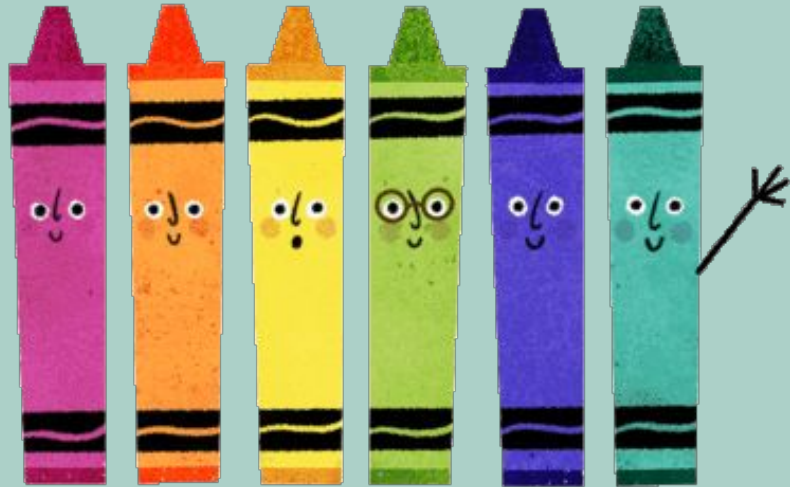


Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation!



Welcome Class of
2036

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION



PRINCIPAL
SCHWAEGLER



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
LIBURD

MEET OUR OFFICE STAFF

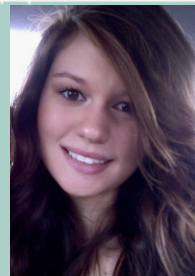


MRS. WOODS



MRS. WYSS

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM



MS. BOSMAN



MRS. BUELL



MRS. WOODS



MS. RAMBO



MRS. RUTAN - WERR

MEET OUR SPECIALIST



PRIMARY SPECIALIST
MRS.VITAS



ELL SPECIALIST
MS.GOMEZ



READING SPECIALIST
MRS.O'HARA



MATH SPECIALIST
MS.CIMAROLI



SOCIAL WORKER
MRS.TARVER



SOCIAL WORKER
MRS.SALAZAR

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Community Supplies

- 4 boxes of crayons
- 2 sets of colored markers
- 8 BLACK dry erase markers
- 1 Watercolor paint set
- Plastic pocket folder
 - 1 yellow
 - 1 blue
 - 1 red
- 8 jumbo glue sticks
- 1 glue bottle
- Sharpened ticonderoga pencils
- 1 Pink eraser
- Baby wipes

Individual Supplies

- Plastic pocket folder
 - 1 yellow
 - 1 blue
 - 1 red
- Scissors
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Change of clothes
 - shorts / pants
 - Shirt
 - Underwear
 - Socks



ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

CAR RIDERS

- Cars enter the east side of the school and go around the school
- Loading and unloading zones are marked
- Car must be stopped in order for your child to exit the vehicle on the rear drivers side door
- Please stay inside the car when dropping off
- Kindergarten students will enter door 13

WALKERS

- All walkers will either enter door 4, 12 or door 2 depending on which door is closest to their path

BUS RIDERS

- Students will be dropped off in front of the school
- Students will enter through door 1 and go directly to their classroom



DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

CAR RIDERS

- Dismissal begins at 3
- Car signs must be visible in your front driver side window
- Please stop when in the loading zone
- Have your child practice buckling and opening car door

WALKERS

- All walkers will either exit door 4, 12 or door 2 depending on which door is closest to their route
- Please let your child's teacher know which door you prefer

BUS RIDERS

- Students will be picked up in front of the school and exit door 1





Communication Folder

- Each classroom will have a communication folder.
- The folder house papers that either need to be kept at home or returned to school.
- This folder should come with your child to school every day .
- Please check this folder every day. Send notes to school in the folder so they don't get lost in the backpack.
- Learning resources and at home practice books will go home in the folder.

WATER BOTTLES & SNACK



- Water **ONLY** please (no juice, sports drinks, soft drinks, etc.)
- Water bottles **MUST** have a tight-fitting lid. In the past, we have seen leaking water bottles damage backpack items such as books, binders, and computers.
- Help your child to open, refill, and close their water bottles on their own.

- Please send a healthy snack with your child. Snacks can be placed in the provided snack bag labeled with your child's name. Please do not put your child's snack in their lunchbox.
- Snacks will be kept in students' backpacks until snack time.
- Snacks must comply with the district wellness policy.



LUNCH



- Parents have the option of sending a lunch from home or purchasing a school lunch.
- Lunches from home will be placed in a classroom cart upon arrival to school (please **DO NOT** put student's snack in their lunchbox)
- Students receiving school lunch will choose from different lunch options when arriving to the classroom. Monthly lunch menus will be shared or posted on the Troy website. Please discuss which option your child should choose if you have a preference due to dietary restrictions.
- Lunch money can be sent via child's communication binder or paid on Skyward.
- Before the first day: practice opening packages, containers, and eating within 20 minutes.

BREAKFAST

- Breakfast is offered as an optional purchase.
- Students purchasing breakfast will arrive at the normal start of the school day.
- Tables will be set up in the lunchroom for students to eat their “grab and go” breakfast.
- Breakfasts may be purchased in the same fashion as lunch.
- This is an optional program. Please talk with your child so that they know if they will be purchasing a breakfast each day.



DAILY SCHEDULE

8:20 - 8:35	Arrival / Morning Routine
8:35 - 9:00	Soft Start/ Morning Meeting
9:00 - 9:30	Phonics & Reading
9:30 - 10:30	Play Centers & PLT
10:30 - 11:00	ELA - Writing, Handwriting, Snack
11:00 - 11:30	ELA Small Group
11:30 - 12:00	Math
12:00 - 1:00	Recess & Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Specials
2:00 - 2:30	Science/ Social Studies
2:30 - 2:55	MATH Small Group
2:55 - 3:05	Dismissal



* schedule may depend on teacher and is subject to change throughout the year

MOVEMENT & PLAY TIME

- Movement and play time are crucial to kindergarten! As a team, we understand this importance and intentionally plan our day to provide movement and play for our students

BENEFITS OF PLAY

- Improves intelligence
- Sparks creative thinking
- Improves communication, vocabulary , and language development
- Promotes emotion regulation
- Enhances social growth and fosters empathy
- Strengthens physical and mental health



We will attend special classes on every day of the week!

Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes on P.E. (Physical Education) days!



P.E.

Mr. Nelson



Library

Mrs. Lanoue



Art

Ms. Dion



Music

Mrs. Salinas

BATHROOM

- Each kindergarten classroom has their own single bathroom in their classroom.
- Please help your child to be **independent** with his/her bathroom needs
 - Managing clothes
 - Cleansing themselves
 - Washing hands



Homework Help



- Homework is always in the communication binder/folder.
- Please be sure to return materials or homework inside this folder.
- Think about how and where you like to read. Most of us choose a comfortable spot (couch, pillows). Your child will love reading more knowing that they can relax and enjoy reading a good book.
- This doesn't have to be done sitting at a table! Keep an open ear as your child practices:
 - in the car
 - at the store
 - while washing dishes
- Keep supplies in a box or drawer. Just make sure your child knows where to look for these materials! (ie. pencils, scissors, erasers, crayons, glue, paper)
- Keep a **positive attitude** throughout the school year! Your child is going to have homework for the next several years. Get them in a happy, healthy habit of completing their homework every night. Having this positive attitude now will help you with homework for years to come!

Behavior



Our classroom follows the same rules that apply to the whole Heritage Trail Learning Community. The entire staff supports the children as they strive to “Be Respectful”, “Be Responsible“, “Be Safe”, and “Be Kind”. These three basic rules are displayed in our classroom. As a way to further support positive behaviors, we intend to “catch” children who are demonstrating these characteristics. Children can earn a trip to the prize box or other reward for positive behavior. Teachers will notify parents using an individual classroom behavior recording system if recurrent issues arise. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher! We are partners in your child's development!

Absences



If your child will be absent from school, please call the school office at (815) 577-9195. If your child will be missing school for an extended period of time (more than 3 days) please call to arrange for make-up work to be sent home or picked up.

Clothing/Dress Code



Please practice zipping, buttoning, tying, etc. with your child at home. Managing clothing independently is a goal in Kindergarten. Please make sure your child's name is on all clothing such as hats, gloves, boots, coats, and gym shoes. Please review the Troy School District Dress Code policy. This can be found in the handbook and on the district website at www.troy30c.org.

Commonly Missed Dress Code Rules:

- *Flip flops and open-toed shoes should not be worn to school.*
- *Socks should be worn with shoes for hygienic purposes.*
- *Shirts should have sleeves. (no spaghetti straps or tank tops)*
- *Shirts should not have slogans on them. (ie. "My dog ate my homework.")*
- *Shorts, skirts, dresses should provide adequate coverage.*

Birthdays



Invitations will only be passed out at school if all classmates are invited (or all girls or all boys). This policy is set to protect the young hearts of our friends as they work to build their first friendships.

Library Books



Within the first few weeks of school, your child will be bringing home a book from our school library to share with you. Please help your child to protect the book from poor weather or damage. Establishing a special place to keep the book will help your child to avoid misplacing it. Please help your child to remember to return his/her book each week. On library days the children may only check out a new book when they bring their old one back. Kindergarteners are often heart-broken when they cannot participate in this process.

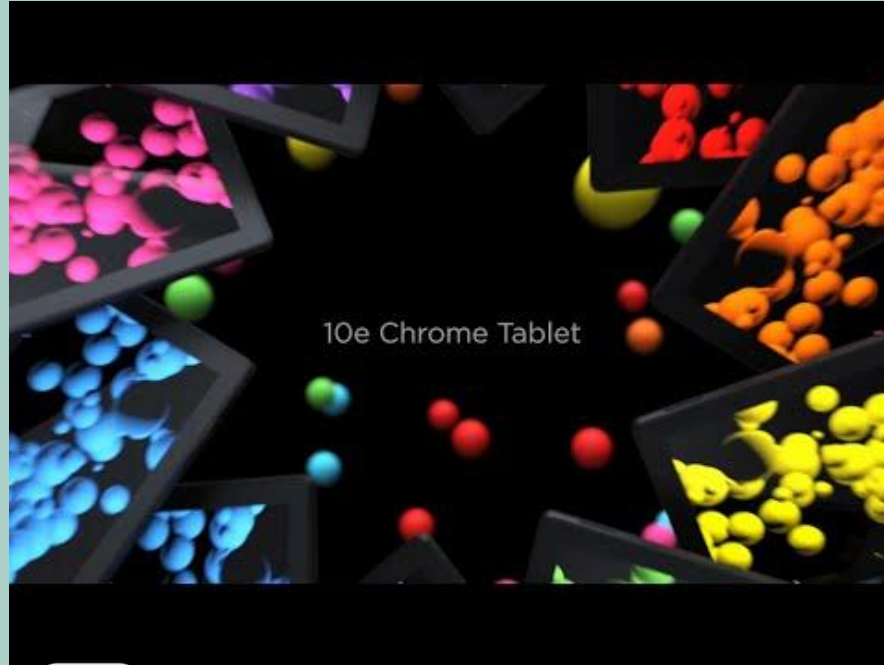
Toys from Home



Please help ensure that your child leaves personal toys at home unless it is a special "show & tell" day. You will be notified of these special days in advance. We have lots of toys and age-appropriate manipulatives in the classroom. On the other hand, if you see any toy or puzzle piece, etc. come home accidentally, please send it back. We are always grateful for any returns...no questions asked!

NEW

TECHNOLOGY



ParentSquare

VOLUNTEERS

- All volunteers will be required to present their driver's license or state ID upon entering the building
- Classroom parties
 - Halloween
 - Winter Wonderland
 - Valentine's Day
- Field trips
- Classroom helpers
 - If you choose to volunteer on a regular basis, you will need to go through the fingerprint / background check process

**Get
Involved**

FIRST 2 WEEKS



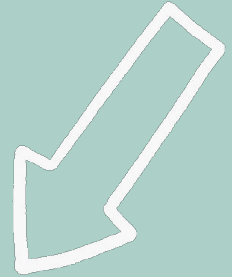
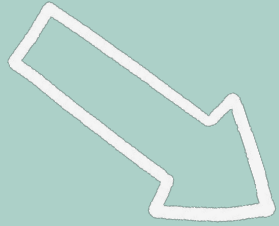
LANYARDS

- Today your child will receive a colored lanyard and badge with their name
- The color of their lanyard will correspond to your child's teacher.
- Students should wear the colored lanyard for the first two weeks of school.
- As new Kindergarteners enter the building, staff will direct them to their teacher using the lanyard

DISMISSAL

- Transportation tags should be attached to students' backpacks.
- **Extra staff in Kindergarten classes and at arrival and dismissal to start the year**

Save The Date



MEET THE TEACHER
AUGUST 14 @ 3 - 4:30

*bring your child's school supplies with you