

# MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR  
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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HELPFUL LINKS/INFO.

# BACK TO SCHOOL!

- CLASS PLACEMENT IN AUGUST ON INFINITE CAMPUS
- SCHOOL BEGINS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, WITH A FULL DAY SCHEDULE

# A MESSAGE FROM NURSE MARY MCCARTHY

- [HTTPS://WWW.WEVIDEO.COM/VIEW/1723685160](https://www.wevideo.com/view/1723685160)



# KIDS CARE BEFORE AND AFTER CHILDCARE

*State Licensed Daycare within school building*

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Experienced, caring staff certified in CPR and first aid.  
**NO MINIMUM WEEKLY COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED**

## HOURS

**7:30 AM and 3:25 PM until 6:00 PM**  
*(following school calendar)*

## ACTIVITIES

**Arts/Crafts, Games, Outdoor Play,  
& Individual Homework Help**



*For registration forms and information,  
please email Rosanne Young at [kidscareregister@yahoo.com](mailto:kidscareregister@yahoo.com)  
Please include your child's name, grade, and school in your request.*

*All children must be registered and have health records to attend. Kids Care has a tax ID # and statements will be provided for childcare reimbursement accounts.*

# PROGRAM

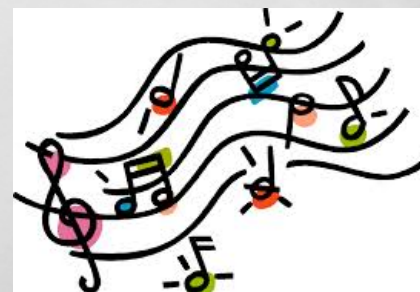
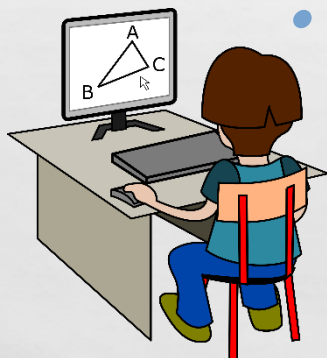
- LANGUAGE ARTS
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- HEALTH AND SAFETY
- MUSIC
- ART
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- LIBRARY/MEDIA/TECH
- LUNCH, RECESS, AND SOCIAL INTERACTION





# STAFF & SPECIALS

- ONE FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
- PARAPROFESSIONAL SUPPORT
- TWO (40-MINUTE) PERIODS OF MUSIC AND PHYSICAL ED
- ONE (40-MINUTE) PERIOD OF ART AND MEDIA/TECH PERIOD



# TRANSPORTATION



- BUS TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LIVING IN EXCESS OF  $\frac{3}{4}$  MILE FROM SCHOOL
  - EARLY DISMISSAL TIME (CONFERENCES/TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/INCLEMENT WEATHER) IS 1:40PM
  - 2 HOUR DELAYED OPENING (DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCIES) SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 10:55 AM
- PICK-UP STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE GYMNASIUM AREA
- UTILIZE STOP, KISS, DROP LOOP FOR DROP OFF & PICK-UP



# MATHEMATICS

*FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD TO:*

- *COUNT EVERYDAY OBJECTS*
- *RECOGNIZE NUMERALS (0-10)*
- *SORT A VARIETY OF ITEMS*
- *LOOK FOR SHAPES*
- *PLAY GAMES*
  - *NUMBER GAMES*
  - *BOARD GAMES*
  - *CARD GAMES*



# CONVERSATIONS

*BUILD YOUR CHILD'S VOCABULARY BY TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD DAILY ABOUT:*

- *EVERYDAY EXPERIENCES*
- *SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS*
- *VISITS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS*
- *PICTURES YOUR CHILD DRAWS*

# STORIES

- TELL OR READ STORIES TO YOUR CHILD DAILY
- ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORIES YOU READ TOGETHER
- ACT OUT STORIES WITH YOUR CHILD USING DOLLS, STUFFED ANIMALS OR PUPPETS
- VISIT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY





# LETTERS

- YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY MOST OF THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET
- POINT OUT LETTERS THAT ARE IN YOUR CHILD'S NAME OR ON FAMILIAR SIGNS
- PRINT YOUR CHILD'S NAME WHENEVER POSSIBLE
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S ATTEMPTS TO "WRITE" HIS OR HER NAME
- ALPHABET BOOKS
- MAGNETIC LETTERS



# PHONEMIC AWARENESS

*HAVE FUN WITH SOUNDS AND WORDS THROUGH...*

- *RHYMING BOOKS*
- *NURSERY RHYMES*
- *SONGS/MUSIC*
- *POEMS*
- *GAMES*
- *ALPHABET BOOKS*



# FINE MOTOR

*PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD TO USE:*

- *PAPER AND MAGAZINES FOR DRAWING AND CUTTING*
- *CHILD-SIZE SCISSORS*
- *MARKERS AND CRAYONS*
- *PLAYDOUGH*





# GROSS MOTOR

*PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
YOUR CHILD TO:*

- *RUN, JUMP, WALK*
- *SWING, CLIMB, BALANCE,  
PLAY BALL...*



# SOCIAL SKILLS

*PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD TO INTERACT  
WITH CHILDREN HIS/HER OWN AGE*

*THIS ENCOURAGES:*

- *TAKING TURNS*
- *MANNERS*
- *WAITING PATIENTLY*
- *PROBLEM-SOLVING*



# INDEPENDENCE



*ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO:*

- *FOLLOW SPOKEN DIRECTIONS AND RULES*
- *USE THE BATHROOM WITHOUT HELP*
- *PUT ON AND TAKE OFF SHOES AND COATS*
- *ZIP, BUTTON AND TIE*
- *SAY FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER*
- *BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONAL BELONGINGS*
- *CLEAN UP MATERIALS*



# DISTANCE LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

- *GOOGLE CLASSROOM*
- *TEACHERS WILL STILL MAKE CONTACT WITH STUDENTS*
- *LEARNING NEEDS WILL BE ASSESSED, AND LEARNING GOALS ADDRESSED*
- *GOALS WILL BE CLEARLY COMMUNICATED TO PARENTS*

# RENOVATION

- *RENOVATION ON THE SCHOOL BEGINS  
THIS SUMMER*
- *KINDERGARTEN IS PLANNED TO MOVE  
AFTER THE NEW YEAR TO NEW  
CLASSROOMS 😊*

# THANK YOU!

*WE NEED TO BE READY FOR YOUR  
CHILD; YOUR CHILD DOESN'T NEED  
TO BE READY FOR US*