

# Kindergarten Parent Information

March 11, 2026  
6:30pm





♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten



CLASS OF  
2039

## Age Eligibility

Children must be 5 years-old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>

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-**

- 5 specials per 6 day cycle- art, music, physical education, library, stem
- 55 minutes per art/music/physical education/stem class
- 30 minutes for library + 15 minutes for book exchange
- Art, stem, 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 **Tuesday, 8/25/26**. 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:**

**Wednesday, 8/26/26**



# Kindergarten Check-In

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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 towards the end of May at your child's elementary building. Please contact the main office to schedule a check in for one of these dates. Links to sign up are available in the monthly newsletter.

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

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- 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?

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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?

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- 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?

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- 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?

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- **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/>**



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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Principal: Dr. Andrew Martin, martinan@mtwp.net

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