

Kindergarten Information

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We are excited to have your family join us as you have a student beginning kindergarten this fall. Because we are starting the year with remote learning, we have three days set aside for face-to-face orientation meetings for you and your child to meet the teacher, September 1-3. All kindergarten-Grade 5 students will receive a district-issued iPad for use this school year. Our district has adopted Canvas as our electronic learning management system to be used K-12. During our remote learning times this year, students will go to Canvas on their iPads to see all daily assignments and live Zoom meetings. On our school webpage, there is a button with several updates as to how we plan to hold school when students are allowed to come back to school for face-to-face learning. Please review the procedures and plans on our school webpage.

First Day of School for Kindergarten Students

Because we are holding orientation meetings September 1-3, the first day with on-line instruction this year will be September 8th. Students will be meeting with their classroom teacher live five times on Zoom the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Visit our Remote Learning Page on our web site to see the schedule for remote learning. Each Wednesday is set aside for teachers to reach out to individual students and parents, for planning and taping of lessons, etc. The only exception is that kindergarten students will have live Zoom meetings daily with either the Art, Music or PE Teacher every afternoon.

Class Configurations

We plan on having approximately 42 kindergarten students this fall. We will begin the year with 14 students in each of three classrooms. We have three kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Fechner, Mrs. Ofte and Ms. Clifford. You can go to the "Classrooms" button above to learn more about each of the teachers.

Student Day

The school day for kindergarten students when we return face-to-face is the same as for students in grades 1-5. The student day runs from 8:00-2:40. The building opens for students at 7:45 and they are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:00 each day. They will have a 25 minute lunch and 25 minute recess time daily. They will also have a 45 minute art, music or physical education time each day. Students are excused at 2:40 each day. If parents are picking students up at the end of the day we ask that you wait outside the main foyer until the dismissal bell rings at 2:40.

Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast is available at school and is served in the classrooms. This is not mandatory. Each day students can select to have either cereal or an entrée. Families can fill out a form to determine if they qualify for free or reduced priced meals. We currently have about 50% of our families who qualify for this program. Students qualifying for free or reduced meals will receive both breakfast and lunch at this price. There are three choices available for lunch each day throughout our school nutrition program, with the third option always yogurt. Students are allowed to bring a cold lunch from home if you wish. (Please visit our home page to see adjustments to breakfast and lunch this school year.)

Snacks

There will not be any scheduled milk break each morning. However, students will have a morning break with some sort of snack. Because we serve breakfast in the classroom each day from 7:45-8:00, and kindergarten students go to lunch at 11:00, there is no need for a significant snack in the mornings. Your child's assigned teacher will be giving you more information about healthy snacks we encourage students to have during the day.

Transportation

For students who live in the Summit attendance area, busing is provided for students living north of I-90 or east of the Clinton Street Bridge on north side of La Crosse. If you live in this area you need to register for busing. Please refer to the "Register for Busing" button on our main web page. For students who are attending Summit through the Choice program, students can be bused to and from your home school. Again, you will need to register for busing. Please refer to the "Register for Busing" button on our main web page. We will be providing a shuttle to the Boys & Girls Clubs again this year for students who qualify for busing. Arrangements for the after school programs at the Boys & Girls Club Program need to be arranged with them. However, you can enter this information on the busing registration form on-line. If you have any special requests or considerations for busing please contact the Go Riteway Bus Company at 608 881-6370. Anytime you have a change in plans for how your child is getting home after school we ask that you either call or send a written note to your child's teacher.

Before & After School Care

On-site Surround Care is available both before and after school through the Y. Interested parents can call the Y directly at 782-9622 Ext 235 to register students for this program. We do provide a bus that goes to the Boys and Girls (BGC) Program after school each day. Again this is set up by the BGC.

If you have any additional questions you can call the school office anytime from 7:30-3:00 weekdays in the summer. We look forward to working with you and your child this fall