

Getting Ready for Primary School at St. Mark's

School Supplies

Primary School students are supplied with all student materials.

Backpacks

Backpacks should be at least 15 inches long and 10 inches wide with a spot to hold a water bottle. Explorers and Seekers backpack size should be big enough to accommodate a lunch box.

Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles

Students in our Explorers and Seekers program bring their own lunch each day. Please cut food into bite size pieces for ease. Food cannot be heated, cooked, or refrigerated. Learning to manage lunch items is an independence goal in all Primary School classrooms. Practice opening lunch boxes and water bottles with your child.

Rest Time Materials

Explorers, Seekers, and Preschool 3s may bring a nap mat, or blanket and pillow for rest time. Pre-K students need a small blanket or towel for rest time. As students move into Pre-K, they are taught to fold their own blankets and store them in their cubbies. The size must be no larger than a beach towel for resting, folding, and storing. Parents are asked to refrain from purchasing (and sending to school) thick bed rolls or rest mats. They are cumbersome for storage and difficult to send home for washing.

Explorers and Seekers Clothing

It is recommended that Explorers and Seekers wear play clothes that can get dirty, as they play outside many times each day. Please refrain from sending your child in a onesie, tights (for girls), or outfits that have multiple snap closures. This allows for quick diaper changes and a speedy return to play!

Footwear

To safely navigate campus and to participate in recess and P.E., your child should wear shoes that are secured by elastic, laces, or Velcro.

Boys and Belts

Primary School students do not need a belt.

Shirt Size

Please keep in mind that shirts purchased several sizes too big can't be tucked into shorts, pants, or skorts.

Hair Accessories:

Hair accessories should not be excessive. Please follow the guidelines published in the uniform dress code in the Family Handbook.

Outerwear:

Make sure to label your child's outerwear. Kindergarten requests rain jackets and boots for outdoor play during inclement weather.

Extra clothes:

Please provide a full set of labeled extra clothes for your child.