

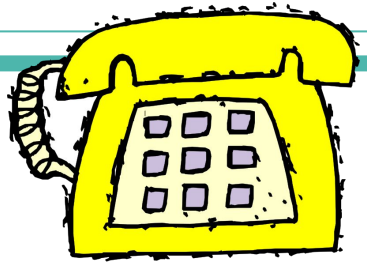
Welcome Class of 2038!

Clinton Elementary School



Contact Information

Clinton Elementary School
Main Office Telephone Number 315-557-2255
District Website www.ccs.edu



Screening



- NY State requires that all incoming K students be administered a screening.
  We will have our screening in May.
- Screening is by appointment only. More information will be forth coming.
- Children will meet with the K teachers and other members of our elementary team.

Screening



- Please do not “cram” for this screening. We do not want you or your children anxious about this process. There is no pass/fail. We will welcome all of your children at all levels to Kindergarten in September!

- You will receive a profile sheet within several weeks of the screening. The feedback you will receive will be: no apparent difficulty, needs monitoring and further evaluation.

Screening

- Class lists will be determined after screening, and your child's teacher assignment will be mailed.

- Kindergarteners will receive a letter from their child's teacher shortly after the placement has been mailed.
  The letter will have important information including a special visitation day to their Kindergarten classroom.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- ❑ Please be respectful and mindful of students in the bus loop and parking lot. Do not enter the loop while the buses are present.
- ❑ When dropping off your child, have them exit your car on the passenger side
- ❑ It is important that your child arrives on time. Doors open at 8:50 am.
- ❑ If your child is late due to an appointment or other circumstances, please call the main office to report the delay or absence (315-557-2255)
- ❑ If your child arrives after 9:00 am, please escort them to the elementary school office to sign them in.
- ❑ Please make sure to complete the transportation form in your registration packet.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- For the beginning of the school year, a system is in place, where the K teachers assist the students getting on the buses.

- If your child will be picked up at the end of the school day, please wait in your car in the back parking lot. A school employee will release them to you once they have been called.

- **If there is ever a change in your child's dismissal procedure, please send a note in your child's home/school folder.**



What Will My Child Need for Kindergarten?

- ❑ Backpack
- ❑ Lunch Bag (Easy Open Containers, Please!)
- ❑ Sturdy Shoes
- ❑ Appropriate Outerwear
- ❑ Change of Clothes (SOCKS!!)
- ❑ Label **EVERYTHING!**
- ❑ Snack/water bottle
- ❑ School Supplies (a list will be provided)



A Day in Kindergarten

Morning Message/Calendar

Math and ELA Learning Centers

Math and ELA whole/small group lessons

Lunch/Recess

Science

Social Studies

Computer

Specials





ART provides for hands on creative expression develops art appreciation for artists and cultures

MUSIC provides opportunities for listening, moving, singing, and playing instruments develops appreciation for music from different cultures

PHYSICAL EDUCATION provides opportunities for movement through exercise, dance, and games develops gross motor skills encourages teamwork and healthy lifestyle.

LIBRARY Book check out, place for story time, direct instruction on information literacy skills

Breakfast and Lunch



- **How much does breakfast and lunch cost?**
- Currently, breakfast and lunch are free!
  - There is a cost if your child orders extras.
- To keep meals free, please complete a Free and Reduced Lunch form
  - The form is available on the district website and in the Elementary Main Office.
- Lunch menus can be found on the district website.

What if my child has a food allergy or other health concern?

- Parents will have the opportunity to share this information with the school nurse and office staff in the registration packet.
  Students with severe peanut or other nut allergies have the opportunity to sit at a peanut free table during lunchtime.

Building Security Procedures

Doors are locked at all times.
Visitors are “buzzed” in through the main office.
Guests & visitors show their picture ID and are given a visitor’s badge.



Preparing For Kindergarten



- **Social Emotional Skills**
- **Separation:** Can your child separate easily from you?
- **Self-Care:** Can your child properly blow his nose? Cover coughs and sneezes? Button pants? Zip? Wash hands? Use the bathroom independently? Vocalize needs?
- **Attention:** Can your child stay on task for 10 minutes? Can you have a conversation without them interrupting? Practice building stamina and patience. Tell a story, talk to your family members and have your child not interrupt.
- **Independence:** Can your child follow directions? Give them simple 2-3 step directions. Let them struggle a little. This will help them feel successful and confident in the classroom.
- **Flexibility:** Help them be flexible. They will not always be first. They won't always win. They might not get the book they wanted at library. Help them understand that this is ok.
- **Express Themselves:** Help them identify their feelings and understand why they feel the way they do at the moment. Teach them strategies to help deal with big emotions.

Preparing for Kindergarten

- **Academics**
  - **Fine Motor:** Give your child opportunities to cut with scissors, color with crayons and write with pencils. Playdough and tearing paper activities are excellent for building hand strength.
  - **Gross Motor:** Activities like hopscotch, bike riding, dancing and running help develop the large muscles needed to coordinate and control body movements. (Walking in line, sitting on the carpet and tables)
  - **Specific Skills:** Practice identifying basic numbers, colors, and letters and how to write his or her first name.



Advice From The Experts

“I like doing station jobs with my friends, it is fun!”

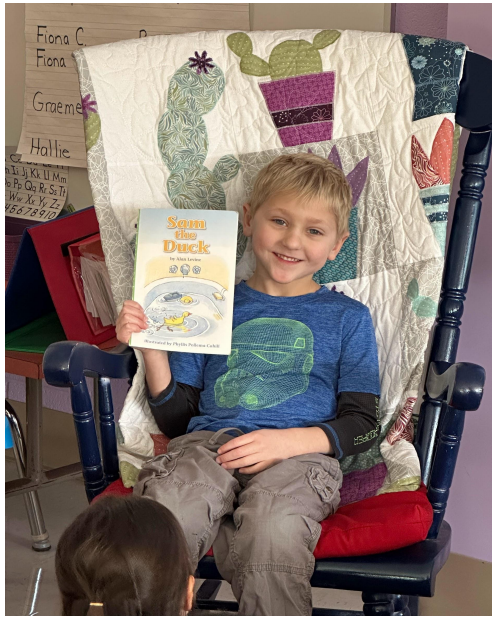
-Luciana



Advice From The Experts

“It will be great!” “And….you will LOVE the playground.”

Isaac D. --- Age 6



Advice From The Experts

“You will make so many new friends!”

Ryan- -Age 5



Advice From the Experts

“I LOVE Kindergarten! Reading to my friends is my favorite thing to do in school!”

Riley ---Age 6



Questions



Call the Elementary Main Office at 315-557-2255 or 315-557-2256

Once your child's teacher has been assigned, you can email the teacher, send notes in your child's home/school folder