

Kindergarten Parent Information

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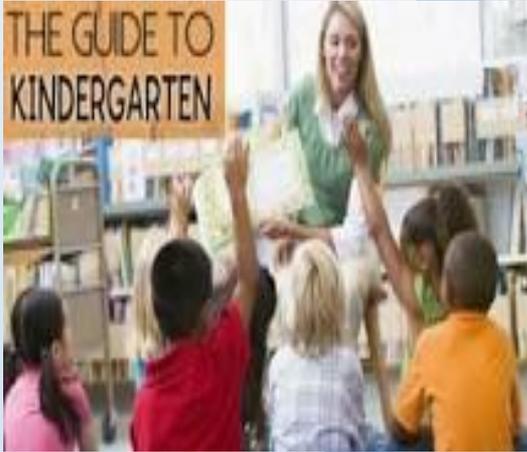
♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



Age Eligibility

Children must be 5 years-old on or before August 31st

How do we register for kindergarten?



Registration is Live!

- Registration takes place online at [Student Registration](#)
- Please upload required documents to complete registration.

Health Services Information

- Certified School Nurse (CSN)/Health Room Nurse
- Immunizations:
<https://www.mtwp.net/about/health-services/immunizations/>
- Significant Health Concerns -- contact the CSN
- Medications
- Update Emergency Contacts
- District Website Information:
<https://www.mtwp.net/about/health-services/>



What is Envisions?



Before and After School Care

[Envisions Program Information](#)

What does the kindergarten school day look like?

Breakfast - Grab & Go is available

8:45-9:00am

Arrival - Morning Meeting

English Language Arts (ELA)-

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Writing
 - Direct reading instruction
 - Small group instruction- flexible and based on student needs
 - Reading stations

Math-

- Counting & Cardinality
- Operation & Algebraic Thinking
- Numbers & Operations in Base Ten
- Measurement & Data
- Geometry
 - Direct math instruction
 - Small group instruction-flexible and based on student needs
 - Math stations

Lunch- (30 minutes a day)

Recess- (30 minutes a day)

Content- (approx. 30 minutes a day - may be integrated in ELA and/or Math)

- Science/STEM
- Social Studies
- Health

Specials-

- 4 specials per 6 day cycle- art, music, physical education, library
- 50 minutes per art/music/physical education class
- 30 minutes for library + 10-15 minutes for book exchange
- Art, music, movement, and physical activities are also integrated in the classroom

Technology- All students in MTSD are issued a 1:1 device, an iPad. A balanced use of the iPad will be utilized in various ways throughout your child's instructional day.

PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions & Support

- **BE RESPECTFUL**
 - **BE RESPONSIBLE**
 - **BE SAFE**
- ✓ **Teaching appropriate behavior in all settings.**
 - ✓ **Interventions when behavior expectations are not met.**
 - ✓ **Recognition when behaviors are met.**



Frequently asked questions.....

What are the school hours?

9:00-3:40 (doors open at 8:45)

Is transportation provided?

Yes, to and from school (unless your child is in the walker zone).

Be sure to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.

When do I find out about my child's teacher?

Teacher assignments will be mailed in August.

When does my child get to see his/her classroom?

Drop-in Kindergarten Open House is on **8/29/23**. You may drop-in at this event midday OR evening time. More information will be coming soon.

When is the first day my child will go to kindergarten by him/herself:

8/30/23



Kindergarten Check-In



We will do a quick check-in of your child's letter and number literacy. This helps us develop an understanding of your child's readiness skills.

Check-ins will take place May 23, 24, & 25 at the District Office. Information about the check-ins will be shared by your building principal.

How do you know if your child is ready for kindergarten?

- Is your child 5 years-old on or before August 31st?
- Have you asked your child's preschool teacher for input?
- Does your child demonstrate readiness skills?



What are readiness skills we should look for?

Does your child know his/her:

- birthday?
- address?
- basic colors?
- phone number?
- first and last name?



Can your child write his/her name?

What are some additional skills to practice?

- Cutting with scissors
- Self-control - hands & feet to self
- Working & playing cooperatively with others
- Raising hand to participate
- Listening quietly
- Following directions



What are some things we can practice this summer?

- Play
- Talk with your child
- Read with your child
- Review the ABCs (lower and uppercase) and numbers daily
- Encourage coloring and writing
- Practice holding a pencil correctly
- Practice making and playing with friends
- Have a set bedtime
- Practice getting dressed, zipping coats and tying shoes
- Establish predictable routines
- Teach and practice good hygiene
- Teach and practice good safety
- Role play the first day of school

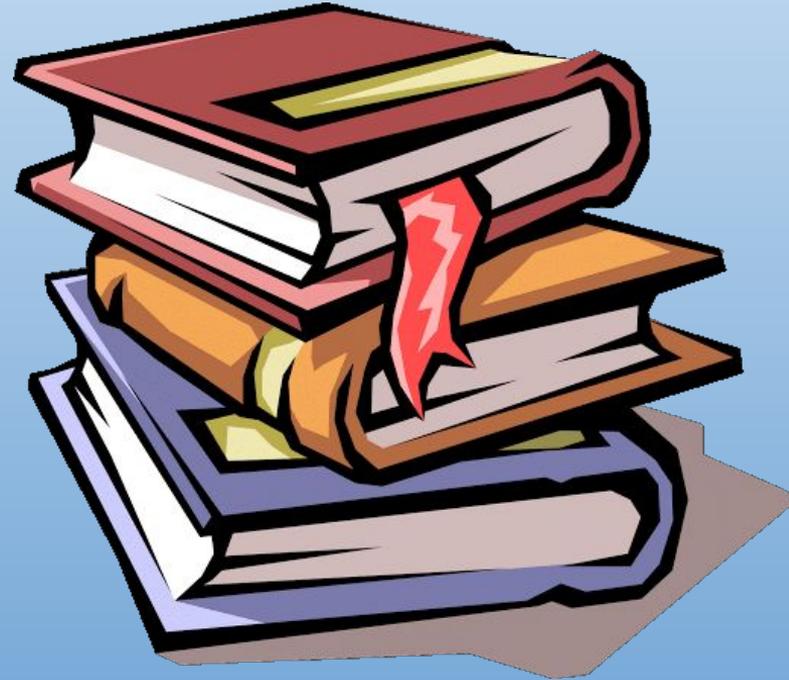


Kindergarten Storytime

The storytime event for incoming Kindergarten students takes place in the spring.

You can look forward to a storytime once you have registered your child for Kindergarten.

More information about Kindergarten storytime will be shared by your building principal.



Transportation/Safety Orientation



The transportation/safety orientation is an opportunity for you to learn important bus safety tips and learn about riding the school bus. The orientation typically takes place in August.

More information about the format of the orientation will be shared with you by your child's building principal.

How can you get involved at school?

- **PTO**

- You can see PTO events on your school's website.

- **Volunteer**

- Visit the district website for information about how to obtain your volunteer clearances.
<https://www.mtwp.net/community/volunteer-information/>

- **School Calendars & Seesaw**

- Calendars for each elementary school are available online. Your child's teacher will connect you to Seesaw to see assignments and classroom information.

- **Sapphire Community Portal**

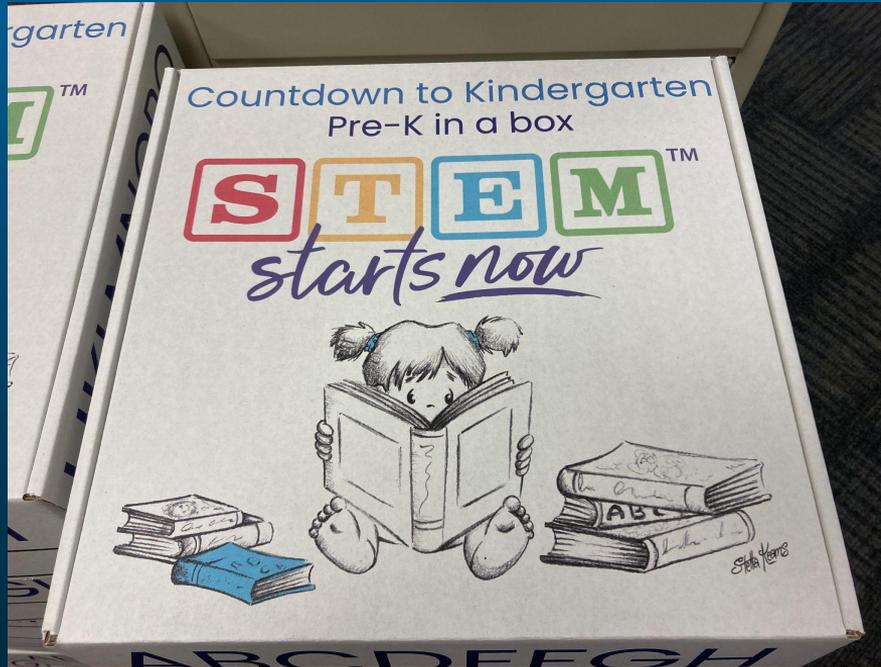
- your link to your student's general information, transportation, classes, grades, and report cards - Create an Account at <https://www.mtwp.net/community/sapphire-community-portal/>

MTSD Early Childhood Programs

Do you have younger children at home? Be sure to check out the MTSD early childhood programs:

- ❑ *Plant the Seed of Learning- Birth to age 2*
- ❑ *Grow the Seed of Learning- ages 2-4*
- ❑ *Sprouting Learners- ages Birth to 2 & 3-5*
- ❑ *Pre-K Counts (Owl Hill)- ages 3-5*
- ❑ *Thrive to Five (Community Action Partnership) - ages 3-5*
- ❑ *Stem Starts Now- Birth to age 5- online digital STEM program*

More information about early learning can be found on our website at this link: <https://www.mtwp.net/community/mt-early-childhood-education/>



STEM Starts Now Countdown to Kindergarten

Countdown to
Kindergarten - Parent
Letter



A message from our Kindergarten teachers

[Welcome to Kindergarten!](#)



Questions?

Contact building
principals & be sure to
check out the district
website at

<https://www.mtwp.net/>





Contact Information



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