



Welcome Bowman Kindergarteners!

Dear Kindergartener,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Bowman Primary and classroom Z09! My name is Mrs. Ralston and I will be your teacher this year. I am so excited to meet you and I am looking forward to a great year full of learning, friendship, and fun! In kindergarten we will be doing lots of activities with colors the first few weeks of school. We will also work together to create our class rules and learn about our new friends! I look forward to meeting both you and your caregivers. Make sure to greet me with a big smile when you see me, and I will do the same! **Here are some things that you can practice to help you to be ready for kindergarten:**

- Pack and unpack a backpack independently
- Write your first name
- Say your first and last name
- Count to 10
- Practice letter recognition and sounds

Here are the supplies that all kindergarteners will need to have when they start school:

All Students bring:

- Water bottle with a spill proof lid
- 3 glue sticks - **jumbo** size .77 oz
- 3 boxes **Crayola** crayons- 24 count
- 1 box sharpened **Ticonderoga** #2 pencils
- 1 pair of headphones (**No earbuds please**)- remove from box and place in baggie with your child's name
- 1 backpack - with straps that your child can open/close independently and large enough to hold a pocket folder (no wheels please)
- 1 plastic pencil box -labeled with name
- 1 pair of **solid color Fisker** scissors, blunt tip
- 1 box of skinny **yellow** highlighters
- 1 box of low odor **black EXPO** dry erase markers- 4 ct
- 1 container of antibacterial wipes
- 1 box **Crayola** Washable Markers (10)

Boys in each class provide:

- 1 box of Ziploc gallon-size baggies
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels

Girls in each class provide:

- 1 box of Ziploc quart-size baggies
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (pump style)
- 1 (10) package of black **BIC Round Stic** pens
- 1 box (10) **Crayola** thin line markers

Hello Caregivers!

I am delighted to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year! I'm looking forward to learning about your child's personality and strengths. This is my 17th year of teaching and 16th year of teaching kindergarten (Jump Start) in Lebanon. My daughter, Paisley is a 4th grader at Donovan and our son, Everett will be a kindergartener here this year! . I'm looking forward to getting to know your child and your family this year! My main goals for your child are for him/her to be successful in a safe and nurturing environment and to develop a love for learning and school. I greatly value your participation in your child's education; home and school communication is a vital key to your child's success in school. I hope we can be partners in education this school year to work towards the success of your child.

In order to make your child's first day of school a smooth and easy day, please help by making sure his/her supplies are ready to use. **Take all of the supplies out of the packaging. Sharpen all your child's #2 pencils ahead of time. Place scissors, 1 dry erase marker, 1 box of crayons, 1 highlighter, 1 glue stick, and 2 pencils inside of the pencil box and write your child's name on the box. Then, put all of the extra supplies inside of a large Ziploc bag. Take headphones out of the packaging and place in a separate large bag with their first and last name clearly labeled on the front of the bag and headphones. Please bring ALL of the supplies to school with you on your scheduled conference day.** With your help, we can start learning and doing great things right away. We are going to have a wonderful year. See you soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephanie Ralston