

1 package of Post-It Notes (3'X3")

2 Highlighters (one yellow and one your choice)

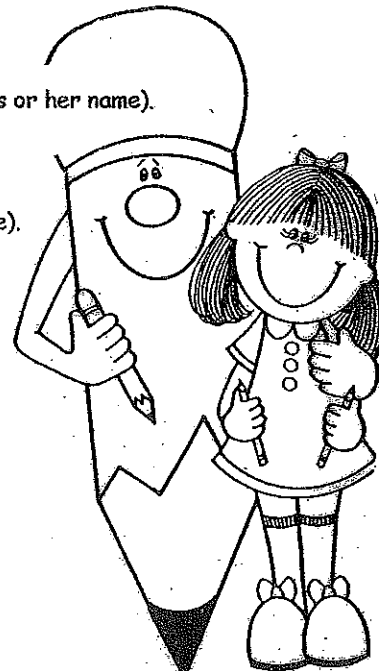
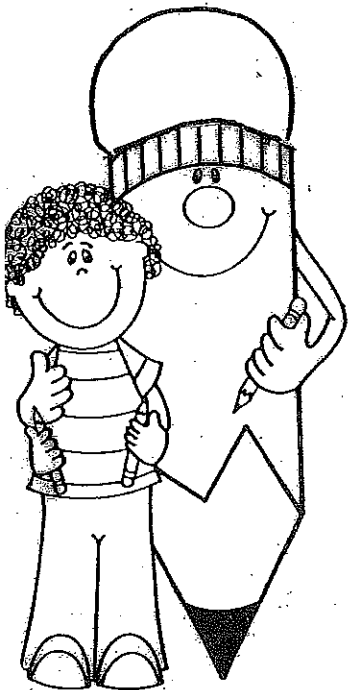
1 pair of children's *Fiskars* scissors (labeled with his or her name).

1 rectangular eraser (*Magic Rub* works the best)

1 3- ring *clear view binder* 1" wide

One plastic "crayon" (5" X 8") box to hold school supplies

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you in August.



June 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the exciting year of Seacrest Kindergarten. Here is where your child will "*Learn everything there is to learn.*" Perhaps not exactly, but Kindergarten is a fabulous start of the journey (remember...not the race) of childhood.

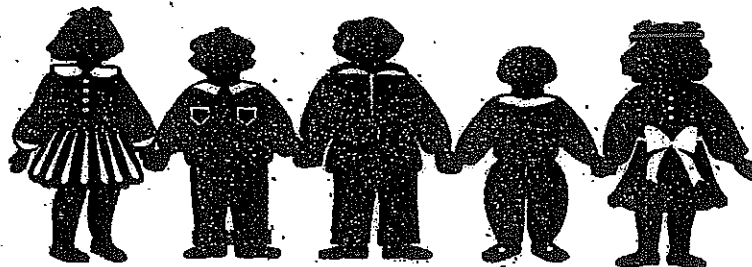
Kindergarten is the threshold of capturing and nurturing the imagination and building upon it.

Some suggestions for the summer are quite simple. Spend time with your child talking, reading, exploring, discovering, playing and relaxing. We hope that you enjoy reading with your child this summer. There are many opportunities to read with your child. Rosemary Wells says it best in her story, Read to Your Bunny. "Reading aloud with your child opens the doors of true friendship. This gentle routine will soon become a pleasure for you both. Your small effort of twenty minutes every day for a few early years will bear fruit for a lifetime." Sharing a story before bedtime is a favorite, the public library and local bookstores provide many fine story hours. Reading as you travel and pointing out familiar names is another way to introduce the concept of the printed word.

When you read to your child ask questions: what if, what do you think, can you think of a different ending, which character did you like best? Listen to your child's answers.

Writing and illustrating books are another way of promoting reading. These can be simple projects such as photos from a trip or picking out a letter of the alphabet and looking for pictures from magazines that start with that letter. A piece of paper folded in half makes a wonderful book!

There are a variety of mathematical activities that can provide review, reinforcement and enrichment. Have your child practice reading numbers on the calendar, a clock, or while driving. Your child can count cans in the pantry, eggs in a dozen or produce while you are shopping. You can ask questions "How many more oranges do I need if I have two and want five?" Look for shapes around the house or the neighborhood. Introduce trapezoid or hexagon for some challenges.



Here are some other ideas:

Sorting and classifying pasta, cereal, money or buttons are important math concepts that children need to develop.

Having measuring cups and funnels in the bathtub are a fun way to explore volume and measurement.

Play card games, board games, dominoes and puzzles with your child, problem-solving skills are put to use in these activities.

Providing these higher level-thinking skills using mathematical vocabulary in discussing positions (over, under, around, right, left) sizes, greater than, less than, the same, equal will also increase your child's skills.

Most of all, whatever you do, enjoy doing it with your child! The opportunities are endless. The most important goal is to establish a love of learning and the excitement of all aspects of learning will flourish!

Check your mail this summer! We will be sending your child a puzzle piece to decorate and on which to put their photo. Please bring this to our Open House in August. It will become part of our bulletin board that will say, "Welcome to Kindergarten, where all the pieces fit!"

Take time to play, for play is a child's work. Your child will enjoy the journey and reflect that, "Yes! Everything I learned, I learned in Kindergarten!"

Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to seeing you in August and spending a fabulous year with your child.

Love,

Your Kindergarten Teachers

