



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2020

Welcome to Kindergarten at Seneca Academy! I am excited to work with each of you and your children to make this a productive and enjoyable year of learning, discovery, and growing friendships.

I look forward to meeting you at the Parent Before-School Conference on Monday, August 31. Please sign up at <https://www.senecaacademy.org/ksignup>. During this time together, we will begin the process of cultivating a parent-teacher partnership. I will share information regarding your child's first day, carpool drop-off, and the upcoming school year that are important to know before our Back-to-School Night in September. In addition, this will be an important opportunity for you to ask questions and share information about your child with me (interests, goals, concerns, insights, etc.). Although I prefer to meet with you in person, remote conferencing will be available for anyone who cannot meet on campus. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

Your child's first day of school is on **Tuesday, September 1**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., with carpool drop-off starting at 8:15 a.m. During this meet-and-greet opportunity for students, I will have a variety of activities throughout the morning to acclimate your child to a new classroom community. Prior to our noon dismissal, the children and I will have a bring-your-own-bag lunch picnic together in the backyard. To help the children ease into our program, kindergarten will also meet for a half-day on **Wednesday, September 2**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. On **Thursday, September 3**, we will begin our regular schedule 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please begin sending in a morning snack (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bar, or cheese stick) and lunch. We ask that students bring TWO filled, reusable water bottles each day in order to decrease the need for refills. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The kindergarten supply list is available at www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school. Please bring these supplies to the Before-School Conference on August 31 in a bag with your child's name on it. In addition, students will need the following **labeled** with their name:

- Rest towel - a **standard-sized** towel (no adult size beach towels, please!)
- Backpack or tote bag (non-rolling, washable) - large enough to carry a lunch box and a folder
- Lunch box or bento box (one that can open flat and/or be directly eaten out of by students is easiest to use)
- Art smock - an old adult shirt with the sleeves cut works well
- Reusable water bottles, two recommended (filled daily)
- Reusable masks/face coverings, at least two recommended

There will be a Summer Social for kindergarten students and their families on **Friday, August 21**, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. SAPA will be sending out more information about this later in the summer. I will not be there, but this is a great time to meet new friends and catch up with old ones!

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

Pam Hauck