

HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

2022-2023



Future Class of 2035

We would like to welcome you and your child to our Kindergarten program at Haldane Elementary School. We are looking forward to an exciting year of new experiences and lots of fun!

Starting school is a big step for your child and your whole family. It's a wonderful and exciting milestone, but it also means a big change for you and your child. Our goal is to make this transition a rewarding, stress free and happy experience.

At Haldane, we inspire success, confidence, and hope in each student...and it starts in kindergarten. We offer a comprehensive full day Kindergarten program that focuses on reading, writing, math, science and social studies. In addition to our hands-on interactive classrooms, our students experience a variety of special programs including music, library/garden, physical education, and art. Our highly qualified teachers offer a nurturing environment and are committed to partnering with you to prepare your child for their academic career.



The word kindergarten is a German word that means “children’s garden.” It’s a place where your child will grow and learn. Here are some of the things you can expect in your child’s kindergarten class.

SCHEDULE OF A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY

8:35	Children arrive, unpack, hand in folders and begin working on morning work
8:50	Morning meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calendar skills• Weather• Schedule for the day
9:00	Math Workshop
9:45	Snack
10:00	Language Arts (reading/writing/language skills) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small group work• Literacy work stations
11:30	Recess
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Story time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Often inclusive of different subject areas based on unit of study• Mystery Readers
12:45	Science Social Studies
1:30	Specials (Art, Music, Library/Garden & Physical Education)
2:15	Extended Learning Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children receiving services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and/or Academic Intervention Services are seen at this time.• Small group work• Centers
2:45	Pack up for dismissal
3:00	Dismissal

GETTING READY: PRE-KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES*

The following events have been designed to help make your child's first Kindergarten experience successful.

Registration

To finalize your child's registration, please contact Sue Hylka at 845-265-9254 ext 122 or shylka@haldaneschool.org to make an appointment the week of 2/7/22-2/11/22 from 8:15am-2:00pm.

In the event of a snow day, Mrs. Hylka will contact you to reschedule a new appointment.

Children are welcome, but are not required to accompany parents to registration.

Submit completed online forms & upload required documentation or bring in:

- 1) Completed all registration forms (including Media Opt Out & KI Forms)
- 2) Copy of Birth Certificate
- 3) Proof of Residency in the Haldane Central School District
- 4) Health records
 - a. Student health history
 - b. Hearing/vision questionnaire
 - c. Immunization record signed by a physician
 - d. Emergency authorization form

At this time, you will make an appointment for your child's screening on:

Tuesday, April 19; Wednesday, April 20; or Thursday, April 21.



Individual Kindergarten Screening

New York State requires school districts to screen all new school admissions including kindergartners. The purpose of the screening is to identify any children who may require special programming or assistance.

The screening consists of two phases:

- 1) On April 19, 20, and 21, Kindergartners will be screened individually by the Kindergarten teachers. The series of activities are designed to assess the child's performance on six key measures: right-left orientation, verbal memory, draw-a-design, numerical memory, conceptual grouping, and leg coordination. Each screening takes about 30 minutes.**

- 2) The school nurse will administer individual vision and auditory screenings to each kindergarten student.**



GET ACQUAINTED SESSIONS:

In order to help students feel more comfortable with their new environment, we have planned a series of “Get Acquainted Sessions” for pre-Kindergarten students:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th 9:15 – 10:00 A.M:

Kindergarteners will be assigned to one of these dates when they register.

Parents are asked to bring their children to the Elementary doors. Students will go with one of the kindergarten teachers. Parents will have a Question and Answer Session with Mrs. Jamin.

TBD – “Final Get Acquainted Session”

During the summer, you will receive a packet of information related to the opening of school. It will include:

- The name of your child’s Kindergarten teacher
- A listing of supplies required
- An announcement of the final “Get Acquainted Session”.
During this session, you and your child will visit her/his classroom and meet the Kindergarten teacher. Students will take a short bus ride.
- Additional information about our school
- District policies

*** Dates and times subject to change based on Covid restrictions. Please be sure to check our website for any updates.**



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is a big step for every child. We will do our best to make this day a rewarding and happy experience.

Parents play an important role in easing their child's transition from home to school. Experience has shown us that children become most easily accustomed to school routines when independence is encouraged from the onset of the school year. Letting go can be hard, but don't let your doubts or nervousness dampen your child's enthusiasm. If you have a positive attitude and look forward to the first day of school, your child will probably do the same.

Please check out our website and watch for our emails as this is our way of communicating important information, reminders, and updates.

