

# Welcome to Kindergarten!



Boynton Elementary School 2016-17

*Kindergarten is a wonderful experience full of adventure and discovery and we invite you all to come along!*

Here are a few things you will need to know about  
the kindergarten experience.

Be involved – we have many ways for parents to get involved in the school and in the classroom. Our PTO is very active and teachers will appreciate your volunteer time too. Mostly, be involved with your child. Read daily, check daily folders together and talk about their day. Yes, we will have homework in Kindergarten. It will be short and age appropriate. This is a great opportunity for you to help teach your child responsibility, to find out what they are learning, and to be a part of the experience.

Help your child become independent little people-let them begin to do things as much for themselves as possible, teaching them that they are capable little people and that we believe in them. Doing their work for them sends the message that they are NOT capable and it keeps children from developing those important skills. They certainly still need you, but they are entering into a new stage of independence and it is exciting for them. It's hard to let go of our little babies, but we will be there to support them (and you- Mom and Dad!)

The First Day of School is ~~August~~ **August 15th, 2016**. Look for information about open house in the weeks before school begins and mark your calendars. This is a VERY important meeting and we appreciate your support on this night. Also, it helps students make a more comfortable transition on the first day. ☺

**Rest time** - We will take a little rest during the day on our desks. It is a long day of learning for these little people. Small travel sized pillows work best.

**Supply contribution**, lunch fees and costs for snacks can be found on the school website ([www.Catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.Catoosa.k12.ga.us)) as soon as they become available. The 2016-17 calendar may be accessed on our website as well.

**Supply List** – the Kindergarten supply list is attached. It will be on our website as well. Please follow it as closely as you can and involve your child in the process of purchasing supplies to build excitement for school. **Please label all personal items** (supplies, bookbag, extra clothing (in ziplock baggie), coats, jackets, desk supplies, school box, etc.) with permanent markers so that they are not lost. **You need not label papertowels, etc.** Individual teachers may ask for 1 or 2 additional items that may be unique to their classroom. They will let you know about these items at open house. **Also, we ask for a supply contribution of \$25 that covers the rising costs of consumables and also our science and social studies magazines.** We encourage this contribution, but it is not required.

**Relax and enjoy the ride-** Kindergarten can be a stressful time, but **children will most likely take their cues from you.** If you appear calm, confident and comfortable, (even if you're not) chances are that they will be too. Just sit back and watch the incredible experience that we call Kindergarten unfold in front of you as your child blossoms into an interesting, intelligent, capable little person. **You WILL be amazed!**

**Thank You** – for sharing your most precious possessions with us! We will care for them, teach them and love them. Have a wonderful year!

# Boynton Elementary School Kindergarten Supply List 2016-17

2 pink erasers



4 boxes of 8 crayons



1 box markers(optional)



6 glue sticks



2 yellow highlighters



2 plain red & blue 2-pocket folders



1 box Colored pencils



3 Spiral's (Red,blue,yellow)



1 change of clothes for emergency



8 sharpened pencils



1 scissors



1 box Band-Aids

1 clip board



1 Small Pencil Box

1 box of Clorox wipes

2 rolls of paper towels

1 box of tissues

1 small travel pillow (opt)

**\$25.00** Supply contribution  
(see K-packet for details)

## Giving Kids a Head Start:

Often parents ask, “What can I do to help my child get a good start in Kindergarten?” Here are some suggested activities and skills that are helpful for students to begin the year knowing or at least having been exposed to.

- **Recognizing letters (upper and lower-case).** Begin with the letters in their name. Play a letter hunting game and locate letters in the newspaper, on street signs, or around the house.
- **Coloring** – watch for an appropriate, three finger pencil grip.
- **Naming colors and shapes (square, triangle, rectangle, circle, diamond, and oval).**
- **Read a story and have them retell the story with as much detail as possible.** You may have to ask them to retell each page if it is too difficult to remember the whole book.
- **Cutting on a straight line.** Again, watch for appropriate handling of scissors. We teach the thumb goes on top and use the other hand to move and manipulate the paper.
- **Counting objects up to 10 by touching each one.** You can count stairs as you go up and down, plates at the table, ducks on a pond, anything! They love to count!
- **Recognizing numerals from 0-10.** Once they can recognize the numerals, print them on cards and have your child arrange them in order.
- **Writing their name.** Children often use Capital letters only, which is ok to begin with, but we will soon switch to title case- with a beginning Capital followed by lower-case letters.
- **Start talking to them about independence.** This is their moment. Tell them they will be putting away their own back pack and taking care of their own supplies in the mornings. We encourage them to do all this themselves, which helps them (and us) to establish routines and foster their independence!
- **Have a super summer! See you in September!**