



Welcome to Kindergarten!

I hope you are as excited as we are to begin our year at West Bay Christian Academy! The first day will be here soon! (August 28th). Be on the lookout for an invitation to our Ice Cream Social that will take place right before school begins (August 27th at 3:00). It will be an opportunity to get together, put names with faces, have fun, and eat ice cream! This year we will have our Parent Orientation on August 26th from 6 to 7:30. That is when you will receive all the important information needed to get started!!

Our first day of school will be full of special activities designed to make the beginning of Kindergarten a wonderful experience. Parents are welcome to stay for the first half-hour of classroom time on the first day to help your child get settled. By 8:45 we will need to be "on our own" so that we can begin to learn the routines.

Some school supplies are provided for Kindergarten students, but there are a few items that your child should bring the by first day. Please put your child's name on **everything** that comes to school (unless it will be part of the classroom supply). "Kindergarten" crayons and basic supplies are provided, as well as a folder that will go back and forth daily. The children do not have individual bins for supplies. Your child may bring additional crayons, colored pencils and/or markers to add to the classroom supply. They do need:

- a **yoga mat** (for reading/quiet time)
- 4 glue sticks (for classroom supply)
- a backpack (large enough to fit the folder!)
- a box or 2 of wet wipes and Clorox wipes (for classroom supply)
- a box or 2 of tissues (for classroom supply)
- a Bottle of hand sanitizer with pump (for classroom supply)

Wish List for the Classroom

- **parent participation: lunchtime, "Fun Friday"**
- gift cards for Fun Friday supplies (Stop & Shop, Walmart or Staples)
- little lego people, outdoor toys (balls, chalk, etc.)
- dry erase markers (used in phonics)
- scrap paper for drawing
- a roll or two of absorbent paper towels

Our first unit will be Creation and "All About Me and My Family". Please send in a few pictures of your child and their family members, (including a **baby picture** for the bulletin board), for a family collage during the first few days of school. We will review colors, shapes, and sizes our first week! We will also do a mini-unit on mice and elephants. We are going to learn lots and have fun too! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Blessings,

Mrs. Judie Lospaluto