

Ms. Sule, Kindergarten Teacher

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to the **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School** Kindergarten class! I am absolutely thrilled to embark on this exciting learning journey with your child. Kindergarten is an exciting time of discovery, growth, and making wonderful new friends.

Our classroom will be a nurturing and engaging environment where your child will develop essential academic and social skills. We'll be exploring the alphabet, numbers, early reading and writing concepts, and so much more through hands-on activities, play-based learning, and creative projects. Most importantly, we'll be fostering a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is¹ crucial for your child's success. We encourage you to be an active participant in your child's education. Throughout the year, we will communicate regularly through [mention your primary communication method, e.g., newsletters, Remind app, school website]. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

The first day of school is: **Interviews begin on August 25, 2025. Parents will receive notification of their scholar's interview date.** We will be sending home more specific information about our daily schedule, classroom routines, and upcoming events closer to that date.

To help your child get off to a great start, please see the suggested school supply list below.

We are so looking forward to meeting you and your wonderful kindergarten student! Get ready for a year filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories.

Warmly,

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Kindergarten School Supply List 2025-2026

To help ensure a successful and comfortable learning environment for all our kindergarteners, we kindly request the following supplies for the upcoming school year. Please label all items with your child's first and last name unless otherwise noted.

Individual Student Supplies:

- **Backpack:** Large enough to fit a folder and lunchbox.
- **Lunchbox/Bag:** If your child will be bringing lunch from home.
- **Water Bottle:** Reusable, spill-proof, and clearly labeled.
- **Crayola Crayons:** 2 boxes of 24 count (Crayola brand works best).
- **Glue Sticks:** 6-8 large glue sticks.
- **Safety "Blunt-Tip" Scissors:** 1 pair (child-safe).
- **#2 Pencils:** 1 dozen sharpened.
- **Dry Erase Markers:** 4 black, chisel tip with an old sock or microfiber cloth for an eraser
- **Pink Erasers:** 2 large (e.g., block and cap erasers).
- **Plastic Pencil Box/Pouch:** To hold crayons, glue sticks, and scissors.
- **Headphones (not earbuds):** Over-the-ear style, comfortable for your child. Please label these clearly.
- **Change of Clothes:** A full set of weather-appropriate clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in a Ziploc bag, labeled with your child's name. This will stay at school in case of spills or accidents.

Classroom Community Supplies (No Need to Label These):

- **Gallon-sized Ziploc Bags:** 1 box.
- **Quart-sized Ziploc Bags:** 1 box.
- **Baby Wipes:** 1 large container (for quick clean-ups).
- **Tissues:** 2 large boxes.
- **Paper Towels:** 1 roll.
- **Hand Sanitizer:** 1 large bottle (with pump).

Optional/Wish List Items (Greatly Appreciated!):

- Play-Doh
- Building Blocks (e.g., LEGO Duplo, wooden blocks)
- Art Supplies (washable markers, construction paper, glitter glue)
- Board Games (preschool appropriate)
- Books for our classroom library

We understand that purchasing school supplies can be an expense. If you anticipate any difficulty in providing these items, please do not hesitate to contact us or the school office. We are here to help!

Thank you for your support in preparing your child for a fantastic year in Kindergarten!
