



Welcome to Kindergarten

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Dear Families,

Hello and welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Dara Gelb, and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher this year! I look forward to a wonderful year together filled with many learning opportunities each day. The children will grow, flourish, and make meaningful friendships.

Throughout the year, students will engage in activities that promote reading, writing, and math skills, participate in fun games, and express themselves through play and exciting art projects. We'll sing songs, listen to captivating stories, and explore the fascinating world around us.

Research shows that children thrive when educators and families collaborate closely. I believe that by working together, we can provide the best educational experience for your child. I will maintain regular communication with you through Parent Square to keep you informed and engaged in your child's learning journey.

I look forward to meeting you and your child. Let's make this school year a memorable and enriching experience for everyone!

You will need a few things on the first day of school so that you are well prepared for Kindergarten. Please see our suggested Kindergarten Supply List attached to this letter and on Parkville's Website: <https://www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/PV>.

All supplies will be shared by all, so there is no need to label each item.

These are a few additional items that would be very helpful as well:

- ★ 6 Avery Glue Sticks (1.27 oz)
- ★ 2 Boxes of Ziploc Storage Bags Gallon Size
- ★ 2 Boxes of Ziploc Storage Bags Quart Size
- ★ 2 Bottles of Pump Hand Soap - unscented

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child at our **Kindergarten Meet & Greet** in our classroom. Please bring your child's supplies and other items on the supply lists to Meet & Greet so that everything will be ready on the **first day of school**. *Please be sure to send lunch and snack on the first day (clearly labeled in two separate bags) to help build independence from day 1. If you ordered supplies through the PTO, they will already be in the classroom.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! I cannot wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gelb

Parkville Kindergarten Universal Supply List

2026-2027

The following are suggested supplies you may wish to bring to school in September.

These items can also be purchased through the PTO.

If purchasing school supplies places a hardship on your family, supplies will be provided.

- ☐ 1 hard **plastic pencil box** to store supplies in school (suggested size 8" x 5", no larger than 9" x 6")
- ☐ 1 box of **thick Crayola** washable **markers** (not scented, 10 count)
- ☐ 1 box of **thin Crayola** washable **markers** (not scented, 10 count)
- ☐ 1 package of multi-colored highlighters
- ☐ 1 box of long **Crayola colored pencils**
- ☐ 2 boxes of **Crayola crayons** (24 count)
- ☐ 12 small **Elmer's glue sticks**
- ☐ 6 large **Elmer's glue sticks**
- ☐ 1 bottle of **Elmer's school glue**
- ☐ 1 pair of 5" safety **scissors**, blunt (*Fiskars* brand, if possible)
- ☐ 1 box (12 count) of pre-sharpened #2 **Ticonderoga pencils** with erasers
- ☐ 2 packs (4 count) *Expo* brand low-odor, thin, **black dry-erase markers**
- ☐ 2 packs (4 count) *PaperMate* Flair brand, black **felt-tipped pens**
- ☐ 2 **plastic folders** with inside bottom pockets
- ☐ 2 **plastic pocket folders with 3-hole fasteners** inside, one **blue** and one **red**
- ☐ 1 **Primary Journal Creative Story Tablet** (Mead brand, K - 2, picture space on top/primary lines below)
- ☐ 1 on/over-the-ear adjustable band **USB-C connection headphones** (no earbuds or wireless, please; remove from packaging and label and place in a labeled Ziploc bag)
- ☐ 2 boxes of **tissues**
- ☐ 2 packages of **baby wipes**
- ☐ 1 package of **clear sheet protectors**

In addition to these supplies, each child will also need the following items:

- ☐ 1 standard-sized **elementary backpack** (no wheels)
- ☐ 1 **adult-sized t-shirt** to use as a smock for art
- ☐ 1 **change of clothes (including underwear & socks)** in a labeled Ziploc bag, please label each clothing item

****If ordering online, you will be prompted to add the headphones (a required item) at checkout.***

