



## **Summit Kindergarten Information 2023-24**



We are excited to have your family join us as you have a student beginning kindergarten this fall. We will not be running kindergarten orientations this year as we have in the past. We invite and encourage all families to attend our Open House on August 29th from 5pm-6:30pm so your student has a chance to see the school, classroom and meet the teacher. Each spring we try to have our preschool students visit the kindergarten classrooms, allowing them to spend some time in each room so they can meet the teachers and become familiar with the classrooms. Below you will find some more helpful information as we start the school year.

### **Student Day**

The first day of school for all KG -fifth graders will be **Friday, September 1**. Our school day runs from 8am-2:40pm Monday through Friday. 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 building (main door A) until the dismissal bell rings and the students are released.

### **Class Configurations**

We plan on having approximately 48 kindergarten students this fall. Our target class sizes for each classroom is 16-18 students but there are times when we may have 19 or 20 students in the classroom. We have three kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Fechner, Mrs. Ofte, and Ms. Key. You can go to the "Classrooms" button on the Summit webpage to learn more about each of the teachers.

### **Breakfast & Lunch**

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. We encourage all families to apply. This program is available to assist families which in turn also benefits the school by providing Title 1 funds. 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 entree. There are two choices available for lunch each day throughout our school nutrition program. Students are allowed to bring a cold lunch from home if you wish. Breakfast and Lunch are no longer free of charge. This year the costs for each are as follows. Breakfast for Elementary is \$1.65 and \$0.30 for reduced

breakfasts. Lunch for Elementary is \$2.85 and \$0.40 for reduced lunches. Milk Ala Carte if needed is \$0.50.

### **Snacks**

There will not be a 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 10:50, there is no need for a significant snack in the mornings. Your child's assigned teacher will give you more information about healthy snacks that we encourage them to have during the day.

### **Transportation**

For students who live in the Summit attendance area, busing is provided for students living north of 1-90 or east of the Clinton Street Bridge on the north side of La Crosse. If you live in this area you need to register for busing. Please refer to the "Busing Info/Reg 23-24" button on our main web page and select School Year Elementary School. For students who are attending Summit through the Choice program, students can be bussed 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 and are registered with the Club. Arrangements for the after-school programs at the Boys & Girls Club Program need to be arranged with them directly. 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 or the office.

### **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 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.