



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 2026! 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 two, 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:

	Dates	Time	Bus Ride & Presentation
Session I	Thurs, April 23 & 30	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	May 12 @ 10:00 a.m.
Session II	Fri, April 24 & May 1	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	May 12 @ 11:00 a.m.

Registration: Sessions are limited in size and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register here: [2026 Kindergarten Orientation Program](#).

Note: This program is only open to children who live within the St. James Elementary zone and are officially registered for September 2026. If you have not yet registered your child, please contact the [Smithtown Central School District](#) before signing up for orientation.



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Kindergarten Screening

Screening for all incoming kindergartners will take place **June 8 – 12**. This process helps us learn more about your child's unique needs and strengths.

- **Arrival:** Please report to the front entrance to sign in.
- **Location:** Screening will take place in the Old Gym.
- **The Process:** After a brief greeting, your child will have their photo taken and visit several screening stations. While you wait (approximately one hour), you will complete an information sheet and review a parent information packet.

Preparing Your Child: We want this to be a positive, stress-free experience. We encourage you to tell your child they will be "working with teachers" and participating in fun activities. Remind them that you will be seated nearby the entire time.

Appointments: To schedule your screening appointment, please call the Main Office at **(631) 382-4455** beginning **May 12**.

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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