Welcome to Kindergarten!
Hendrick Hudson School District
2024-2025
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Buchanan-Verplanck School
Pre-K - Grade 2
Dr. Cynthia Kramer, Principal

Furnace Woods School
Pre-K - Grade 2
Mr. Josh Cohen, Principal
Beginning of the Year

- Kindergarten “Meet and Greet” will be held before the first day. You may bring school supplies on that day.

- First day is a half day - September ?, 2024 (no lunch)

- The first full day of school is September ?, 2023

- We encourage you to send lunch the first few days, if possible.
What to Expect on the First Day of School

- Name tag/Welcome letter are sent home before or given out at the Meet & Greet
- Children are greeted off the bus and guided where to go
- Outdoor recess
- "Getting to Know You" activities
- Classroom activities
- Snack
- Playground
- Story
- Pack-up for dismissal
- Kindergarten children are escorted to the buses by Teachers and Teaching Assistants
Take Home Folders

- Backpacks and folders must be checked daily for important information.

- Please put any notices/letters for the teacher/office in the folder so that it can be collected each morning.
• My School Bucks: Lunch money account. You can create an account by visiting the Hen Hud website. Click on Departments --> Food Services Classroom Teaching Assistants or Lunch Monitors will monitor the students during lunch and recess.

• Please make sure your child knows if and what he/she will be buying for lunch each day. At the beginning of the year, many parents/family members will send a note in the folder just in case.
6 Day Schedule: You will receive a calendar before the first day.

- Students visit Art & STEM once in a 6 day cycle; P.E. and Music occur twice.*
  - Library books can be borrowed once per cycle. This schedule will be shared once school starts.

- Please remember sneakers on P.E. days and to bring Library books back on your child’s day exchange day.
A Typical Day in a Kindergarten Class

Morning Recess (8:30-9:00)
Morning Routines
Morning Meeting
ELA Block: Reading/Writing Workshop/Shared, Guided and Interactive Reading/Writing/Word Study
Lunch/Recess
Special
Math
Science/Social Studies
Purposeful Play
Dismissal (Buses leave at 3:15)
Second Step is a district wide program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments uniquely equipped to help children thrive.
Kindergarten Readiness

- Fostering Independence
  - Seeking help when needed
  - Using words to ask for help
  - Waiting my turn

- Self Care
  - Dressing
  - Bathroom
  - Nose Blowing
  - Hand Washing
  - Eating

- Physical
  - Fine & Gross Motor skills
How can I prepare my child?

- **READ** to your child daily
- Encourage your child to do things **independently**.
- Practice identifying his/her name and the letters that make up his/her name.
- Give your child opportunities to **write and draw** with crayons and pencils.
- Give your child opportunities to **cut with scissors and use glue**.
- Let your child **play with sidewalk chalk, play dough, pegs, puzzles, Silly Putty, games with small pieces, cards, etc.**
- Play on the **playground, swim, ride bikes, run, jump, hop, dance, etc.**
- Have your child help you with **jobs around the house**.
- Set up a **bedtime routine** 2-3 weeks before school starts.
- **Talk about letters and sounds**.
- **Talk about numbers**- count things around the house.
- **Be familiar with your bus stop**.
10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

1. Read **books** everyday.

2. Develop **fine motor skills**: holding a pencil, coloring, cutting with scissors.

3. Print **first name** with **only** the first letter capitalized.

4. Learn to follow 2-step **instructions**: “Please go get your shoes and then put them on.”

5. Use good **manners**: “Please” and “Thank You”

6. Talk about **social skills**: sharing, taking turns, positive words, talk about handling anger.

7. Help your child take **responsibility**: clean up messes, dress themselves, get their own snacks.

8. Practice **number recognition**: Count objects daily.

9. Practice **letter and sound recognition**: Practice saying the letters and their sounds every day.

10. **Build self-esteem**: Praise your child often because Kindergarten is hard!
Please complete the “Incoming Kindergarten” Google form. Make sure that you have answered all the questions.
Teachers may send home book bags, alphabet practice sheets, sight word flashcards, number flashcards, and/or other practice materials.

Nightly Reading
School Nurse - Angela Bruno

- **Attendance**: Please call the school nurse if your child will be late or absent.
- Please make sure that your school nurse has all Physical & Immunization Forms.
- Hearing & Vision Screenings will be completed during kindergarten screening or during the school year.
PTA

FGL HHEPTA Vice Presidents
TBD

FW HHEPTA Vice Presidents
TBD

For information on class parents or how to get involved, please contact the Hendrick Hudson Elementary PTA.

Please “like” the Hendrick Hudson Elementary PTA on Facebook for school updates!
The Mother Connection
On-site Before and After School Care

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Here’s to a Great Year Ahead of Us!

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