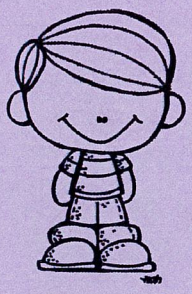
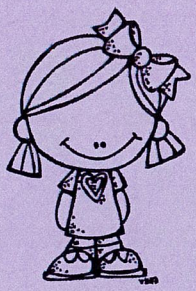


Welcome to MRS. MACHAN'S CLASS



Dear Kindergartener,

Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Mrs. Machan (pronounced May-chin) and I will be your kindergarten teacher. I hope you are having a wonderful summer with your family and friends. I am really looking forward to having you in my classroom this year. I have so many exciting things planned for us including making projects, singing songs, playing games, and of course, lots of learning!

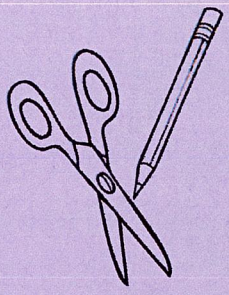
I would like to tell you a little about myself. This will be my 25th year teaching. I have taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades, and this will be my 11th year teaching kindergarten. I live in Chittenango with my husband, 4 daughters, and our dog, Addy. My oldest daughter, Lauren, will be in 12th grade this year and Hannah will be in 10th grade. My daughter, Madeline, will be in 5th grade, and our youngest, Samantha, will be going into 4th grade this year. As a family, we love to spend time in the Adirondacks, play outside, go skiing, and have family movie nights. We also spend lots of time at sports, primarily soccer and softball.

Below is a list of important information for your parents to help you have a successful start to the school year:

- ★ Please bring **one picture of your child** with his/her name printed on the back of the picture to Kindergarten Meet and Greet on September 1st.
- ★ Please take a few minutes to **write me a letter about your child**. What does your child like? What things do you, as a parent, know about your child that would be important for me to know? Please include special interests and hobbies. It is so important to me that I get to know your child right from the beginning so we can start off the year in a great way! Please also bring this letter to Meet & Greet or send it to me in an email at mmachan@chittenangoschools.org.
- ★ There will be a snack time every day. Please provide your child with a healthy snack and drink each day. Refillable water bottles are needed as well.
- ★ We will have lunch at school. Children can buy or bring their lunches.
- ★ Please bring a backpack to school every day. We will be sending home letters and projects in their red take home folders.

I'm so looking forward to getting to know all of you this year and am honored to be given the opportunity to work with your children!

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Melissa Machan



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOR MRS. MACHAN'S CLASS

Please bring the following supplies to Kindergarten Meet & Greet so we have it all ready for our first day of school. We will be sharing most things in our classroom, so please do not put your child's name on the supplies unless otherwise noted. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- ★ **1 package of Dixon Ticonderoga pencils** (pre-sharpened if possible)
- ★ **4 boxes of crayons** - 24 or less (16 is the perfect size)
- ★ **4 pack of Play-Doh**
- ★ **1 dry erase <u>eraser</u>** (we do not need markers, just an eraser)
- ★ **1 pair of children's scissors**
- ★ **12 glue sticks**
- ★ **1 pencil zipper pouch** (binder sized with 3 holes) - labeled with your child's name
- ★ **1 pair of headphones** (must have a straight jack to fit our iPad cases, not L-shaped) - labeled with your child's name
- ★ **1-2 boxes of tissues**
- ★ **An art smock** (could be an old T-shirt) labeled with your child's name
- ★ **A beach towel** labeled with your child's name to be used for rest time/ quiet time in the beginning of the year
- ★ **An extra change of clothes** (including underwear and socks) in a bag with your child's name to be kept in their backpacks (not needed for orientation, but please place in your child's backpack).

* Some extra items that we use and are always appreciated are: sandwich size ziploc bags, paper plates, plastic spoons, paper towels, and baby wipes.