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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Gardnertown Leadership Academy. My name is Mrs. Galati, and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher. This is an exciting time as you prepare to send your child to kindergarten. Hopefully this letter will provide you with valuable information and answer some questions that you may have.

& **SELF-HELP SKILLS** –It is very important that your child be able to manage their own clothing. They need to be able to manage belts, buttons, snaps, and zippers. If your child does not already know how to tie their own shoes, please practice this ~~skill~~ **skill**. This skill requires a lot of practice, and takes a long time to master. They need to be able to take care of themselves in the two days out of each sixday cycle. We also play outside everyday (weather permitting). It is important your child wear appropriate shoes with rubber soles or sneakers to fully participate in gym and outside activities. Sandals, flip flops, and ~~slip on~~ **slip on** shoes are not safe for active play and should not be worn to school.

& **CHANGE OF CLOTHES** Accidents sometimes happen, so please send in a change of clothes for your child. Your child will be more comfortable in their own clothes if an accident does happen. Please put the spare clothes in a large Ziploc bag, label it ~~with~~ **with** child's first and last name, and send it to school with your child. Please be sure to include underwear and socks. If your child does have an accident, please remember to send clean clothes to replace the ones used. All clothing will be returned at ~~the~~ **the** end of the school year.

& **HOMEWORK**– Kindergarten children are expected to do homework. Homework will

& BRINGING THINGS TO SCHOOL -Unless requested, please do not have your child

## Supply List

Mrs. Galati's Kindergarten Class

\* Names are not needed on supplies unless indicated.

⌘ Backpack Please label with name, teacher, and bus number

⌘ plastic pocket folders 1 red, 1 yellow

& Ten Elmer's glue sticks (please no gel sticks, it gets too soft and is hard to work with)

⌘ cans of Playdough

⌘ change of clothes labeled with your child's name (pants, shirt, underwear, socks)

⌘ set of headphones for computer use (no earbuds, not wireless, standard 3mm cord – round adapter)

⌘ labeled, refillable water bottle with tight fitting lid (please no open mouth bottles, they spill easily – a bottle with a straw is best)