

Hello Kindergarteners!

Hopefully you are enjoying a relaxing and fun summer! We have a couple events planned for this summer to help you become familiar with the school. We would love to have you join us for them so we can get to know you and your child better.

Kindergarten Night—July 30, 6-7 p.m.

Kindergarten students will make an art project with their teacher and play with their new classmates on the playground. Teachers and administration will be available for questions.

Open House—August 20



All students and families can meet their teacher and visit their classroom. Stay tuned for times and more details.

You may be starting to think about school supplies as the stores begin to fill up with them. Below are the supplies your child will need.

- **2 boxes of crayons** (24 count)
- **A pencil box** (large enough to hold pencils, crayons, glue sticks, etc.)
- **4 large glue sticks**
- **1 durable folder**
- **1 pack of standard yellow #2 pencils** (Ticonderoga works the best.)
- **3-4 dry erase markers**
- **1 notebook** (This does not need to be anything special; just a cheap notebook will work best.)
- **Headphones** (We will use with our classroom Chromebooks. They don't need to be anything fancy or expensive.)
- **OPTIONAL:** Please consider donating Kleenex, hand sanitizer, or disinfectant wipes to help keep germs at a minimum in our classroom. Thanks!

Lastly, just in case you've been hearing the "I'm bored!" phenomenon that tends to happen at this point in the summer, be sure to check out the back side of this letter for some fun activities to help prepare your child for school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via my e-mail address, 5.cschout@nhaschools.com. If you are unable to purchase the supplies above, please let me know and I make sure I have some available for your child.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Schout

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What to do when your child announces that they're bored this summer...

(These are also great ways to prepare your child for Kindergarten!)

- Sign your child up for a summer reading program at the local library. Visit the library regularly.
- Create an obstacle course together. Include things like hopping on one foot, walking backwards in a straight line, skipping, throwing a ball, etc. These are all developmental skills that are important at this age.
- Have them practice writing their first and last name in sidewalk chalk or in a sandbox.
- Make a batch of bubbles together, letting them help you measure out the ingredients.
- Choose a letter for the day. Look for that letter in the different places you go—around the house, on neighborhood signs, on T.V., etc.
- Visit these websites on a rainy day. They are academically based and free!
www.starfall.com
www.pbskids.org/games/
www.knowledgeadventure.com
www.abcya.com
- Have your child practice tying their shoes and zipping their coat.
- Create a scavenger hunt to complete together. Include things on the list such as numbers, letters, items of a certain color, etc.

Hopefully this gets you thinking of some fun ways to incorporate Kindergarten readiness activities into your summer!