

**Welcome to**

**Kindergarten!**



# Meet our Kindergarten Team....

Mrs. Bernardo

Mrs. Manfredi

Mrs. Murphy

Mrs. Sheridan



Welcome letters and supply lists will be posted on our school website.

Look for welcome videos from your child's teacher which will be sent out after the Kindergarten Playdate!

# Administration and Support Staff

*Mrs. Nancy Pickford, Principal*

*Mrs. Sarah Kiersh, Assistant Principal*

Ms. Michelle Lambert, School Psychologist

Mrs. Leia Woodruff, School Social Worker

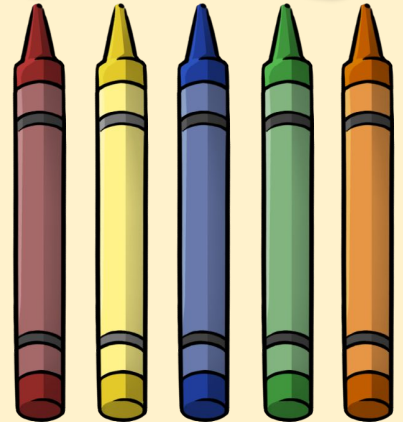
Mr. Christopher Murphy, Instructional Consultant

Mrs. Patricia Baier, Main Office Office Clerical

Mrs. Dawn Deal, Main Office Clerical

Mrs. Nowling, Main Office Clerical

Main Office: 631-730-4200





# Getting Ready For



# Kindergarten



Here are some skills to practice as you prepare your child for kindergarten. Have fun!

## **Independence Skills:** 😊

- Manage clothing (buttons, zipper, clasps).
- Practice opening and closing backpacks and lunch/snack packages or containers.
- Practice cleaning up after activities or snack time independently.
- Follow two or three step directions.
- Encourage the use of words of empowerment, for example, "I will try my best", "I can practice", "I will try" and "I can fix it" instead of "I won't", "I can't" or "I'm not good at this."

## **Social Skills:** 👧👦👧

- Play independently or focus on one activity with a friend for up to 10 minutes.
- Play games to practice waiting your turn and being a good sport.
- Practice using words when you are having strong feelings.

## **Fine Motor Skills:** ✎

- Practice holding a pencil, crayon, or marker with a proper grip (with the thumb and forefinger supporting the tip).
- Practice writing your name and letters with a pencil. Golf pencils work well to ensure that fingers grasp close to the tip.
- Begin to use scissors, glue, paint, and other art materials with relative ease.

**The following are some beginning of the year concepts that we will be learning in kindergarten. If you feel your child is ready to begin exploring these skills prior to September, early exposure can be helpful! We are looking forward to working together!**

## **Math Skills:** 📅

- Count small sets of objects to ten.
- Practice recognizing numbers up to ten (in and out of sequence).
- Practice writing numerals up to 9.

## **Literacy Skills:** 📖

- Identify upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet by name. Practice letter sounds as well (in and out of sequence).
- Practice using complete sentences when speaking.
- Identify rhyming words in books, nursery rhymes or poems.

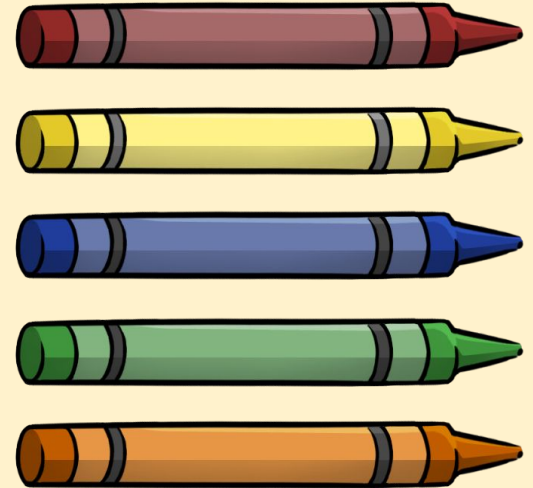
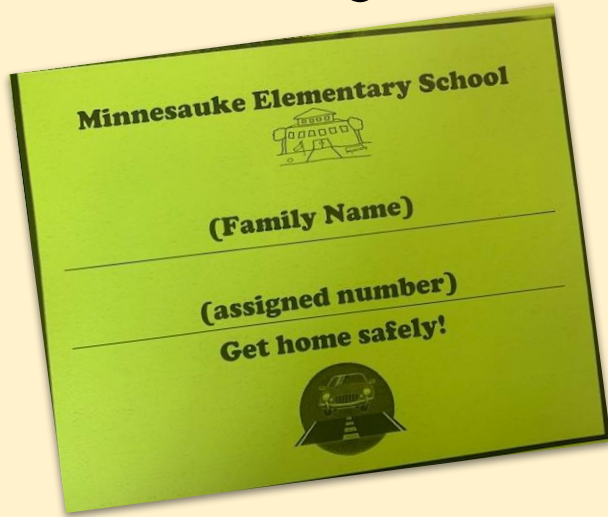
# A Day in the Life of a Minnesauke Kindergartener!

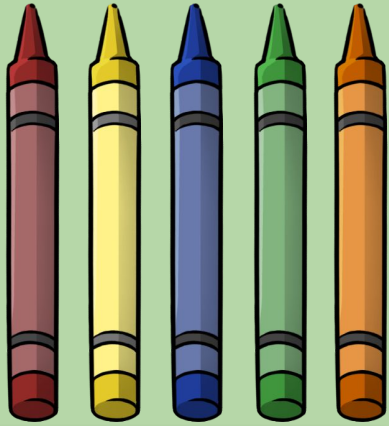
1. Arrival
2. Classroom
3. Lunch
4. Specials
5. Snack
6. Centers
7. Dismissal



## Arrival and Dismissal Helpful Hints...

- Arrive to bus stop or to school (car drop off) on time
- For the first week, students will be met and walked to class
- Note for change in dismissal plan or call the office, please do not email change of plans
- No toys from home out on the bus
- Security Desk- visitor policy





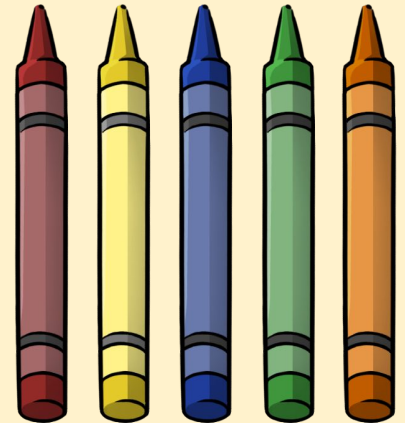
# Curriculum & Programs

- **Reading**
  - Foundations
  - TC Reading Units of Study
- **Writing**
  - TC Writing Units of Study
- **Mathematics**
  - Go Math
- **Science**
  - Carolina Program
  - Science Lab TA
- **Social Studies**
  - My World Program



# Specials

- Library
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education (twice a week)
- Health \* new next year\*





# School Lunch



- Approximately 20 minutes
- Monitor assigned
- Pack a separate lunch container from snack container, clearly labeled
- Students can purchase lunch, menu on website
- Discuss choices before hand
- Practice opening items
- Allergy aware tables
- Nurse will send a letter if there is an allergy in the classroom



# Recess!

- Approximately 20 minutes
- Monitor assigned
- Please send your child to school in safe footwear
- Go outside if the feels like temperature is above 22 degrees - dress appropriately for the weather
- Practice zipping, buttoning, etc.



## First Day of School Tips

- Keep a positive attitude about school and spend time talking about all the wonderful things children do in school
- Plan and practice a routine for getting ready and departure on school days
- Pack your child's backpack the day before (take home folder is most important supply item for your child to have on the first day, supplies can come in gradually or dropped off at playdate)
- Arrive on time
- Say goodbye cheerfully, be supportive
- Ask them about their day. Celebrate their first day of school!

# Our Health Office ....

Jayne Murray, R.N.

Jodi Cohn, R.N.

Patricia Bucki, Clerical



## Helpful Hints:

- Call 631-730-4210 to speak with the nurse or to report your child's absence
- Physicals are required to enter Kindergarten
- Immunizations must be up to date
- Note from M.D. and parent is required for all medication
- Children are never permitted to carry medication under any circumstances
- Parents are encourage to pack their child's lunch if there are any dietary needs
- Please send in an extra change of clothing

# Minnesauke Parent Teacher Association

Facebook group (search “Minnesauke PTA”):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/113469347924/>

Website

[www.Minnesaukepta.com](http://www.Minnesaukepta.com)

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online membership/join the PTA, \$10 per person.

<https://minnesauke.memberhub.store/store>



# Kindergarten Playdate

SAVE THE DATE!!

MINNESAUKE ELEMENTARY AND THE MINNESAUKE PTA

## KINDERGARTEN PLAYDATE

Thursday August 26th!

TIME and Event Specifics will be  
forthcoming

K child and 1 parent are invited to join us!  
Meet on the blacktop to get your teacher  
assignment, drop off your school supplies  
& get ready for a new school year!



*See you in September!*

