



Smithtown Central School District St. James Elementary School

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Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to St. James Elementary School! We are excited that your child will be joining us in September 2025! In order to facilitate a smooth transition for your child to kindergarten, we have planned some activities to help you and your child get to know us and to familiarize you with our school. Please read through this letter to learn more about our Kindergarten Orientation Program and our Kindergarten Screening process.

Kindergarten Orientation Program

The St. James Elementary PTA hosts our annual Kindergarten Orientation Program for all children entering kindergarten. The orientation program consists of three, hour-long, drop-off visits to our building during which your child will engage in classroom activities and socialization. Additionally, there will be a Bus Ride & Parent Presentation to provide parents and guardians with a general overview of the kindergarten experience as the children take a bus ride around the neighborhood.

We will offer a choice of two sessions as follows:

Session I: Wednesday Afternoons-

- April 23, April 30 & May 7 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Bus Ride/Parent Presentation on Tuesday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Session II: Friday Mornings-

- April 25, May 2 & May 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Bus Ride/Parent Presentation on Tuesday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Sessions are limited in size and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please sign-up for orientation here: [2025 Kindergarten Orientation Program](#).

***The Kindergarten Orientation Program is open to children who live within the zone for St. James Elementary and are registered for kindergarten in September 2025. *If your child has not yet been registered for kindergarten, please contact the [Smithtown Central School District](#) prior to signing-up for the Kindergarten Orientation Program.* ***

Kindergarten Screening

Screening for all incoming St. James Elementary School kindergartners will be held on the following dates: June 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. This screening will help us learn more about your child. On



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the day of the screening, please report to the Main Office to sign in. (Please be sure to have your license with you when signing in.) The screening will take place in the Old Gym. After you and your child have been greeted, your child will have their picture taken and will be taken to one of the screening stations. There will be an information sheet for parents to complete and a packet of information for you to read while you are waiting for your child to visit all of the stations. The process should take approximately one hour.

Prior to the screening, we encourage you to talk to your child about coming to school and working with some teachers. Tell your child that a picture will be taken and that they will participate in several different activities. Assure your child that you will be seated nearby throughout the screening process. We want your child to think of the screening as an enjoyable and positive experience. Knowing what to expect helps to alleviate the anxiety that some children may feel.

In order to set up an appointment time for the screening, please call the Main Office at St. James Elementary School (631-382-4455) starting May 13.

We look forward to meeting you and providing your child with a wonderful experience in kindergarten! If you have any questions we can answer before registration, please feel free to contact us.

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