



Starting Kindergarten



Alfred Vail Elementary 2021-2022
August 31st at 9:30 AM



Welcome! A little about me...

JANET KELLMAN - PRINCIPAL

- Passionate about education
- 12th year at Alfred Vail
- 30 years experience in public education



Kindergarten Teachers



Mrs. Torre

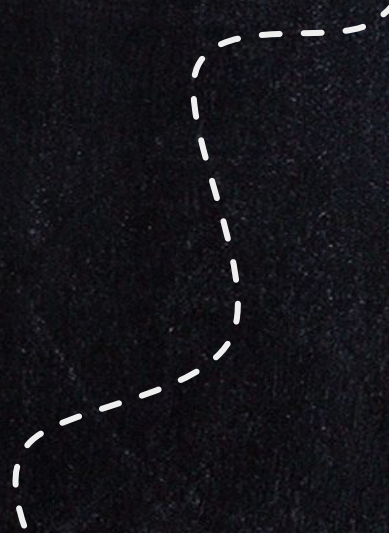
Ms. Falconer & Mrs. Karasiewicz

Ms. Salazar

Mrs. Scalera

Mrs. Beeck

Mrs. Cheung



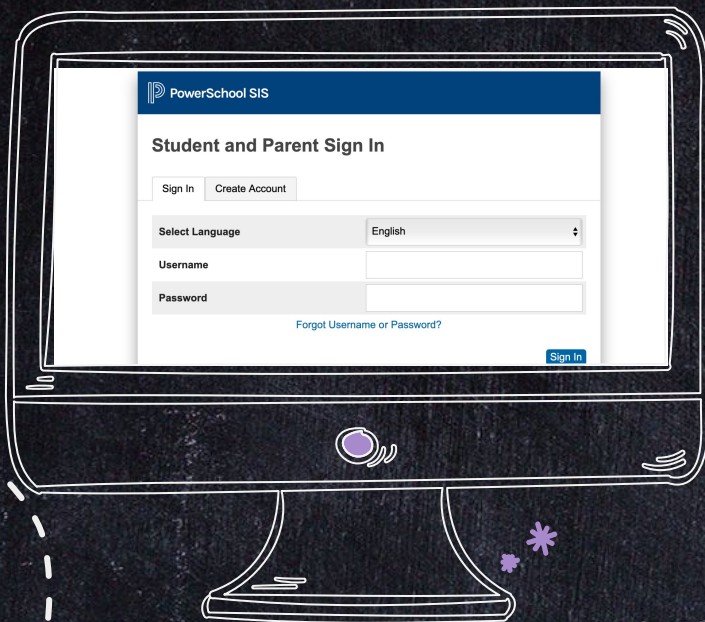
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Kindergarteners are confident
in spirit, infinite in resources,
and eager to learn.
Everything is possible.

”

- Robert Fulghum

PowerSchool Parent Portal



Parents must complete the information on the Parent Portal on PowerSchool in order to obtain their child's bus information, classroom teacher and to update their emergency contact information.

Please create your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Steps can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/MSDAnnualUpdate>



School Hours and Operations

District Calendar: 184 student days

Arrival and drop-off begins at **8:40 AM**

Dismissal and pick up begins at **3:00 PM**



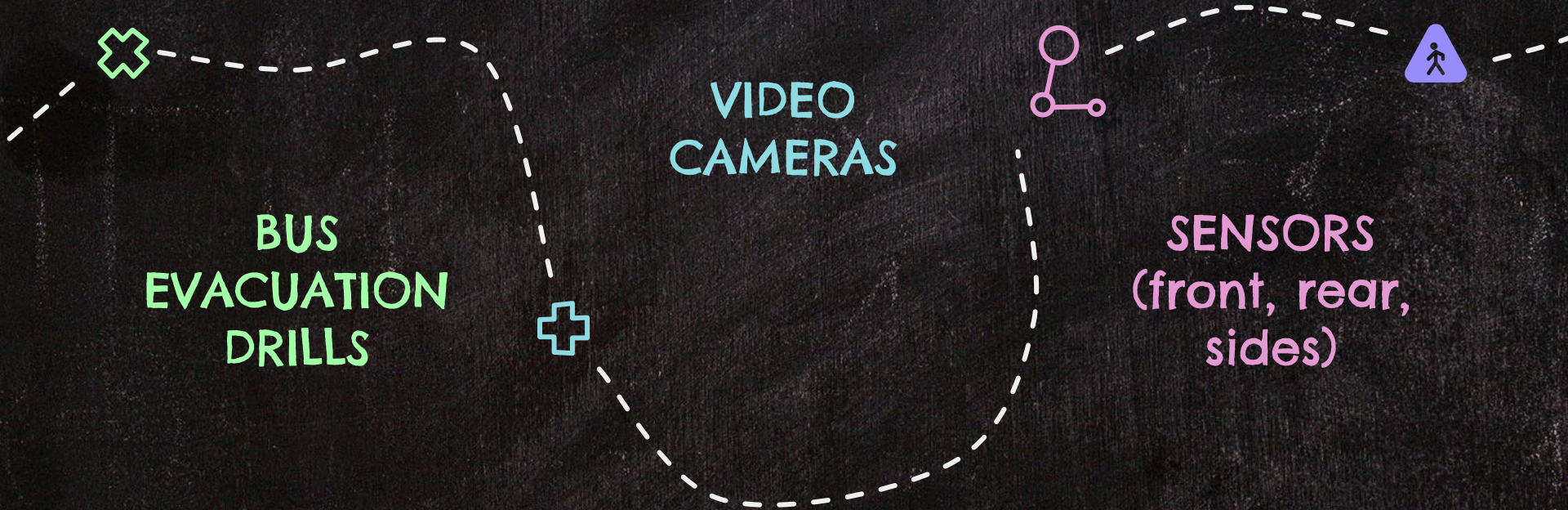
Transportation



- Transportation is provided to and from school
 - With the exception of some streets
- Bus assignments and stop information are available through the Parent Portal and will be sent directly to your home in August
 - Arrive at stop 10 minutes before pick-up time
 - Arrive at stop 10 minutes before drop-off time
 - All students wear seat belts and masks for the duration of the time on the bus
- At Alfred Vail, supports are in place for children being dropped off at the main entrance, which is in the back of the school building
- Call Transportation: 973-292-2066



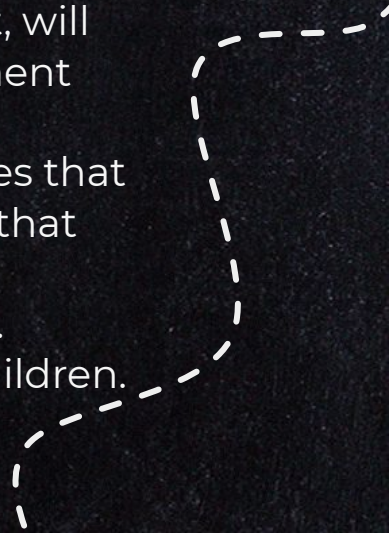
Transportation Safety



Student Pick-Ups



- Early Pick Up
 - Send a note to school on the morning you are picking up your child. State the time of pick up on the note.
 - When you come to the Main Office, we will call your child(ren) to come meet you.
- End-of-Day Pick Up
 - Send a note that indicates that you, or another trusted adult, will pick up your child(ren) every day. This can also be a “permanent pick-up note” that is if your child will be picked up daily.
 - Send a note on the morning you are picking up that indicates that you, or another trusted adult, will pick up your child(ren) on that day.
 - Meet your child(ren) in the pick-up area (Speedwell Avenue).
- Adults may be asked to present identification when retrieving children.



Sunrise & Sunset

- Before and after school programs at Alfred Vail
- 7:00 am to 8:40 am AND 3:10 pm to 6:00 pm
- Monthly Cost:
 - Sunrise - \$215 5 days, \$200 4 days, \$175 3 days, \$135 2 days
 - Sunset - \$300 5 days, \$280 4 days, \$250 3 days, \$175 2 days
- All registration is online
- For more information and to register online, please visit [here](#).



Full Day Program

- Assistants for Instructional Time
- Six day schedule
 - A-F days as opposed to Monday-Friday
- Level appropriate lessons around bullying
 - NJ State Bar Association “Bully Busting”
- Thematic Units of Study
 - Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies, Personal and Interpersonal
- Special Area Classes
 - Art, Music, Chorus, Science, Physical Education, Computers /Media
- Snack, Lunch, Recess and Quiet Time
- Committed to the social, emotional & academic growth



Literacy/Blended Learning

It is a balanced literacy approach that integrates other content areas included is letter work, phonics, readers/writers workshop, vocabulary, speaking, spelling, and grammar.



READING

Interactive Read Alouds

Shared Reading

Guided Reading

Independent Reading

"Just Right" Books



WRITING

Shared Writing

Guided Writing

Independent Writing



PHONICS

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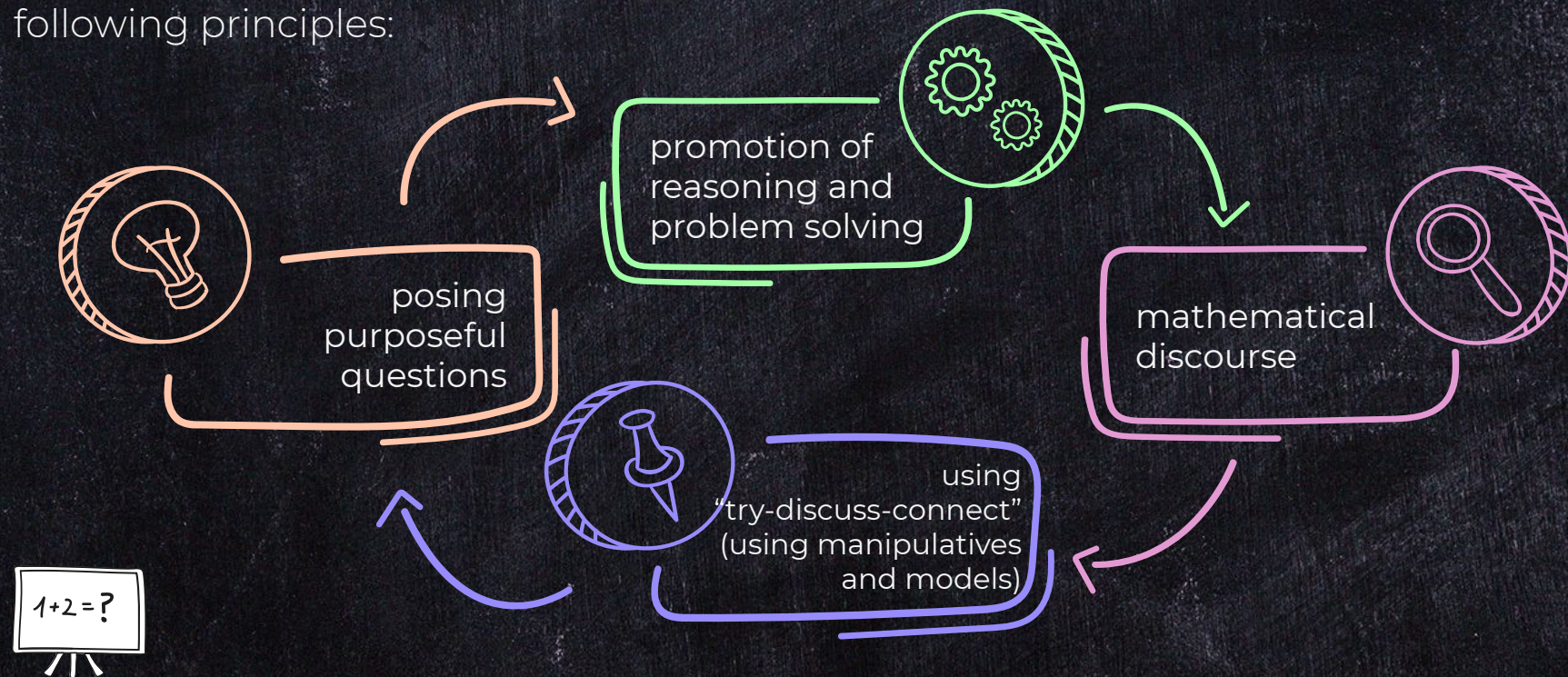


ORAL, VISUAL & TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNICATION

We identify a structured beginning point for instruction and utilize high quality literature along with a Gradual Release of Responsibility Model to support student growth in all aspects of literacy.

Mathematics/Blended Learning

i-Ready math program is grounded in the following principles:



Student Literacy Assessments

- Teacher-designed age appropriate assessments
- i-Ready (Beginning in Jan)
- Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA2)
- Writing Samples
- Student Conferences
- Spelling Inventory
- Teacher observations
- Benchmarks assessments
- Conferring Notes

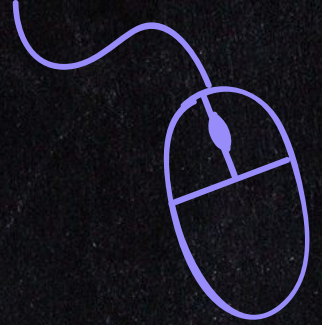


Progress Report

Progress reports measure your child's achievement as they ascend through the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Beginning this year, Morris School District students will receive progress reports three times. (December, March, June) There will be two opportunities for parent teacher conferences.

Technology Infusion at AV



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I-PADS

02



CHROMEBOOKS

03



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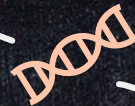
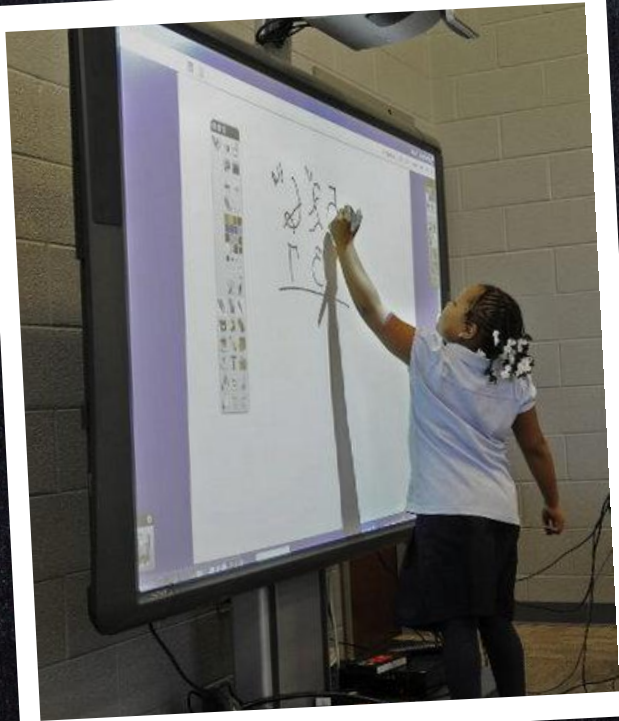
Document cameras

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COMPUTERS

Lab
i-MAC Laptop Cart
Bee Bots (beginning coding)



Technology Infusion

- Promethean Boards coming to every district classroom this September 2021
- Access to personal chromebook

Additional Programs and Extras

English as a
Second
Language, and
Bilingual

01



02

Cultural
Arts
Programs

Social Skills
Groups with
Guidance
Counselor

03



04

Outdoor
Learning
Environment

STEM DAY



Acknowledgements, Celebrations & Practices

- Random Acts of Kindness
- Week of Respect
- Student of the Month
- Ride with Pride
- Pizza with the Principal
- AV Authors
- School Spirit Day
- Morning Mindfulness



Winter Concert



Firemen Visit AV



Getting Involved!

- Home School Association
- School and District Events
- District-wide Parent Meetings
- Communication with Teachers
- Networking with other Parents
- School Website:
 - School Calendars
 - School Contact Information



Safety & Security

- All visitors must report to the Main Office
- Class Three Officer/Cameras
- We practice fire and safety drills every month to be prepared in case of an emergency
 - In-class sheltering
 - Evacuation
 - Lockdowns

Getting Ready

Kindergarten Orientation: today

Discussion and excitement about starting kindergarten

Immunizations

Must be complete by first day of school

Please submit documents as soon as possible

First day of School: September 9, 2021

Starting Kindergarten: Tips to get ready..



- ★ Read, Read, Read
 - Read with and to your child. Download some books for listening too!
- ★ Play with letters
 - Look for letters in signs, practice writing, ask about letter sounds, create simple books.
- ★ Use numbers
 - Play counting games, measure things-time, sizes, amounts
- ★ Encourage free play
 - This helps build imagination, problem-solving, and self regulation skills.
- ★ Encourage Independence
 - Give children responsibilities at home, encourage them to do things by themselves.



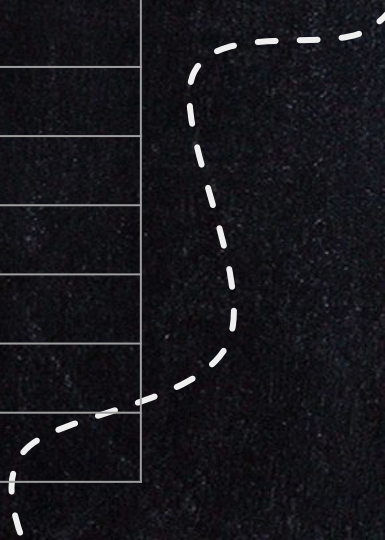
Details About Student Visitation



- Please note the structure and times of our Kindergarten Visitation has changed.
- On Friday, September 3rd, each child will be escorted into the building with one adult to tour the building. Your time slot will be based on your child's homeroom teacher. Homeroom teacher assignments will be shared with families beginning on Friday, August 27th through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Please see the tour times listed below. Once your tour time slot has concluded, both you and your child will exit the building.
- If you haven't responded to our RSVP, please click [HERE](#).



Homeroom	Visit Time Slot
Jennifer Salazar	9:00-9:20 am
Mary Lou Scalera	9:30-9:50 am
Carol Beeck	10:00-10:20 am
Michelle Torre	10:30-10:50 am
Briana Falconer and Eileen Devlin Karasiewicz	11:00-11:20 am
Alice Cheung	11:30-11:50 am



Welcome to Alfred Vail

Hope you had a wonderful
summer! We will see you
September 9, 2021!!!

- Janet Kellman