



Welcome to Kindergarten!



Mrs. Polcari



Mrs. Kasberg



Mrs. Tildsley

Welcome to our upcoming kindergarten school year! We are incredibly excited to welcome your little ones into our classrooms this fall. From day one, our primary goal is building a warm, supportive community that truly feels like a family where every child feels safe, valued, and loved.

To help our sweet students transition smoothly, you can practice a few key social skills at home over the summer months. These include helping your child practice patience during daily routines (such as waiting for a snack or a sibling/parent to finish speaking), playing simple board games or visiting playgrounds to help them learn the value of waiting their turn, and gently reinforcing the importance of accepting boundaries that are set for them, which helps them feel secure and cooperative in a structured school environment.

In addition to these social milestones, practicing foundational learning habits at home over the summer makes a massive difference. Engaging in simple daily activities—like reading together, counting everyday objects, or practicing writing their name—helps bridge the gap between home and school. When children see learning as a normal, fun part of their home routine, it boosts their academic confidence and creates a strong foundation for school success.

Please take some time over the summer to review the information sheet that follows for some helpful tips. There is also a BINGO game that students can play to earn an incentive! We look forward to partnering with you for an amazing year of growth, learning, and fun!

Warmly,
The Kindergarten Team

READY, SET,

KINDERGARTEN!

Big things start with little steps.

Kindergarten is an exciting new adventure! Building these skills helps children feel confident, independent, and ready to learn.

KEY AREAS OF KINDERGARTEN READINESS



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

- Takes turns and shares
- Follows simple directions
- Manages feelings in healthy ways
- Shows kindness to others



COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Listens and understands
- Asks and answers questions
- Enjoys stories, songs, and rhymes



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COGNITIVE & EARLY MATH

- Counts to 10 or more
- Recognizes numbers & letters
- Sorts, matches and compares
- Solves simple problems



LITERACY

- Recognizes some letters
- Understands print has meaning
- Hears beginning sounds
- Holds a book and turns pages



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Uses scissors, crayons, and pencils
- Dresses self
- Uses the restroom independently
- Runs, jumps and plays actively



YOU CAN HELP!

Every child grows and learns at their own pace. With love, practice, and support, they will shine!



Read together every day. Talk about the pictures and story.



Encourage independence. Let your child try things on their own.



Practice routines. Bedtime, mealtime, and getting ready build strong habits.



Play and explore. Learning happens everywhere!

We can't wait to see your young learner grow, explore, and succeed!



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE KINDERGARTEN AN AMAZING START!





KINDERGARTEN READINESS ACTIVITY



B I N G O

Complete activities and get BINGO! Five in a row—across, down, or diagonal!

<p>Practice writing your name once a week.</p>	<p>Count to 10 (or higher)!</p>	<p>Identify and name letters.</p>	<p>Read and book together.</p>	<p>Follow 2-step directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1. Clean up toys ✓ 2. Wash hands
<p>Practice using scissors.</p>	<p>Identify colors.</p>	<p>Listen and take turns talking.</p>	<p>Share and take turns.</p>	<p>Practice counting objects.</p>
<p>Practice zipping your own coat</p>	<p>Try using a public restroom</p>	<p>FREE SPACE!</p>	<p>Clean up my toys or materials.</p>	<p>Practice opening snacks and lunch independently</p>
<p>Recognize and name shapes.</p>	<p>Use kind words.</p>	<p>Draw a picture and tell about it.</p>	<p>Complete a simple puzzle.</p>	<p>Brush my teeth.</p>
<p>Practice writing lines and shapes.</p>	<p>Talk about my feelings.</p>	<p>Play a board game</p>	<p>Sit and focus during an activity.</p>	<p>I am ready for Kindergarten!</p>

Every little step today leads to big success tomorrow!

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

2026-2027

1. One picture of your child, (alone), that we can keep for the year.
2. One picture of your family that we can keep for the year.
3. One box of sharpened #2 pencils
4. Two boxes of 24 crayons
5. One box of washable broad tip markers (pack of 10 or 12)
6. Glue sticks (12 pack or more)
7. Thin Black Expo Markers
8. One pair of children's round tipped scissors
9. One pair of headphones that will be kept at school for the year. (They will be used by your child alone. Please label.)
10. One sturdy folder with pockets on the bottom (Please put your child's name on the front. No binders will be allowed in class.)
11. Pencil Case (please see picture for reference- these boxes are about 8x5 inches)
12. Lunch box and freezer pack to keep things cold.
13. Refillable Water Bottle
14. Backpack large enough for a lunch box and folder.
15. Oversized shirt to be used over uniform when painting
16. Please label all sweatshirts, sweaters, school supplies, etc.
17. A happy smile!



Please also consider these items:

Change of clothes

Baby Wipes

Tissues

Clorox Wipes

Paper towels

Sandwich size and Gallon size Zip-Lock bags. (Zipper top please. It makes it easier for the children to open and close by themselves.)

Plastic forks and spoons

We look forward to having an exciting year with our new Kindergarteners.

Peace,

The Kindergarten Team

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UNIFORM POLICY 2026-2027

Students are to be dressed in uniform from the time they enter the school property until they leave it.

- Skirt hemlines must reach the knee.
- Walking shorts must be at or just above the knee to be deemed appropriate.
- Students will remove hats before entering the school.
- **Uniform short/pants must be a formal uniform dress pant (no leggings, cargo shorts, sweatpants, etc.)** Uniform pants/shorts usually have side pockets, belt loops and are similar to a “Dockers” brand. Jogger pants and leggings are NOT uniform pants and should not be worn.
- Students should wear sneakers or dress shoes to school daily. We do not allow Crocs, clogs, sandals, slides, Ugg slippers, flip-flops, slippers, etc.

APPROVED UNIFORM VENDORS

LandsEnd and Donnelly Uniforms are the two approved uniform vendors for Saint Michael School. All logo uniform items must be purchased from one of these two vendors. Uniform bottoms, belts, socks and tights may be purchased from the approved vendors, or any other retailer of choice. Please keep in mind that depending on grade, uniform bottoms will need to be navy or khaki in color. While light or dark Khaki is acceptable, they should not be green.

NURSERY AND PRE-K UNIFORM

All nursery and Pre-K students are required to purchase official school uniforms from Landsend or Donnelly Uniforms. The uniform is a gym uniform daily with school logos on all uniform pieces. They will wear sneakers daily.

GYM UNIFORM

All gym clothes must bear the Saint Michael School logo. Gym uniforms should be purchased from one of our approved vendors. Students must wear neat and clean sneakers.

BOTTOMS - navy sweatpants, navy warm-up pants or navy gym shorts with logo.

TOPS - grey t-shirt (short or long sleeve), navy sweatshirt (crew neck or hoodie) or navy warm-up jacket with hoodie.

UNIFORM PROVIDERS

Lands End

landsend.com/school | Toll Free: 800-469-2222

School Number: 900189481

Donnelly Uniforms

<https://www.donnelysclothing.com/>

GIRLS	
November 1 - March 31	September - October 31 / April 1 - June
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2026 Summer Reading BINGO Grades Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten

Being read to by a parent, sibling, grandparent, friend, etc. all count!!!!

Optional Summer Reading Program- We hope you participate but please know there is no stress and no pressure!
Have fun and enjoy summer!

Name _____ Teacher _____ Total Bingo _____

5 in a row- down/across/diagonal = BINGO

How many Bingo games did you win? Circle Please:







1 Bingo = 1 no uniform pass

2 Bingo= 2 no uniform passes

3 Bingo= 3 no uniform passes

4 bingo=4 no uniform passes

5+Bingo= 5 no uniform passes

Read at the beach 	Read a book that rhymes	Read the alphabet or some sight words you know	Read in the dark with a flashlight 	Read with a relative
Read a favorite story	Read in the bathtub	Read in someone else's bed	Ask someone to read to you in a silly voice	Read to a pet or your stuffed animal
Read early in the morning	Read wearing sunglasses 	FREE SPACE	Recite a nursery rhyme that you know	Read under the stars 
Read while on vacation or a day trip	Read a story from the children's bible	Read from a magazine	Read in bed 	Read while having a picnic
Read while wearing your bathing suit	Read while having a snack	Read with a hat on 	Read a book about animals	Read a fairy tale