

**VALLEY STREAM UFSD #13**  
**Where Children Come First**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

## **WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE BENEFICIAL PRIOR TO ENTERING KINDERGARTEN**

Take your child on trips, involve him/her in daily routines and discuss what you see, hear, touch, smell or taste (i.e., walk around the neighborhood, the park, a bakery, the supermarket, etc.).

Bring your child to the library and take advantage of any preschool library programs available for youngsters. Many times there is a summer library program.

Arrange play dates with children of the same age.

Allow your child to have quiet time each day.

## **KINDERGARTEN PREPARATION**

## **PREPARATION FOR KINDERGARTEN**

Practice having your child snap, zipper, button, and tie.

Read to your child and discuss the pictures and stories together.

Talk with your child about everyday experiences, and ask open ended questions.

Help your child to recognize the letters of the alphabet.

Expose your child to numbers 1-10.

Have your child count objects and sort them by color, shape, size, category, etc.

Help your child recognize and write his/her name using an uppercase letter at the beginning of the name and lowercase letters for the rest of the name.

Let your child experience using (Fiskar®) scissors.

## **KINDERGARTEN PREPARATION**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIFE OF A KINDERGARTNER**

- Q. Will the children have to go in the hallway by themselves to use the bathroom?**  
No, all kindergarten classrooms have a bathroom right in the classroom. Children are also reminded at regular intervals to use the facilities. Please practice bathroom skills with your children at home prior to the beginning of school.
- Q. What happens if my child has an accident?**  
Your child will be sent to the nurse's office to change clothes and you will be informed of the incident. Sending in an extra set of clothes is a good idea since accidents are relatively common at this age.
- Q. Where will my child be eating lunch?**  
Howell, Willow and Wheeler kindergarten children eat lunch in the classroom with a teacher's aide. Dever kindergarten children eat in the cafeteria. All lunches are to be sent in from home.
- Q. Will my child have outdoor recess?**  
Kindergarten students do go outside to the playground and are monitored by classroom aides during this time. In inclement weather they remain in their classroom.
- Q. How will my child know where to go in the beginning of the school year?**  
For the first month of school, all available staff will be outside to greet the children and assist them in finding their place on line. In inclement weather they are brought directly to their classroom to wait on line. Children are monitored by staff and selected sixth grade students.
- Q. What will happen if my child is crying when he or she gets off the bus?**  
Trained professional staff will be available to assess their concerns and help them feel more comfortable. This usually entails staying with the child until he/she is no longer upset.
- Q. How will my child know what bus to get on in the afternoon?**  
Throughout the entire school year, staff will be escorting your children onto the bus.

**Remember a bright smile and a quick hug is all most kindergartners need!!!**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS?**

There are a variety of services available to meet the specific, individual needs of all our kindergarten students. These services are obtainable if it is determined that the child meets the school district's guidelines.

### **~Speech-Language Therapy**

**Any questions or concerns call Special Services**

**Lisa Sells-Asch**

**568-6260**

### **~Counseling**

**Contract your School Psychologist**

### **~Occupational Therapy**

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### **~Physical Therapy**

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### **~English as a Second Language**

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## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

# KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

## English Language Arts

- **Reading**
  - letter recognition
  - phonemic awareness
  - Sight words
  - Shared reading
  - Guided reading
  - Waterford computerized reading program in each kindergarten classroom
  
- **Writing**
  - expresses thought through pictures and print
  - holds pencils appropriately
  
- **Listening/Speaking Skills**
  - listens respectfully
  - takes turns speaking
  - expresses thoughts clearly with detail
  - listens to a story and contributes to discussions
  - follows directions

**Mathematics** – recognition and understanding of numbers, shapes, and patterns

**Social Studies** - awareness of self, family, community, and holidays

**Science/Health** – hands-on experiences with an emphasis on the five senses

**Special Classes** – Library, Computer, Physical Education, Art and Music

# CURRICULUM

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided for kindergarten children who live  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile or more from the school.



Questions about transportation can be directed to Veterans Bus Company at 561-7070.

## TRANSPORTATION

## THE SCHOOL NURSE

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Health offices. There is a nurse in each building to provide first aid, perform mandated screenings, and help maintain the general health of the students and staff.

James A. Dever School	P. Ayres	568-6123
Howell Road School	J. Lowery	568-6133
Wheeler Avenue School	C. Ignaciuk	568-6143
Willow Road School	D. Byrnes	568-6643

### **Early Absentee Check:**

Our school district has an early absentee check system. We require that you call your school's Health Office to report your child's absence. Please leave a message as soon as you are aware that your child will be absent. A message may be left 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Nurse will call all parents of children who are absent but who were not reported by their parents.

### **Contact Verification Forms:**

A "contact verification for students" form was included in your registration packet. Please fill out the form completely with current phone numbers where the student's parent and/or guardian can be reached. Please, also include the name and numbers of at least two individuals who will take care of your child if you cannot be reached. Remember to inform the school immediately of any telephone number changes.

### **Screenings:**

During the school year the nurse will perform several mandated screenings. Height, weight and BMI will be done during a physical education class. Vision and hearing screenings will be done and scoliosis screenings will be done in grades 5 and 6. If any abnormality is noted, the nurse will contact you and advise a follow up with your health care provider.

NURSE

**Immunization:**

New York State Law requires that schools *must* have on file a Certificate of Immunization *signed and stamped* by a child's Health Care Provider *before* he/she may enter the classroom.

The required immunizations are:

1. Three doses of Diphtheria, preferably as DtaP
2. Three doses of Polio, either as eIPV or OPV
3. Two doses of MMR, first dose administered *after* one year of age
4. Three doses of Hepatitis B
5. One dose of Varicella administered *after* one year of age *or* proof of disease *signed and stamped* by the doctor
- 6/ For sixth grade entrants, one dose of Tdap at the child's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Dental:**

A Dental Health Certificate is required for students in Kindergarten and Grades 2 and 4. The certificate must contain a report of a comprehensive dental exam.

**Physicals:**

Physical examinations are required by New York State Law for all new students and students in Kindergarten, grade 2 and grade 4 and classified students in the triennial year. The physical must have been done within the last year. If a physical examination is not submitted, your child will be examined by the School Doctor.

**Medication in School:**

The school nurse may administer medication in school if **ALL** the following information is submitted:

1. written request from the parent
2. written order from the physician stating:
  - child's name
  - diagnosis
  - medication
  - frequency of administration
  - possible side effects
3. The medication must be in the original pharmacy container and brought to school by an adult. Children should never have any type of medication in their possession, even over-the-counter medication. The School Nurse may administer over-the-counter medication with a doctor's order and if the above procedure is followed.

**NURSE**

**Illness:**

Please keep your child home if he/she

- has a fever (100 or over)
- is vomiting
- has diarrhea
- has a bad cold

If your child becomes ill in school, the nurse will call a parent to make arrangements to take the child home. The school district has a policy with regard to *strep infections*. Any student diagnosed with a *strep infection* will not be allowed to return to school until he/she has completed 48 hours of antibiotics. This policy has significantly reduced the amount of strep infections in the primary grades.

When a child *visits* the nurse, the child will bring home a “Health Office” form stating the date, time, and reason for the visit and care given. Please feel free to call your school’s nurse with any question you may have.

**NURSE**

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