



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Holden Kindergarten! We look forward to teaching your child this August. Below is a list of a few skills that your child should have before entering school in August. Please work with your child during the summer to enable them to enter school and be ready to learn on a Kindergarten level.

1. Recognize colors.
2. Count to 20 and recognize numbers 0-10.
3. Recite full name, birthday, age, and name of town they live in.
4. Be able to tie their shoes.
5. Know how to correctly use pencils, scissors, and crayons.
6. Print first name correctly. (uppercase on first letter only, example: Mary)
7. Recognize all letters and sounds of the alphabet.
8. Read, Read, Read to your child ☺
9. Practice rhyming

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**Supplies** - We will collect a **workbook/supply fee** at the beginning of the year. We will purchase most of your child's school supplies for the year; however, we ask that you send a few items. These are the items we are certain of for now, but we may add some things that will be included in the letter we will mail to you at the end of the summer. Please label the items with your child's name. These items are:

1. Book sack (**regular size and shape**; no rolling wheels, PLEASE!)
2. Thick coloring book
- **Thin** Foldable red/blue rest mat (**not the thick ones** as we do not have enough storage space)  
\*Rest mat covers are not allowed in kindergarten. Your child will be allowed to bring a **small blanket** that will go back and forth in their book sacks daily.

**Beginning of Year Schedule.** The Kindergarten year will begin differently from the rest of the grades. This is a parish-wide schedule. Please note these dates below.

**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (August 11, 12, or 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021)** will be testing days for Kindergarten students. You will bring your student for approximately 30 minutes on one of these days. You will receive a letter during the summer advising you when to bring your child. After the test is completed, you will take your student home until the date listed below.

**Monday, August 16** - All Kindergarten girls will attend school for a full day; boys will not attend on this day.

**Tuesday, August 17** - All Kindergarten boys will attend school for a full day; girls will not attend on this day.

**Wednesday, August 18** - All Kindergarten students will attend beginning today.

Again, you will receive a letter at the **end** of the summer reminding you of these dates as well as your child's testing date and time. We look forward to a great year with you and your student!

**The Kindergarten Teachers**