

Dear Families,

Research has shown that children learn best through play, and we hope that you and your child will have fun playing together with the enclosed items.

All children develop at different rates and we <u>do not</u> expect that your child will have mastered a particular set of skills before starting kindergarten.

Resources have been provided for you and your child to play using some developmentally appropriate skills. We will be working on these skills and many more as the school year progresses. The "kindergarten readiness" skills that are most helpful in preparing your child for the start of school are skills of independence, such as taking responsibility for belongings and changing shoes. Self-care skills such as toileting (including being able to wipe on their own and open and close stall doors) are also essential.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year and welcome any questions you may have.

Best Wishes,

Kindergarten Teachers School District #79