

Kindergarten

Dear Parent(s),

Please take note that it is now time to register your child for kindergarten next fall. Your child must be 5 on or before **September 10th** to enroll. You must bring your child's birth certificate and shot records to the school so photocopies can be made for your child's permanent file.

If your child will be turning 5 sometime between **March 1st and September 10th**, your child is required to take the Gesell Development Assessment given at the end of May. Please call West Side School at 406-433-2530 and speak with Julie or Marcy to schedule an appointment. Trained and experienced teachers give the assessment, and it will take about 45 minutes. Parents will be provided with a written profile and explanation of the screening process after the assessment.

Sidney School District uses the Gesell Assessment to determine kindergarten readiness. Students are placed according to the results of the assessment, in either half or full day kindergarten. The purpose of this process is to determine a child's developmental age in order to provide an appropriate education environment. The Gesell **DOES NOT** test academic abilities. It is important to realize that readiness for kindergarten is a matter of behavioral maturity, not just chronological age or IQ. A very bright child who is "young" behaviorally may not be ready for all day kindergarten and may experience stress and low self-esteem that could be avoided by entering half day kindergarten.

K1/K2 open house will take place Monday, the week school starts in August from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. More information will be available once the school calendar for the 2022-23 term is finalized.

School supplies needed for K1/K2:

- 3 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of crayons (8 preferred, 16, or 24)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 3 packages of baby wipe refills (used to clean hands)
- 1 LARGE backpack
- tennis shoes for PE
 - (please make sure they know how to tie before buying shoes with laces)
- a water bottle with student's name on it
- snack (**NUT-FREE**) for 22 students
- 1~4 pack of Dry Erase Markers-any color
- bag of dry beans

This is a general list and is subject to additional supplies according to classroom assignment.

Sharri Vandall, Principal