

Welcome to Kindergarten at General Joseph Finegan Elementary! With your help and support, we can make your child's year a success! To keep the classes as similar as possible, the Kindergarten Team plans together. However, we each have individual teaching styles so there will be some differences. Listed below is grade level information that will help ensure your child's success at Finegan Elementary.

- **Your child will need:** a backpack, school supplies, at home supplies and a lunch box or lunch money in an envelope with both student and teachers names and their student I.D. number on the envelope.
- Students will eat a nutritional snack during the school day. The snack will not replace lunch; rather it should hold them over until they get home.
- Parents will be asked to donate snacks to make this possible.
- **Please label all personal belongings** (lunch box, back packs, Jackets etc.)

NOT SUPPLIES

Preparing for Kindergarten...Getting off to a good start!

Behaviors and abilities shown by most entering kindergarteners include:

Language and Learning

- * Listens politely to adults and other children
- * Talks in complete sentences
- * Identifies other children by name
- * Says their first and last name
- * Follows simple directions (without needing repetition)
- * Knows the parts of the body

Problem Solving and Inquiry

- * Identifies nine basic colors
- * Knows four basic shapes
- * Understands directions (up, down, etc) and sizes (big, small)
- * Knows age and birthday
- * Orally counts 1-10

Reading Readiness

- * Recognizes all 52 letters and sounds of the alphabet (uppercase and lower case)
- * Knows nursery rhymes
- * Looks at a picture and tells a story
- * Answers questions about a short story
- * Enjoys listening to stories

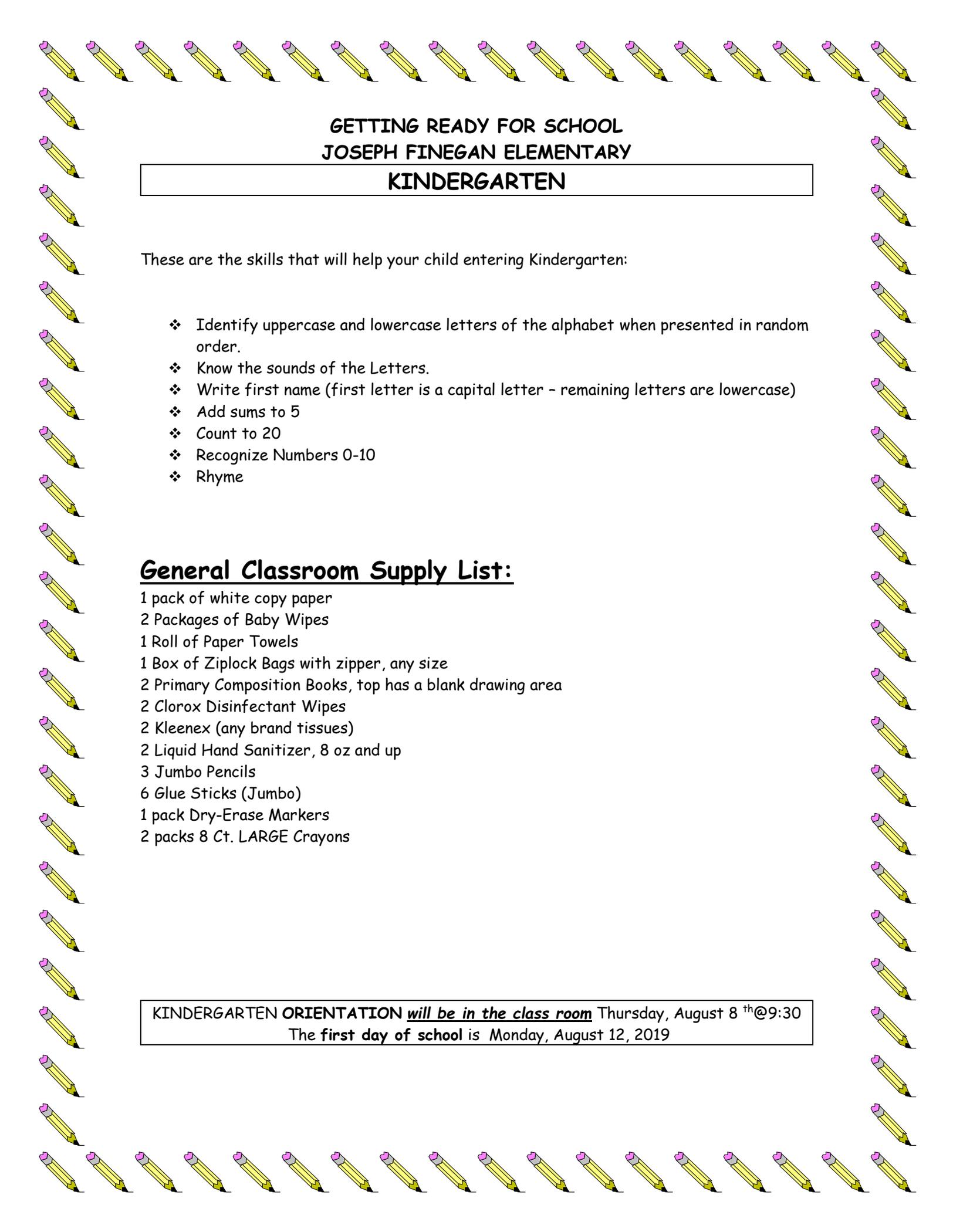
Social and Emotional

- * Plays well with other children
- * Can be away from parents without being upset
- * Takes care of dressing and toilet needs
- * Follows simple rules and routines
- * Listens carefully
- * Shows respect to all authority figures

Attitude and Motivation

- * Curiosity and desire to learn
- * Positive sense of self
- * Excited about school
- * Plays as a means of learning

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GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL
JOSEPH FINEGAN ELEMENTARY
KINDERGARTEN

These are the skills that will help your child entering Kindergarten:

- ❖ Identify uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet when presented in random order.
- ❖ Know the sounds of the Letters.
- ❖ Write first name (first letter is a capital letter - remaining letters are lowercase)
- ❖ Add sums to 5
- ❖ Count to 20
- ❖ Recognize Numbers 0-10
- ❖ Rhyme

General Classroom Supply List:

- 1 pack of white copy paper
- 2 Packages of Baby Wipes
- 1 Roll of Paper Towels
- 1 Box of Ziplock Bags with zipper, any size
- 2 Primary Composition Books, top has a blank drawing area
- 2 Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
- 2 Kleenex (any brand tissues)
- 2 Liquid Hand Sanitizer, 8 oz and up
- 3 Jumbo Pencils
- 6 Glue Sticks (Jumbo)
- 1 pack Dry-Erase Markers
- 2 packs 8 Ct. LARGE Crayons

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will be in the class room Thursday, August 8th@9:30
The first day of school is Monday, August 12, 2019