

PEMBROKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kindergarten Information Presentation

THIS IS
WHERE
THE
FUN
STUFF
HAPPENS



KINDERGARTEN
FRIENDSHIP
RESPECT
SHARE Be Kind
Do your best
Make Good Choices
HAVE FUN



April 2023

OUR MISSION:

To ensure student
achievement through
excellence in teaching and
learning.

PLAY GIVES
CHILDREN
A CHANCE
TO PRACTICE WHAT
THEY ARE
LEARNING.
-MR. ROGERS





You may be wondering...

What is the process for enrolling my child in Kindergarten?

What do I need to know about starting school?

Who can I contact with questions?

What is the timeline?



www.pembrokek12.org

or

Contact our secretary:

erika.rossini@pembrokek12.org

Kindergarten Registration

Registration is online at: www.pembrokek12.org

Some things you will have to do:

- create an account
- provide documents
- download & print a questionnaire
 - This should be passed in to Mrs. Rossini by April 28
- Once you have filled out all the paperwork, you will receive a link to sign up for screening
- click on link to schedule a screening date
- apply for transportation (buses)



Kindergarten Screening

Sign-ups for screening is when you register for Kindergarten

Screening Dates:

- Monday, May 22 (9-1:40 pm)
- Wednesday, May 31 (9-1:40 pm)
- Monday, June 5 (9-11:40 am)

Nurse

Hearing and vision



Attends
Pembroke's
Integrated
Preschool

Some things we look for:

- Fine motor
- Gross motor
- Following directions
- Articulation
- Separation from caregiver
- Personality / behaviors
- Name writing
- Identifying colors & shapes
- Counting
- ABCs

NPES Hours

School Hours

8:40 - 3:25

8:45 marked tardy



Early Release Days

8:40 - 1:10

Lunch only

- No snack for purchase

2 hour delay (weather or other reason)

10:40 - 3:25

Lunch only

- No breakfast or snack for purchase

Before & After School

Old Colony YMCA

All questions regarding before and after school care can be directed to Joanne Nickerson at 508-833-4796

Pembroke Recreation Program

All questions regarding the Rec can be directed to Jessica Fulmine at 781-293-3249





Breakfast, Lunch & Snack



Food Policy:

- NO sharing
- NO food brought in for celebrations
- Teacher will alert families if it is an “allergy classroom”

MySchoolBucks

This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student’s meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts.

Student ID#

Teacher will provide this to you. It will follow students through their entire time in Pembroke Public Schools. It is used to set up MySchoolBucks and pay for food in the cafeteria.

Transportation

Bus

- Apply for transportation during the online registration process
- A bus tag will be issued at Kindergarten orientation in August
- Bus routes will be listed the week before school begins on the website



Morning Drop Off
and / or
Afternoon Pick-Up

Absences & Changes in Dismissal Plans

Absences

PickUp Patrol app

Marks students absent,
tardy, going on vacation

Call 781-826-5115, option 8
leave detailed message for
nurse



Pick Up Patrol

PickUp Patrol is an app that eliminates the need to write notes or make phone calls when changing your student's dismissal plans



Early Dismissals (before 2:45)

- Doctor's appointment
- Leaving early to go on vacation
- Family Obligations
- Etc.

District and School Communication

How will I know what's happening?

- School Website
- Broadcast Emails
- Paper notices go home on Thursday
- Seesaw app (classroom communication)
- NPES Facebook
- NPES PTO Facebook



August Letter from NPES

- A Welcome Letter including:
 - PTO Playground Playdate
 - Kindergarten Orientation Date
 - Upcoming Important Dates & Events
- Teacher Assignment & Class list
- Drop off instruction with map
- Parent pick up form



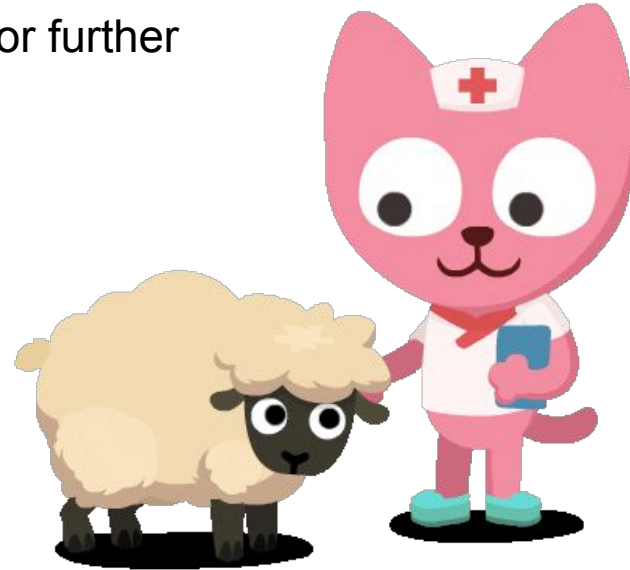
A Note from the School Nurse

Proof of Immunization and a recent updated Health Physical is required for incoming Kindergarteners.

Refer to the Pembroke Public School's website for further information.

If your child has any allergies or medical concerns or you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

Meg Leach, RN
Margaret.Leach@pembrokek12.org



Is it time for Kindergarten?



This is usually the time of year a parent says, “Is my child ready for Kindergarten?”

Kindergarten students come to school with a variety of skills and experiences and your child’s teacher will work with them and guide them through a successful school year. Below are some readiness skills to consider practicing with your child.



Independent Personal Needs

- Wash hands
- Use the bathroom
- Change clothes
- Put coat on and take off (zip, button, snap)
- Unpack and open lunch & snacks
- Boots, shoes

Social Skills

- Follow directions
- Sit for short periods of time
- Cooperate with peers and adults
- Advocate for help when needed

Academic Skills

- Listen and engage with a story
- Hold a book and turn the pages
- Recognize first and last name
- Hold a writing instrument properly



Typical day in K

K schedule
Explain centers

We don't want the following slides: 16,17,18.
They have too much. It's overwhelming

Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten!

These are simple, everyday things you can do with your learner for just a few minutes at a time to help them get ready for school. Please remember, if your learner cannot do everything listed, it **does not** mean that they are not ready for Kindergarten.



Social/Emotional Development

- Encourage your child to persist in tasks when encountering a problem by giving tasks slightly above his current ability level. When your child cannot find a solution on his own, encourage him to ask for help.
- Play board games to practice taking turns.
- Set up playdates with friends of various ages.
- Allow your child to stay with other trusted adults for a few hours at a time prior to kindergarten (especially if s/he has rarely been in the care of someone other than caregiver).
- Encourage your child to clean up after playing or eating.

Language Development

- Verbally give your child specific one-step and two-step directions and encourage him to follow through.
- Read to your child everyday
- While reading, point out how to hold a book (right-side up with the spine on the left) and the orientation in which we read the words and look at the pictures (left to right).
- After reading, ask your child questions about the story (what did you like about the story? What happened at the end? Who was in the story?)
- Give your child plenty of opportunities to draw

Cognitive Development

- Have your child help you sort items according to color, size, and shape
- Talk about and identify patterns (red, blue, red, blue. Car, truck, car, truck).
- Teach your child numerals 1-10.
- Count objects in your home. Have your child point to each object as s/he counts.
- Go on a shape hunt. Point out circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles to your child.
- Talk about positional and directional concepts like up/down, over/under, in/out, behind/in front of, top/bottom, beside/between, off/on, stop/go.
- Talk about opposite words (big/little, empty/full, slow/fast).

Physical Development (Gross & Fine Motor)

- Give your child plenty of opportunities for outdoor play: running, jumping, and climbing.
- Practice skipping.
- Stack blocks together.
- Let your child use child-safe scissors to cut out a variety of shapes.
- Teach your child to write/recognize his name.
- Play with playdough regularly. Roll, squish, stamp, and even cut it!
- String large beads to make a necklace.
- Play with an interlocking puzzle together.



Fine Motor Development



Pencil Grasp: An efficient pencil grasp is one that allows the child to write neatly at a reasonable speed without tiring easily. Poor pencil grasps not only look awkward but they do not use the hand muscles efficiently. This may result in the child tiring easily and being unable to produce neat handwriting.

Have a look at this picture of a mature pencil grip and you can see how these tripod fingers (thumb, index and middle fingers) are working well together to control the pencil. Children need lots of opportunities to strengthen the hand muscles and practice the dexterity needed for pencil control.



Scissors: Learning how to use scissors correctly can help with developing pencil control skills. Cutting with a proper scissor grasp, will give the tripod fingers lots of practice in working together, and will help to strengthen your child's hand muscles. This will help to improve fine motor skills and will help to give your child the foundations needed to develop pencil control for good handwriting. Cutting on a line can also help to strengthen visual-motor skills, which may help improve handwriting.



Visual Motor Integration: VMI activities help your child by getting their eyes and hands working together. This is beneficial for children as they perceive and copy shapes, numbers, and letters correctly to help with handwriting skills.



This is a great resource and has amazing activities and information on Fine Motor Development. Please take some time to explore and learn more!

<https://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com>



Helpful Supplies for Kindergarten



This list is subject to change and a complete list of supplies will be posted to the website over the summer.

- Glue sticks
- Kid Scissors
- One folder labeled with first and last name
- One box of 24 crayons
- **Standard sized backpack (Not preschool size)**
- Lunch box, if using a bento style box make sure your child can open and close independently
- Reusable water (with straw top to prevent spills)
- **Headphones** (not earbuds) with a straight plug



Optional Items for the Classroom

- Clorox Wipes
- Lysol
- Box of tissues
- Magic Erasers
- Paper towels
- Watercolors
- Paper plates, cups, spoons/forks
- Washable Markers
- Paint brushes (chubby not skinny)

We look forward to the 2023-2024 school year!



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