



School District of Onalaska

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Dear Families:

Welcome to kindergarten in the School District of Onalaska! We look forward to making your child's experience the best possible. We use the first week of the school year to get to know our incoming kindergartners through our "JumpStart" program. We will use this experience to inform class rosters to create the best learning environment for your child. Your child's classroom assignment will be provided by the end of the day on Friday, September 6th. Please see the Kindergarten Back-to-School information and important dates below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at 608-783-4542. If your child will not be attending in the fall, please call our office at 608-783-4542 or email nhoffice@onalaskaschools.com.

Wednesday, August 28th: Kindergarten Open House

Families will be able to meet all the kindergarten teachers in the cafeteria to learn about the kindergarten day and familiarize themselves with the building. You will enter Door C from the parking lot. Please see times below:

5:00-5:30 pm: Families with students' last name A-L

5:30-6:00 pm: Families with students' last name M-Z

Tuesday, September 3rd: First Day of School

Please send your kindergartener with a change of clothes in a labeled ziploc bag as well as PE shoes. These things will stay in your child's backpack for the week until classroom teachers are assigned. Snacks will be provided by the school for all kindergarteners during this week.

Tuesday, September 3rd - Friday, September 6th: Kindergarten "JumpStart"

Kindergarten teachers will work with all students to gather information about each child's academic, social/emotional and behavioral readiness. Students will learn routines of the school day, get to know the building, and participate in art, guidance, LMC, music, physical education, and technology classes. Families will be notified of classroom teacher and family orientation time by the end of the day September 6th.

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**Monday, September 9th: Kindergarten Classroom Teacher Orientation
(No School for Kindergarten)**

Families will have a one-hour orientation with their child's teacher. Please bring in school supplies to the orientation. We ask that younger siblings not come for the parent meeting as a lot of information is reviewed in a short period of time; please let us know if you need support in this area.

If your child will take medication at school or has any health concerns, please contact Amanda DeNault MSN RN at 608-779-5760 x2313 (denam@onalaskaschools.com) or Kelsey Brahmstadt RN, BSN at 608-779-5760 x2309 (brake@onalaskaschools.com). Completed forms can be dropped off in the office between 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM.

Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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