

Welcome to...
Rochester Memorial School

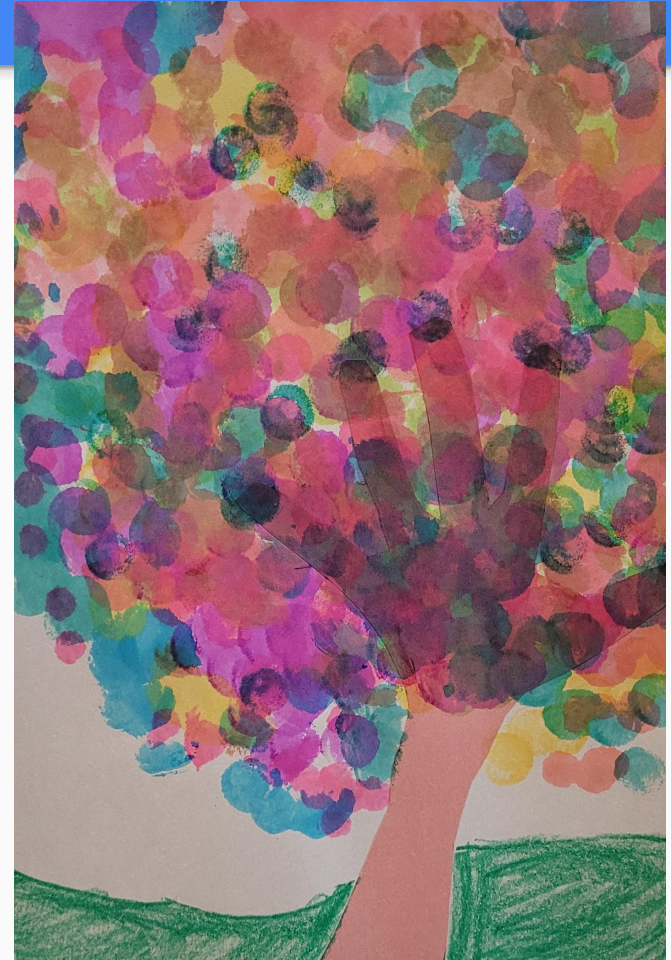


Kindergarten Informational Night

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Tonight's Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Important Faces of RMS
2. Registration Process
 - a. Timelines & Events
 - b. Documents
3. Kindergarten Screening Process
 - a. Dates
 - b. What to expect
4. Fall Dates
 - a. Start of School
 - b. Orientation & Class Placement
5. Typical Day in Kindergarten
 - a. Daily Routines
 - b. Curriculum
 - c. Skills to Practice
6. Questions and Answers/Classroom Visit



Familiar Faces of RMS



Mrs. Amato, Special Education
Administrative Assistant &
Ms. Rotella Office Administrative
Assistant

Mrs. Murphy, School Nurse



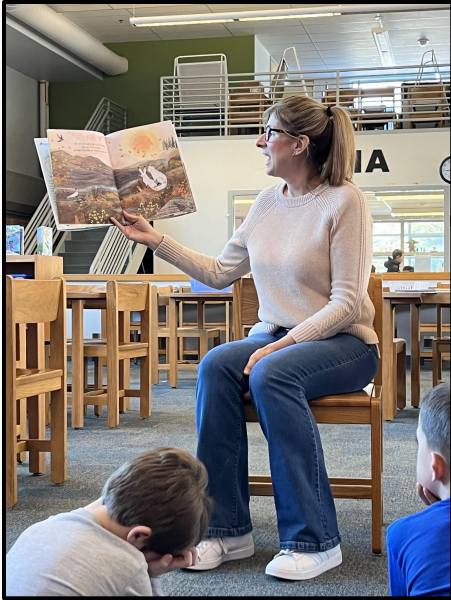
Mrs. Johnson, Mrs.
Mcilmail, and Mrs.
Lambert-Matos

Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Baronas, Mrs. Dederian-Special Education Teacher, Mrs. St. Yves Ms. Staier, & Mrs. Weigel

Specialist Time (One Each Day)



Library with Mrs. Sollauer

Mr. Woodward,
Physical Education



Mrs. Hemenway
Art Teacher

Ms. Audette,
Music Teacher



Registration Process



- On our school website there are 3 tabs at the top
 - About/Departments/Families and Students
 - RMS website: [Rochester Memorial Page](#)
- Go to Families tab on far right and click “New Student Registration” in the drop down menu or Kindergarten Transition Link [Kindergarten Transition Link](#)
- This brings you to PowerSchool
 - [Powerschool for Old Rochester/RMS](#)
- Proof of Residency-even if you already have a student enrolled at RMS
 - (2 documents)
 - Original Birth Certificate
- Pre-registration is online: Once all paperwork is in, the office will approve the pre-registration
 - An email should go to the parent/guardian (check spam and trash)
 - You will get a specific code and login information in this email (we don't have access to this)

Medical Information

Mrs. Murphy, RN

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Prior to school starting, your child needs:

- Up-to-date Physical
- Immunizations
- Lead Level

Medical Needs: Doctor's Order is Needed for Medication

Epi-Pen

Allergies

Diabetes

ADHD Medications

Kindergarten Screening

Dates:

- **Dates:** May 19th (Monday) and May 23rd (Friday)
- **Time Slots:** Families select a 45-minute time slot (5 children per time slot).
- **Screening Process:** 30-minute readiness screenings and observations for each child.

What to Expect: Students work with a Kindergarten Educator

Why we conduct Kindergarten Screenings:

To see if your child meets expected developmentally appropriate milestones (fine motor, gross motor, academics)

Then What? If a child needs to be rescreened or a possible referral for academic, social-emotional testing. You will be contacted via phone or a letter will be mailed.

General Information

Rochester Memorial School Website

[RMS School Web Page Link](#)

- Placement Letters
- Arrival, 8:30-8:40 AM
- Dismissal 2:55 PM
- After-School Activities (3 times a year)
- Childcare option with Countryside Housed at RMS
- District Calendar for 2025-2026 School Year
 - [District Calendar Page](#)

Start & End Times

School Hours:

8:30 AM	Breakfast students go to cafeteria
8:40 AM	Unload buses and student drop off
8:50 AM	Instruction Begins
	Lunch & Recess (20 Minutes Each)
2:55 PM	Staggered Dismissal Begins
3:05 PM	Buses Depart

[A Day in Kindergarten](#)



1st Week for Kindergarten

- **First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 27th
 - Rescreen any students from June who scored low or had difficulty during the screening.
 - Screen any new students who enrolled over the summer.
 - Inform parents of class placements after screenings are complete.
- **Second Day of School:** Thursday, August 28th
 - Format: Split Kindergarten cohort students into two groups.
 - Group 1 (Morning): 9:30 AM – 11:15 AM
 - Group 2 (Afternoon): 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
 - Parents attend the principal's presentation.
 - Students do not stay—parents will pick up after the session.
 - **Bus Ride Confirmation:** Confirm transportation for Kindergarten students (AM and PM).
 - Confirm Kindergarten students transportation details
- **Third Day of School:** Friday, August 29th
 - Early release for all students including First day for Kindergarten students.
 - 12:25 Dismissal

Typical Kindergarten Schedule

1. Arrival (Breakfast, for some students)
2. Classroom (hang up belongings, take out folder)
3. Morning Meeting/Circle Time-Calendar
4. Reading-Whole Group
 - a. Structured Literacy
 - b. Small Group Instruction/Centers (FLEX Block)
 - c. Model, Practice and Independent Work
5. Recess & Lunch
6. Specialists
7. Math
8. Snack Time
9. Science/Social Studies



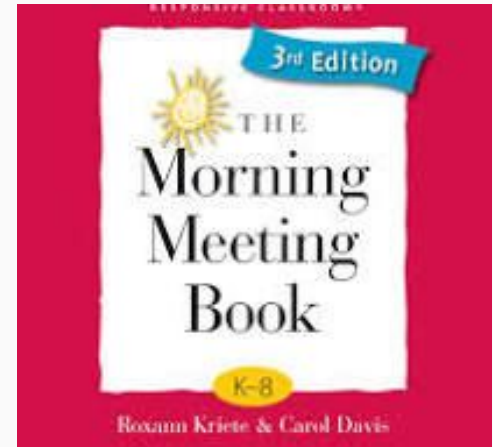
Responsive Classroom

Morning Meeting-Sense of Belonging

- Greeting
- Sharing
- Activity
- Morning Message

First 6-8 Weeks of School

- Setting Routines
- Modeling, Practicing and Reviewing expectations



Kindergarten Curriculum

ELA: *Into Reading*, Intervention, Whole Group and Small Group Instruction

Math: *Go Math (Changing)*

- Hands-on curriculum
- Modeling: I do, we do, you do

Science and Social Studies:

- Embedded through literature
- State Standards

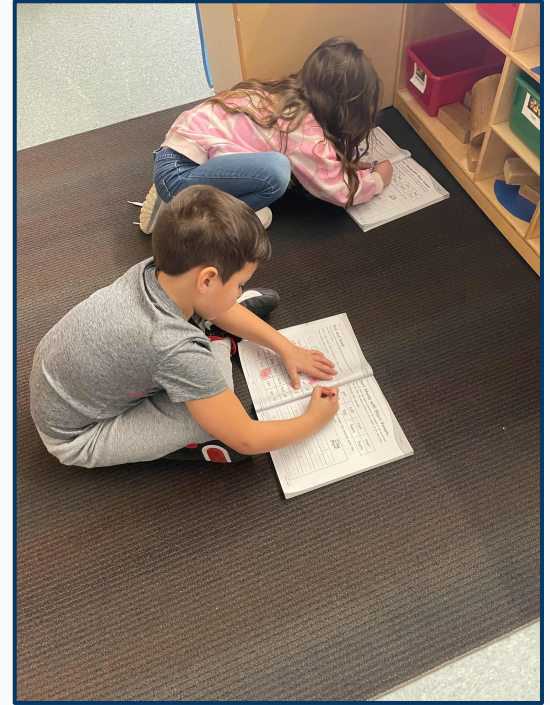
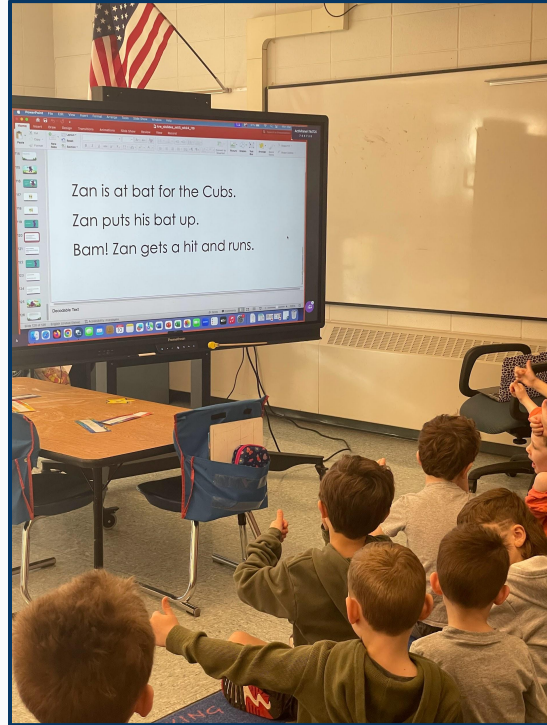
Specialist:

Art, Music, Physical Education, & Library (At least once a week)
Health (once a trimester)

STEM Lab: Every 2 weeks



Literacy Work with Into Reading



Skills to Practice for Kindergarten

- Knowing first and last name, practice writing name
- Letter and number recognition
- Counting to 10. Counting Objects with 1:1 correspondence, writing some numbers
- Waiting their turn, sharing, listening
- Express feelings in a calm safe manner
- Using the bathroom appropriately, (we have urinals and stalls)
- Practice using their manners

Kindergarten Special Events

- PTO Sponsored Family Meet and Greet Night (August)
- Spirit Days and Weeks
- 50th & 100th Day of Kindergarten
- Community Helper
 - Cranberry Bog
 - Fire Station Visit
 - Library, Police Station and Post Office



RMS Parent-Teacher Organization

- **Meetings are once a month**
 - Sub Committees
 - Sponsor School Assemblies
 - Pay for Buses for Field Trips
 - Movie Nights
 - Halloween Spooktacular
 - Kindergarten Social Event
 - PTO Newsletter & Facebook Page

RMS Newsletter is every Sunday at 3:00 PM

- [RMS Weekly Minute](#)
- <https://www.facebook.com/rochestermemorial/>
- **ORRconnect App**



At the End of the Day-Everyone is Tired but Happy!



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We are ready for
your child to
attend RMS



Questions and Answers then Classroom Visit