



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2021

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

Please remember that ALL rising kindergartners need the Health Inventory and Immunization Form filled out by their doctor. (This includes children who attended pre-K at Seneca Academy.) Forms can be found on our Back to School page.

Your child's teacher looks forward to meeting you at the Parent Before-School Conference on **Monday, August 30**. During this time together, we will begin the process of cultivating a parent-teacher partnership. Your child's teacher 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 your child's teacher (interests, goals, concerns, insights, etc.). Although the school prefers for conferences to take place 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, August 31**, 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, we will have a variety of activities throughout the morning to acclimate your child to a new classroom community. Prior to our noon dismissal, we 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 1**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. On **Thursday, September 2**, 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 30 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, and 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 (pending public health regulations)

SAPA will be sending out more information later in the summer about a Summer Social for kindergarten students and their families. SAPA is also sponsoring used uniform sales on the Seneca Academy campus from 2 – 5 p.m. on **Friday, July 16**, and **Monday, July 26**.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon.