



Saint Denis - Saint Columba School

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*A Holy Ground of
Loving and Learning*

Summer 2021

Dear St. Denis-St. Columba **KINDERGARTEN** Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am thrilled to be teaching your child in September! Often parents ask if there is something that they can work on over the summer to help prepare their children for Kindergarten. Please have your child complete the **Kindergarten Math and Language Arts Summer Boost on IXL**. To access the site log in to the following website: www.ixl.com/signin/deniscolumba. Once there, click on the google tab and log in with your child's Google username: firstname.lastname@stcolumba.net and Google password: **12345678**

IXL Summer Boost for Math and Language Arts

Each student will have and **Math and Language Arts Summer Boost** assignment posted in their **IXL account**. This will help solidify student understanding of key concepts and make sure they are ready to start Kindergarten! Each Summer Boost assignment is composed of 20 skill lessons. These cover topics that the students should be familiar with going into Kindergarten. The program is adaptive; if the student gets a question wrong there is instruction to let the student know what the correct answer was and why. As students answer the questions their SMART Score grows. Students should work for a SMART Score of 80-90 on each assignment (ultimately, 100 is an even better goal). Students can choose to do the assignments on any days they wish. **IXL** has set it up as 4 weeks with 5 topics per week for each area, but the pacing is up to you to allow for ample break time for the summer while still keeping skills sharp. All **IXL** assignments need to be completed by **August 20th**. This will allow for the system to be set up for next year and give the students a break to end the summer.

Summer Reading Assignment

Please complete the **Reading Log sheets** attached for July and August. Please read to your child regularly and encourage them to retell stories or help you tell the story by discussing what he or she notices in the pictures. Additionally, it is beneficial for your child to regularly practice writing his/her name, letter sounds, counting, and writing numbers/letters.

In Kindergarten the students begin using digital tools. One skill the children should learn this summer is how to use using a computer/laptop mouse. Students are expected to use a mouse to work a computer and a Chromebook, and sometimes students find it difficult to maneuver one. There are many fun links on the Kindergarten webpage found on our school website (www.stcolumba.net) that they can use to practice mouse skills! (Check Kindergarten/Mrs. Berwick under the *Staff Directory* tab.)

Some items you need to purchase for your child are a lunch box and a backpack (no wheels please!) big enough to carry a lunch box, folder, library book, etc. The children have a snack each morning and can either bring a lunch or purchase one. A monthly lunch schedule can be found on the school website. Please send a finger type snack; nothing that requires the use of a fork or spoon, please. They can have a drink, and I suggest you send in an extra water bottle on hot days. They will also need **1 plastic two-pocket folder (pockets on the bottom, not the sides)** and a change of underwear and socks in a Ziploc bag (labeled with your child's name that can stay in your child's backpack in case of an accident).

Kindergarten Supplies:

- 1 **zipper pouch** supply case with **your child's name on it** with the following **continuous supplies** inside:
- 1 box of sharpened pencils- **Ticonderoga Brand #2**
- 1 box 24 count **Crayola Brand** crayons
- 2 Expo markers
- 1 big pink eraser
- 2 glue stick
- 1 safety scissor

**The supply case will be sent home each night. You must monitor the supplies and replenish as needed.*

Other Supplies:

- 1 container of Lysol or Clorox wipes
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 set of headphones (no ear buds) **in a Ziploc bag with name**

Supply Fee: \$25.00 In an envelope marked with your child's name, please send in the \$25.00 supply fee, which covers the cost of dry erase boards, Social Studies weekly subscription, yearly IXL subscription, notebooks, etc.

Art Supplies:

- LABELED Art Bag (2.5 gallon Jumbo **SLIDER** zip bag)
- 1 LABELED PLASTIC pocket folder (for art)
- 1 scissor
- 2 pencils (not mechanical)
- Personal pencil sharpener
- 2 pink erasers
- 2 crayon boxes
- 2 glue sticks
- Colored Markers (non-permanent) **with black**
- 1 small Paint brush
- 1 antibacterial wipes

School Uniform Requirements for 2021-2022 (Lil' Darling Shoppe)

Boys Uniform:

- White oxford dress shirt and plaid school tie
- Green V-neck sweater vest or pull over V neck sweater with school name
- Green dress slacks
- Black or brown belt
- Dark socks
- Black or brown supportive shoes with laces or Velcro **(No slip-on or "Sperry" type boat shoes)**

Girls Uniform:

- Green plaid drop waist jumper with white blouse (Peter Pan collar)
- Green or black knee socks/tights
- Black or brown supportive shoes with laces, Velcro or buckle **(No slip-on or "Sperry" type boat shoes)**
- Green cardigan sweater with school name

Summer Uniform:

- Green shorts (no more than one inch above the knee) and belt
- Girls have skort option *to be purchased at Lil' Darling Shoppe*
- White polo shirt with school logo
- White crew socks that reach the ankle
- Black or brown supportive shoes with laces, Velcro or buckle **(No slip-on or "Sperry" type boat shoes)**

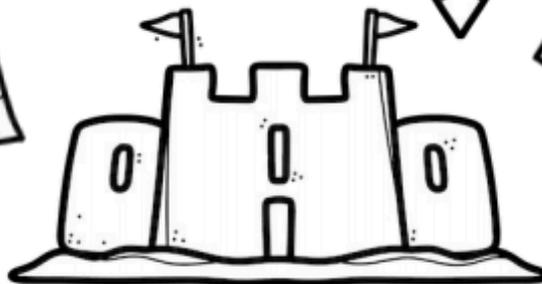
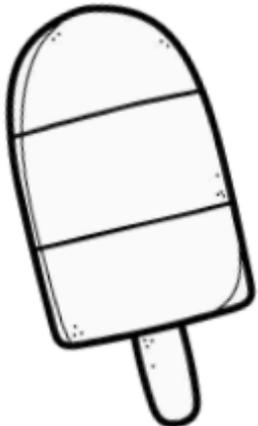
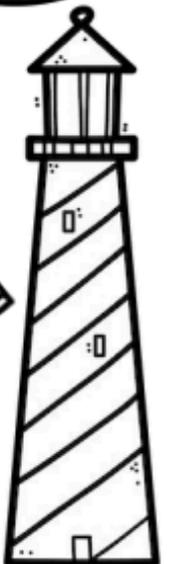
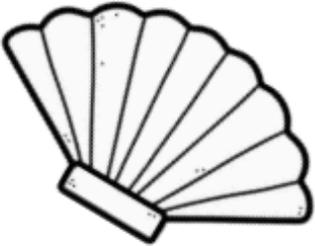
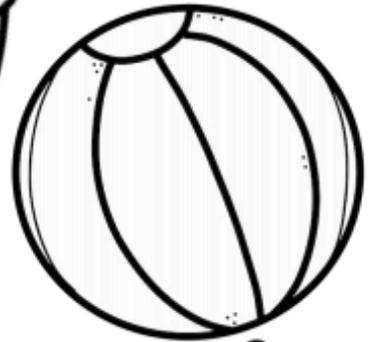
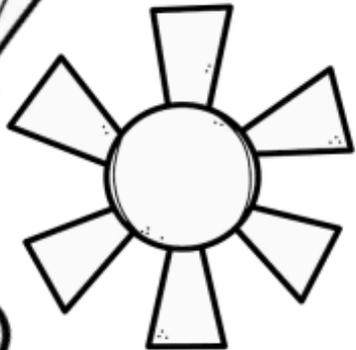
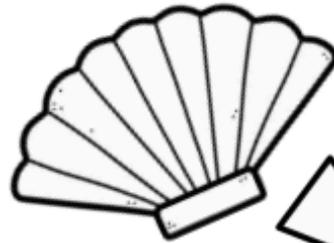
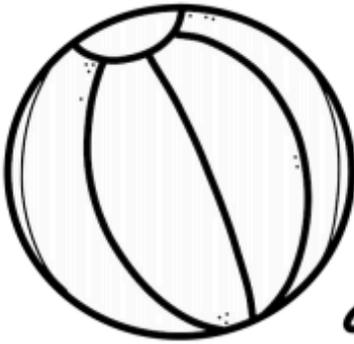
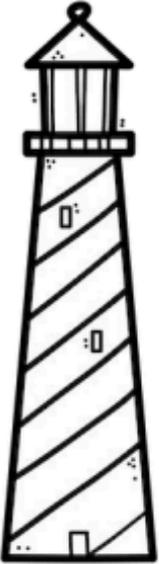
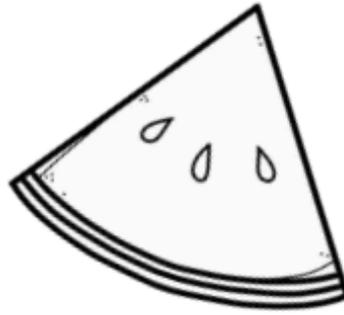
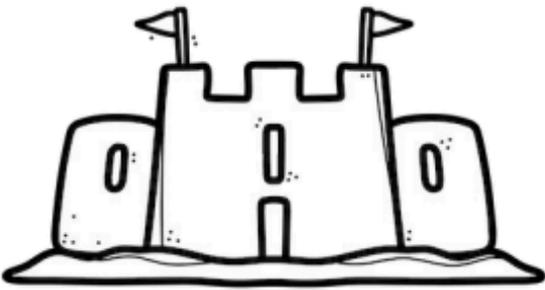
PLEASE NOTE: Uniform SNEAKERS for Gym – only WHITE or BLACK - with NO color

Please bring all of your child's supplies (*except their backpack, lunch box, and 1 folder*) with you on our New Student Orientation Day, tentatively scheduled on September 3, 2021. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at kberwick@stcolumba.net I look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your family!

Thank you,
Mrs. Berwick
Kindergarten Teacher

July Reading Log

Color a picture for each book you read in July!!



August Reading Log

Color a picture for each book you read in August!

