

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Center School
Mattapoisett, MA



Tonight's Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Faces of Center School
2. Registration Process
 - a. Timelines & Events
 - b. Documents
3. Kindergarten Screening
 - a. Monday, May 19, 2025 and Friday, May 23, 2025
4. First Days of Kindergarten in August 2025
5. Typical Day in Kindergarten
 - a. Daily Routines
 - b. Curriculum
6. Questions and Answers

Familiar Faces of Center School



Dr. Linda Ashley
Principal



Mrs. Monteforte
Office Administrative
Assistant



Mrs. Balsis
School Nurse

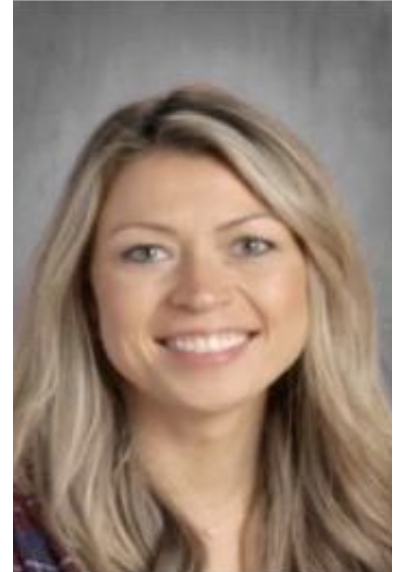


Mrs. McManamon
School Adjustment Counselor

Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Perreira, Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Julian, Mrs. Sylvia, Ms. Zajac, Kindergarten Teachers

Registration Process

- On [Center School Website](#) there are 3 tabs at the top
 - About/Departments/Families and Students
- Go to Families tab on far right and click “Kindergarten Transition” in the drop down menu
- This brings you to PowerSchool
 - [Powerschool for Old Rochester/](#)
- Complete Pre-registration form
- Submit hard copies to the Center School Office of Proof of Residency-even if you already have a student enrolled at Center School
 - (2 documents)
 - Original Birth Certificate
- You will receive an email to complete the registration process

1. Complete the following **Pre Registration Form** by clicking on [the link](#) provided on the Elementary School Website.

<https://powerschool.oldrochester.org/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=208784>

ORR Student Pre-Registration

Student Information

First Name *

Middle Name

Last Name *

Home Phone

DOB *

MM/DD/YYYY

Gender

Grade Level *

Household Information

Street *

City *

State *

Zip *

Guardian Information

Email *

School Preference 1 *

Entry Year *

Entry Date *

MM/DD/YYYY

Submit

2. Once required hard copy documents(birth cert., recent medical, proof of residency) have been submitted to school office, The following email will be sent to the child's primary contact within a day or so.

Please follow the instructions provided in the email. You will need to verify your account



Kindergarten Screening

Parents/Guardians will receive an invitation to sign up for a Kindergarten Screening appointment on either 5/19/25 or 5/23/25

Kindergarten screening is a great way to familiarize your child with their new school and gives the school an opportunity to meet your child.

A teacher will greet you and your student in the front lobby. Incoming students will go to the school cafeteria with a teacher for kindergarten screening which takes about 30 minutes. Students first meet with a teacher and then have an opportunity to play in a small group with 3-4 other incoming kindergarteners. Parents/guardians wait in the lobby for their student.

What is Kindergarten Screening?

Kindergarten screening assesses a range of developmental tasks including self-care skills, language development, cognitive skills, gross motor skills, and fine motor skills.

First Days of Kindergarten – August 2025

- **Wednesday, August 27, 2025 Rescreening Day**
 - Screen any new students who enrolled over the summer or who need to be rescreened
- **Thursday, August 28, 2025 Kindergarten Orientation for Kindergarten Students**
 - **9:30 AM – 11:15 AM**
 - Families will meet classroom teachers outside of the school's front door.
 - Your child's teacher will meet with their students in their classroom for welcome and storytime activities.
 - Parents will check in with the school office to confirm their child's transportation.
 - There will be an opportunity for K students and parents to ride a school bus at 11:15.
- **Friday, August 29, 2025 – First Day of School for all K Students**
 - **Early release for all K-6 students at 12:20 PM**
 - Students will come to school and be dismissed either via bus or parent/guardian pick-up



Health Office Information

- Jaime Balsis, RN, School Nurse
- K- health requirements/info for start of school
 - Immunization record
 - Recent physical
 - Lead screening
 - Report allergies, medical conditions or concerns to the nurse
 - Submit emergency card/form with all contact information
 - Hearing & vision screening in the Fall

Contact information:

Center School (508) 758-2521

jaimebalsis@oldrochester.org

Specialist Time (One each day)

Health (Once a week for one trimester)



Mr. Cabeceiras
Physical Education



Mrs. Mirabito
Librarian



Dr. Leahy
Music Teacher



Ms. Lourenco
Technology Teacher



Mrs. Anderson
Art Teacher

Start & End Times

School Hours: 8:30 AM - 2:45 PM

8:15 - 8:30 AM Student Arrival

- Students eating breakfast go to cafeteria
- Students go to the gym

8:40 AM Instruction Begins

Lunch & Recess (20 Minutes Each)

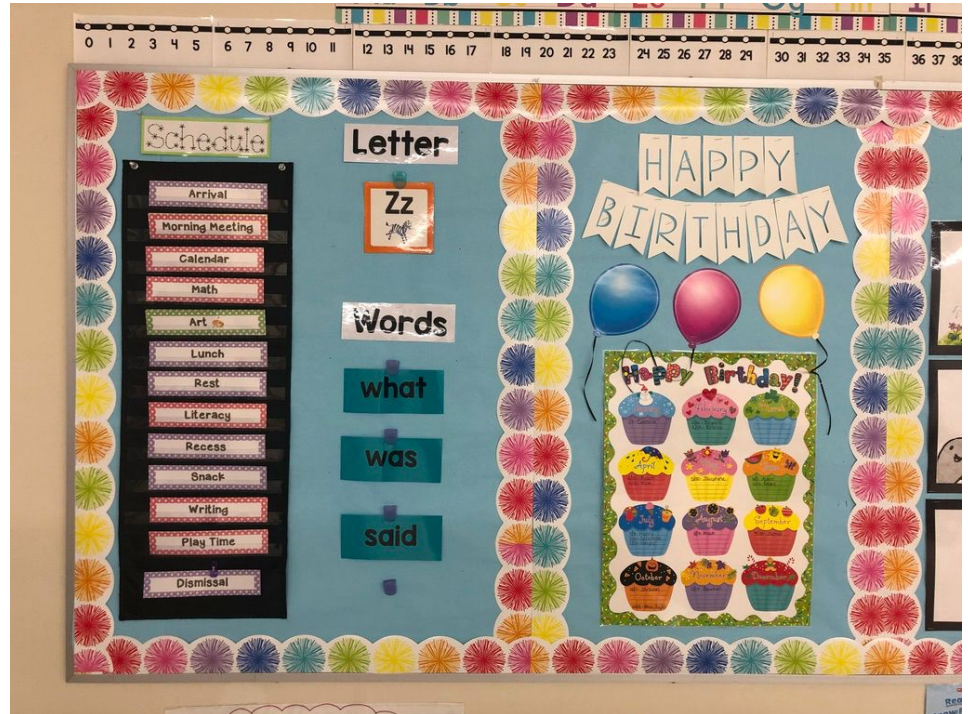
2:45 PM Dismissal Begins

2:50-3:00 PM Buses Depart



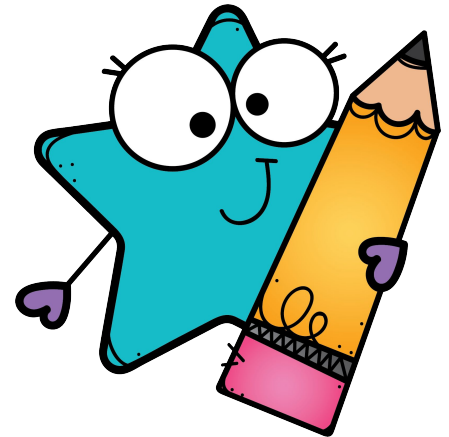
Sample Schedule

- Arrival
- Morning Meeting
- Literacy
- Literacy Centers
- Recess
- Lunch
- Rest
- Math
- Specialist
 - Art, PE, Library, Technology, Music
- Snack
- Science/Social Studies
- Free Play
- Dismissal



Literacy – Into Reading program

- Shared Reading
- Interactive Writing
- Guided/ Independent Writing
- Phonics
- High-Frequency Words
- Decodable Readers
- Oral Language
- Phonemic Awareness
- Handwriting



Math

- Calendar Routines
- Manipulatives
- Math
 - Introduction to math workbooks
 - Sets the foundation for number sense
 - Develops math vocabulary



Science

- Using our senses to explore our environment
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Science specialist

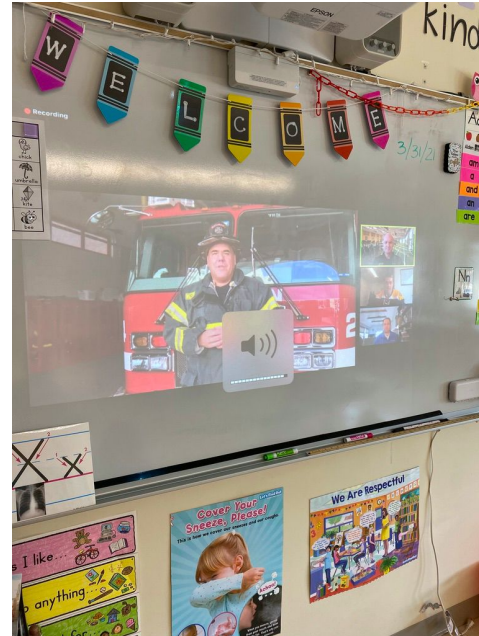


Social Studies

*Living...

* Learning...

* Working
Together!



Kindergarten Transition Webpage

Kindergarten Transition Webpage can be accessed from the Center School website

<https://cs.oldrochester.org/>

Click on Families and Students - Kindergarten Transition

