

Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Presentation

April 15, 2021



Welcome to Jefferson Elementary

- Principal – Scot Johnson: [Welcome Video](#)
 - Next year will be my 11th year at Jefferson
 - 2 years as Franklin Assistant Prin.
 - 9 years as sixth grade teacher at Garfield
 - 13 years coaching basketball in West system
- Jefferson Enrollment – Between 240 – 260 students
 - Typically 2 sections at every grade level
- Jefferson was built in 1960

Kindergarten Teachers

TBD – Room 101

Amber Leonhardi – Room 102

- Click the link below to watch two videos from Mrs. Leonhardi

[Kindergarten Round Up Bag Contents](#)

[What Kindergarten is Like](#)

Kindergarten Teachers

Mari Considine – Special Education

- Click the link below to watch a video from Mrs. Considine

[Mrs. Considine's Video](#)

School / Family Partnership

- We strive to work with you to provide the very best education for your children.
- Importance of communication
 - Newsletters / website / SeeSaw (electronic communication tool)
 - Teachers and Parents are partners in education
 - Supportive office staff strives to welcome ALL

Class Assignments

- The teacher your child will have next year won't be determined until this summer. You'll get registration information in late July with details about the Parent Portal and how to access your child's classroom assignment.
- We are hoping there will be an opportunity for families new to Jefferson to visit the building and meet some staff members later this spring, but like many things right now, we are uncertain if this will be possible.

Attendance Exceptions

- If you do not live in the Jefferson attendance area, your child may only attend here if you meet one of the following three criteria:
 - Your child goes to daycare within the Jefferson attendance area. (If you live in the East attendance area, when your child finishes 5th grade he or she will attend Middle School at PWMS)
 - You move, or become homeless, DURING the school year, and you want your child to finish the year at Jefferson. (only valid for the remainder of that school year)
 - You have a child with documented special needs that warrant attendance here. (this is a very rare circumstance)

*To see a map of the district attendance boundaries, click here:

[MAPS ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES](#)

PTO Information

Welcome Message from Sang Vo

(PTO President)

- Check out the Jefferson PTO Facebook page here: [JeffersonPTO](#)
- If you are interested in ordering a customized back-to-school supply kit, click on this link: [Jefferson Supply Kits](#)

School Counselor - Mrs. Olivo



- At Jefferson 2.5 days per week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and ½ days every Friday (in '20-'21)
- Teaches monthly classroom lessons on social / emotional topics
- Works with small groups of students who need additional social / emotional support (with parent notification)
- Meets with students individually - relationship building / following up on behavior concerns / conflict resolution / regular check-ins (with parent communication)

Office Staff

- Secretary – Colleen Pankonin
 - Attendance / Tardies / Importance of getting kids to school every day, on time
 - 507-388-2854 (to report absence)
 - Illness notification
 - How to contact school (main office) 507-388-5480
 - Obligation of school to send letters home after set number of absences / tardies
 - May be asked to provide a note from your doctor for absences to be excused, if absences become too frequent
 - Medications (School Health Assistant – Vicki Nessler)

School Nurse

- Julie Carroll
 - Immunizations and Early Childhood Screening ***If you haven't completed BOTH, please do so ASAP***
 - Medication Questions - for more information on district Health Services click this link: [MAPS Health Services](#)

Registration Process

- If your child is registered, you will receive communication from us in July inviting you to sign up online for entrance conferences.
- If your child is not yet registered:
Central Registration is open by appointment only since we can only have 4 people in our office at this time.
If a family needs help with registration, they should call Central Registration **(507) 387-1868** and we will either make an appointment to do the registration over the phone or we will schedule an appointment for them to come into the Central Registration office.
- The following **MUST BE ON FILE AT CENTRAL REGISTRATION** (10 Civic Center Plaza):
 - Copy of official birth certificate
 - Current immunization form
 - Completed Early Childhood Screening

School Year Begins...

- Entrance Conferences – Tuesday, Sept. 7 and Wednesday, Sept. 8.
- First Day of School – Thursday, Sept. 9

How can you help your child be successful?

- Value school attendance
- Build excitement for learning
- Read to / with your child daily (30 mins.)
- Consistent bedtimes allowing for plenty of sleep
- Good breakfast
- MUST be toilet trained
- Communicate concerns to the teacher
- Visit with the principal
- Teach him/her to tie shoes! (if not, VELCRO)
- Encourage independence (i.e. go to breakfast on their own, walk to the classroom on their own, etc).

Our Priorities

- The safety of your children is of utmost importance to us.
- We take teaching and learning very seriously, and our kindergarten teachers have very high expectations for ALL children.
- We teach children to be responsible for their learning and their behavior.
- We teach children self-regulation, especially for behaviors and emotions on a daily basis.

End Of The Year Goals

- **Reading**

- Students will know their letter names and letter sounds.
- Students will read at least 60 minutes throughout the school day every day. They will be learning sight words and how to read real books.
- Sit and read independently for 30 minutes.
- Students will have to be able to answer basic comprehension questions about many different books.

- **Math**

- They will be able count, read, write, and show numbers to 31. Count backwards from 20.
- 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Add and Subtract numbers through 10
- Complete, extend, and name patterns
- Measure and compare objects (shorter/taller, heavy/light, big/small)

End Of The Year Goals

- **Writing**

- Students will write all uppercase and lowercase letters (top to bottom formation)
- Students will write 1 to 3 sentences in a journal about different topics.
- Students will spell simple words by saying the sounds in words and writing the letter for that sound.

- **Behavior/Social**

- Students are expected to share and use kind words with friends
- Use words to independently problem solve
- Be willing to work with all classmates
- Sit at the carpet for 10-15 minutes at a time
- Focus on an activity for 15-20 minutes
- Be independent for routine activities (putting shoes on, zipping coat, opening milk cartons, or asking for help)

Please tell us a little bit
about your child...

Click on the link below to complete a brief
questionnaire that will help us get to know your
child.

[K Parent Questionnaire](#)

Frequently Asked Questions...

- What if my child has a difficult time separating?
- What happens at lunch and recess?
- Who supervises students when they're not with their teacher?
- Will kindergarten students get nap time?
- How can I volunteer in my child's classroom?
- What is taught and tested in kindergarten?
- What are DIBELS and NWEA assessments?
- How do older students interact with kindergarten students?

[Mr. Johnson's Video Response to FAQ](#)

Advice from Current
Jefferson Jaguars...

Advice to Future Jefferson
Jaguars