

# GLA Kindergarten Supply List & Welcome Letter

## Mandatory:

- **Backpack**: Please label with name, teacher, and bus number. Please no wheels.
- **FULL CHANGE OF CLOTHES** in a Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name (shirt, pants, underwear, socks)
- **1 set plain over-ear headphones** (no ear buds or wireless headphones) for computer use, labeled with your child's name
- **A reusable water bottle** with a tight-fitting lid labeled with your child's name, preferably with a straw
- **1 plastic pencil box**: Please no soft/zip pencil cases. Please label with your child's name. \*Mrs. Ott's (Fahan), Mrs. Vazquez, & Mrs. Galati's classes ONLY\*
- **3 Cans of Play Doh**
- **Pack of 3x5 UNLINED Index cards** Mrs. Vazquez ONLY
- **Plastic two-pocket folders**: 1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 green \*Mrs. Vazquez & Ms. Rao's Class ONLY\*
- **1 One Inch Binder** that will be used as our portfolios. \*Mrs. Ott's (Fahan) & Mrs. Galati's classes ONLY\*

## Also Appreciated:

- 2 boxes of Facial Tissues
- 12-15 Elmer's Glue Sticks, small size (please no gel sticks or scented sticks)
- 2-3 small bottles of Elmer's School Glue \*Ms. Rao's Class ONLY\*
- 1 box of Crayola Crayons
- 1 box of Washable Markers (unscented)
- Pack of thin black Dry Erase markers (for student, not teacher use) \*Ms. Rao, Mrs. Vazquez, & Mrs. Galati ONLY\*
- 1 box of Ziplock bags (gallon, quart, sandwich, or snack size)
- 3-4 extra cans of Play-Doh
- A bottle of hand sanitizer
- A set of watercolor paints
- Clorox Wipes or Baby Wipes
- Roll of Bounty Paper Towels

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## **Obligatorio:**

- Mochila: Por favor, etiquétela con el nombre, el profesor/a y el número de autobús. Por favor, sin ruedas.
- UN CAMBIO DE ROPA COMPLETO en una bolsa Ziploc etiquetada con el nombre de su hijo/a (camiseta, pantalón, ropa interior, calcetines).
- 1 juego de auriculares supraaurales (no de botón ni inalámbricos) para usar en la computadora, etiquetados con el nombre de su hijo/a.
- Una botella de agua reutilizable con tapa hermética etiquetada con el nombre de su hijo/a, preferiblemente con popote.
- 1 estuche de plástico para lápices: No se permiten estuches blandos ni con cierre. Por favor, etiquételo con el nombre de su hijo/a. \*SOLO para las clases de la Sra. Ott (Fahan) y la Sra. Galati y la Sra. Vazquez\*
- 3 latas de plastilina.
- Paquete de tarjetas de índice SIN RAYOS de 3x5 SOLO Sra. Vázquez
- Carpetas de plástico con dos bolsillos: 1 roja, 1 azul, 1 amarilla y 1 verde. \*SOLO para la clase de la Sra. Rao y la Sra. Vazquez\*
- 1 carpeta de una pulgada que se usará como portafolios. \*SOLO para la clase de la Sra. SOLO para las clases de Ott (Fahan) y la Sra. Galati\*y

## **También se agradece:**

- 2 cajas de pañuelos faciales
- 12-15 barras de pegamento Elmer's pequeñas (no usar barras de gel ni perfumadas)
- 2-3 botes pequeños de pegamento escolar Elmer's \*SOLO para la clase de la Sra. Rao\*
- 1 caja de crayones Crayola
- 1 caja de marcadores lavables (sin perfume)
- Paquete de marcadores negros finos de borrado en seco (para estudiantes, no para el profesorado) \*SOLO para la Sra. Rao, la Sra. Vazquez, y la Sra. Galati\*
- 1 caja de bolsas Ziploc (de un galón, un cuarto de galón, tamaño sándwich o refrigerio)
- 3-4 latas adicionales de plastilina (Play-Doh)
- Una botella de desinfectante de manos
- Un juego de acuarelas
- Toallitas húmedas Clorox o toallitas húmedas para bebés
- Rollo de toallas de papel Bounty

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Gardnertown Leadership Academy! This is an exciting time as you prepare to send your child to kindergarten. Hopefully this letter will provide you with valuable information and answer some questions that you may have.

- **SELF-HELP SKILLS** 🖐️ - It is very important that your child is able to manage their own clothing. They need to be able to manage belts, buttons, snaps, and zippers. If your child does not already know how to tie their own shoes, please practice this skill at home. This skill requires a lot of practice, and takes a long time to master. Velcro or slip on shoes may be best at the start of the year. **All students also need to be able to take care of themselves in the bathroom including wiping, flushing, and washing hands.** Your child must additionally be able to open their lunchbox and backpack. It is a good idea to have your child practice opening and closing these items at home before school begins. We would also recommend having your child practice eating lunch on a timed schedule. All classes are given 30 minutes to eat and clean up lunch each day.
- **CLOTHING** 👟 - Your child should be well groomed and comfortably dressed for school each day. When helping your child get dressed, please keep in mind that we sit on the rug every day. Girls may be more comfortable in pants. The class has gym two days out of each six-day cycle. We also play outside everyday (weather permitting). It is important your child wears appropriate shoes with rubber soles or sneakers that tie or Velcro to fully participate in gym and outside activities. **If your child is still learning how to tie their shoes independently, please consider sending them to school in velcro or slip-on sneakers.**
- **CHANGE OF CLOTHES** 👕 - Accidents sometimes happen, so **please send in a change of clothes for your child.** Your child will be more comfortable in their own clothes if an accident does happen. Please put the spare clothes in a large Ziploc bag, label it with your child's first and last name, and send it to school with your child. Please be sure to include underwear and socks. If your child does have an accident, please remember to send clean clothes to replace the ones used. All clothing will be returned at the end of the school year.
- **HOMEWORK** 📝 - Kindergarten children are expected to do small homework assignments. Homework will begin in mid-September. **Homework assignments will be sent home** in a homework folder that we will supply. When your child completes their homework, please check it, sign it, and place it back in the folder to be returned to school the next day. This folder will serve as the homework folder for the school year. If the folder happens to get lost or damaged, please replace it with one like it of the same color. Homework usually consists of a reading worksheet, a math worksheet, and three sight words to review. Please help your child by reading the homework instructions and by reviewing the weekly sight words. Thank you! 😊

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- **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND SNACK** 🍳 - Free breakfasts are provided to all students at the beginning of each day. This is an optional meal. If you wish to give your child breakfast before school, this is completely fine! Please do not bring in your own breakfasts. Your child will be able to either eat a school lunch or bring lunch from home. A cafeteria menu calendar will be available online. **Please notify me if your child has any food allergies or dietary restrictions.** Please make sure your child is able to open the contents of their lunch on their own. It is also a great idea to have your child practice eating lunch on a timed schedule. All classes are given 30 minutes to eat and clean up lunch each day. Our class will have a quick snack time at the end of each day. **If you wish to send a snack to school with your child, please make sure that your child knows not to eat the snack during lunchtime.**
- **BRINGING THINGS TO SCHOOL** 🧸 - There is a no toys policy in our classrooms, as toys that are brought to school are often lost, broken, or become a distraction. If your child wears jewelry, please understand that there is a possibility that it may get lost or broken so it is best to leave valuable items at home. **Any child who brings toys or personal belongings to school will be asked to leave it in their backpack, or hand it in to the teacher until the end of the school day.**
- **BIRTHDAYS** 🎂 - If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday in school, please contact us a week before so we can choose a date that fits in our schedule. Parents of the birthday child will supply the items needed for the celebration. Lighters and candles are not permitted inside of the school. Birthday celebrations take place at the end of the day. If your child has a summer birthday, contact us at the beginning of June to set a date if you would like to have a school celebration. If you do not want your child to attend birthday celebrations due to religious reasons, please let us know.
- **★ PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION** 📱 - Please use your cellphone or computer to download a free app called "Class Dojo." This app works similarly to text messaging, and will be used as our main form of parent-teacher communication. During the first week of school we will send a letter and email home with instructions and a class code for you to use to join our Class Dojo classroom. At the beginning of each week, we will send home a "Weekly Newsletter" that will contain important information for that week of school.
- **CLASS RULES** 🏠 - We will begin the school year by focusing on the rules for our classroom and for our school. These rules are all based on good manners and respect for one another. One of the key factors to a happy and successful learning environment is an atmosphere in which all children feel physically and emotionally safe and secure. Discussing and enforcing the following rules can achieve this. **Please review the following rules at home:**
  - When the teacher is speaking, you are listening 🙊
  - Raise a quiet hand to be called on 🖐️
  - Keep your hands and feet to yourself 🖐️ 🦶
  - Be kind to your classmates and teachers 😊
  - Peace and quiet in the hallways 😬
  - Keep the classroom clean 🧹
  - Always try your best! 👍

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You will receive a great deal of information about school programs and procedures during the first few weeks of school. Although it may seem overwhelming, it is important to check your child's backpack and blue take-home folder daily and read all of the information sent home so that you remain informed.

A typical school day is long and structured for a young child. You can help your child adjust smoothly by maintaining regular routines at home. Please encourage good eating and sleeping habits so your child is ready for each school day. One of the most important factors in your child's success is your positive attitude towards school and education. We look forward to meeting you and your child! Let's have an amazing school year.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten TEAM