



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2026

Welcome to kindergarten at Seneca Academy! We are excited to begin another year at Seneca Academy and look forward to having your child in class. We know this will be a year of learning, growth, friendship-building, and discovery. We cannot wait to get started!

Your child's teacher looks forward to meeting you at the optional Before-School Conference on **Monday, August 31**. 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 parents to ask questions and share information about your child with your child's teacher (interests, goals, concerns, insights, etc.). Sign-ups for this optional conference will be sent out in August. 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. – 12:30 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. Please send in a morning snack (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bar, or cheese stick) and lunch each day, as well as a reusable water bottle that may be refilled while at school. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, September 2**, with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. Dismissal is between 3:00 and 3:10 p.m.

Used uniforms will be available for sale on campus this summer on **Tuesday, July 21**, and **Saturday, July 25**. There will also be a summer social for all elementary students and their families on **Friday, August 28**, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. SAPA will be sending out more information about these events soon, so keep an eye out for in your inbox!

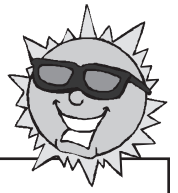
The kindergarten supply list is available at www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school. You may drop off these supplies in a bag with your child's name on it during the summer social, bring them to the before-school conference on August 31 if you choose to have one, or simply bring them with you to the first day of school.

For summer reading, we encourage you to read with your child as often as possible! A curated selection of suggested books for kindergartners is available on the following page.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!



Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List



Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started!

Books About Me

- *I Like Me!* by Nancy L. Carlson
- *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *My Five Senses* by Alike
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer

Family Stories

- Just Me Books by Mercer Mayer
- *Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Jooesse

Predictable Books

(Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm.)

- *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
- *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gág
- *What's in Fox's Sack?* by Paul Galdone

Beginning, Middle, and End Concept

- *Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

Color and Counting Books

- *Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book* by Paul Giganti Jr.
- *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert
- *Frog Counts to Ten* by John Liebler
- *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
- *Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue?* by Tana Hoban
- *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
- *Ten Bears in My Bed: A Goodnight Countdown* by Stanley Mack
- *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood
- *26 Letters and 99 Cents* by Tana Hoban

Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *More, More, More Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens

Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes

- *James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall
- *My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells
- *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola

Folktales and Fairy Tales

- *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg
- *Cinderella* by Marcia Brown
- *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Henny Penny* by H. Werner Zimmermann
- *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach
- *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
- *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
- *The Three Little Pigs* by Rodney Peppé
- *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen

Stories in Rhyme

- *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka
- *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
- *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk

Friends

- *Benjamin and Tulip* by Rosemary Wells
- *We Are Best Friends* by Alike
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* by Syd Hoff

Fabulous Science Books

- *Cars and How they Go* by Joanna Cole
- *Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads* by Barry Clarke
- *Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor* by Joanna Cole

Enjoy!