

MEET THE teacher



Dear Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Ms. O'Kelley. We are going to do so many amazing things together this year! You will all grow so much as readers, writers, mathematicians, and thinkers. We will also learn so much about Jesus and God's Word!

ABOUT ME

I am so excited to be your teacher this year! I can't wait to learn all about you! Here are a few things about me. I began working at Family Life Academy four years ago as a helper. Then I worked as the lead teacher for the one-year-old classroom for three years as I earned my Bachelor's degree. I began teaching in 2024 and I love it! I have two sons, Caden in 9th grade and Jordan in 3rd grade. We have two dogs Oreo and Stuey.

FAVORITES

Drink: Coffee
Food: Nuts and Chocolate
Store: Hobby Lobby
Hobby: Spending time with my family and gardening

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Kindergarten Supply List

Family Life Academy

Ms. O'Kelley

2025-2026

Please write your child's name on the following items:

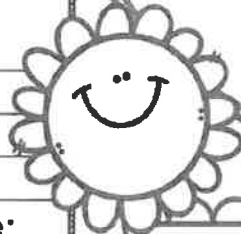
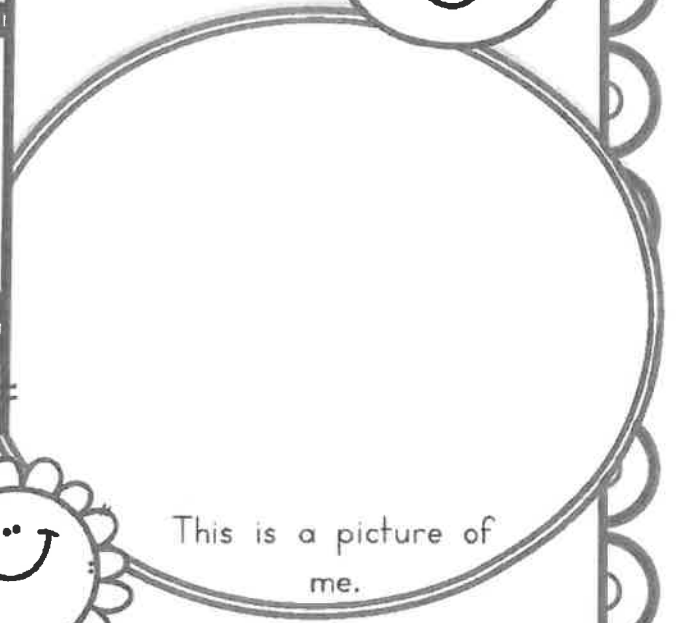
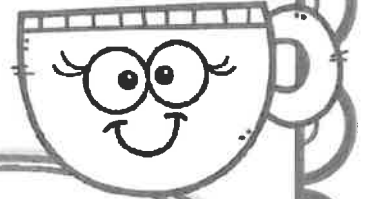
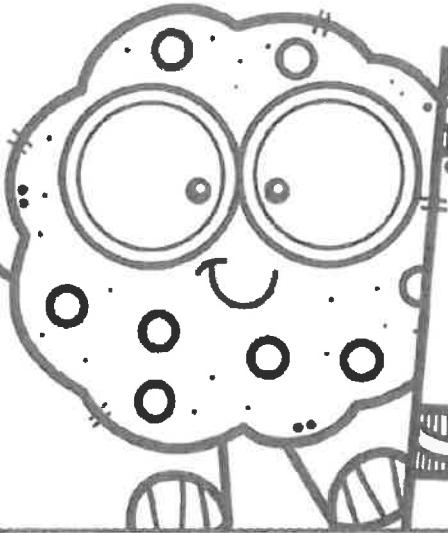
- 1 student backpack (large enough to hold a lunchbox, quiet time items, extra clothes, and a folder)
- Gallon bag holding extra clothes
- 1 lunchbox
- 1 water bottle to travel to and from school (with straw so it doesn't spill easily)
- 1 small stuffed animal for quiet time (needs to be able to fit and stay in the backpack as we do not have storage room for those items in the classroom)
- 2 **Plastic** two-pocket folders (un-pronged)

Our class will share the following items throughout the school year as needed. Please do not write your child's name on them! Thank you. ☺

- 1 box of facial tissues
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 2 package of 4 or more glue sticks
- 2 packages of **broad-line** washable colored markers
- 2 package of 24 **Crayola** crayons
- 1 package of colored pencils

If you have any questions about the items listed, please feel free to call the school office at (520)296-8989. Thank You!

All About Me!



Facts About Me:

My name is: _____

Age: _____

When I grow up I want to be: _____

This is a picture of
me.

My Favorites

Animal: _____

Food: _____

Sport: _____

Color: _____

Book: _____

Things to do at home: _____

Something You Don't
Know About Me

My Hero

Kindergarten Getting to know you... Date: _____

My full Name: _____ birthday _____

My nicknames: _____

My Parents names: Mom _____ Dad _____

Who do I live with at home:

Who are important people in my life: _____

Pet's names/breeds: _____

What languages are spoken at home? _____

Has your child ever attended school before? Y N

If so, what did you like most about your child's previous setting? _____

What did you like least?

If no, how do you feel about coming:

What is important to you about your child's learning experience? _____

Is there something that your child likes/dislikes in particular? _____

Special things you say or do to comfort your child are? _____

Does your child have any health issues? _____

Does your child have any other special needs? _____

Is there anything else that you would like to share about your child that you feel would help us to create a positive environment and relationship with your child? _____

Signature _____ Printed name _____

Please send a Family Photo for us to hang up in the classroom ♥

You're on your way to K!

The transition to kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their school experience...

You bet, I'm ready for K!

Personal Needs Without help, can they...

- ☐ Put on and take off coat
- ☐ Tie their own shoes
- ☐ Wash their hands
- ☐ Snap, button, zip, and buckle

Social Skills Can they ...

- ☐ Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
- ☐ Cooperate with other children
- ☐ Sit for short periods of time
- ☐ Follow simple two-step directions

Intellectual Skills Do your children...

- ☐ Sit and listen to a story
- ☐ Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- ☐ Know their first and last name
- ☐ Tell and retell familiar stories
- ☐ Know colors, shapes and sizes
- ☐ Counts 0-10

Intellectual Skills {continued}

- ☐ Saying the ABC's
- ☐ Holds scissors & pencil appropriately
- ☐ Recognizes and writes first name (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name.) M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T
- ☐ Recognizes the letters within their name

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas; provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your children socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others.

•Additional Academic Practice•

- Capital and lowercase letter recognition
- Letter sounds
- Regularly reading with an adult or older sibling
- 0-10 number recognition
- Count items while pointing 0-10
- Practice writing all letters and numbers

