MEET THE TEACHER

MRS. HODGKINSON



ABOUT ME:

Hello! I am Jessica (Mrs. Hodgkinson, or Mrs. H)! I am thrilled to be a part of the prekindergarten team again at New Hartford Public Schools! Teaching and working with young children is my passion. I strive to create a developmentally appropriate preschool environment that supports each child's growth and fosters a love of learning. I bring nine years of experience to the classroom. Before teaching at New Hartford Public Schools, I previously taught at Region 6 (now Region 20). I hold a BA in psychology and art, and a MA in Early Childhood Education. I am certified in Integrated Early Childhood Education (PreK–Grade 3).
I am a mother of two, Blake (5) and Levi (8), and feel fortunate to be raising them as part of the New Hartford community. I love seeing familiar faces at local beaches, sports games and playgrounds. Your child's first year of school is such a wonderful one, filled with learning, laughs, and friendship. I can't wait to share it with you! We are going to have so much fun this year!!

HOBBIES:

I love spending time with my family and friends! I enjoy vacationing at Cape Cod, visiting New York City, walking my dog Myles, exercising and being outside! In the summer, my family loves to go swimming at Brodie Beach and Stanclift Cove, and then get ice cream at Barden Farm Market!

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MRS. HODGKINSON'S PRESCHOOL INSTAGRAM - FOLLOW US!

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IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD'S PHOTO TO BE POSTED, PLEASE E-MAIL ME DIRECTLY AT

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OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE IS STRICTLY FOR PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS IN OUR CLASSROOM AND THE STAFF AT NEW HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

MRS. HODGKINSON' SUPPLY LIST

- A pair of indoor shoes (crocs recommended)
- One yoga mat and/or blanket for all day students (PRE-K four all day students only)
- 12 pk of baby wipes (children use wipes for hands, surfaces in the classroom and bathrooming needs as needed)
- One box of crayons (24 pk)
- A set of extra clothes (labeled)
- One box of tissues
- Two boxes of washable markers (10 count - skinny and thick markers)
- 3 Packs of glue sticks

Please Label all items.
Thank you so much!!!
Mrs. Hodgkinson



HIGHSCOPE PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

HIGHSCOPE CURRIUCLUM IS BASED ON STUDENTS HAVING DIRECT, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES WITH PEOPLE, OBJECTS, EVENTS, AND IDEAS WHEN ENTERING OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM. WE FOCUS ON THE CHILD'S INTERESTS AS WE PROVIDE TOOLS THROUGHOUT THE CLASSROOM. THE CHILDREN CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN KNOWLEDGE THROUGH INTERACTIONS WITH THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM. STUDENTS WILL BEGIN BY MAKING A CHOICE, CREATING A PLAN, AND FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH IT. AS TEACHERS, WE PLAN TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S THINKING WITH DIVERSE MATERIALS AND NURTURING INTERACTIONS.

WELCOME TO PRE-SCHOOL

SOME OF OUR POPULAR THEMES:

FARM ANIMALS
THE ZOO
OCEAN AND WATER
COMMUNITY HELPERS

OUR GOALS

THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FOSTER CHILDREN'S NATURAL CURIOSITY FOR LEARNING, AND TO PROMOTE SELF-ESTEEM, SELF-HELP, COOPERATION, AND EMPATHY FOR OTHERS.

NO-FOOD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OPTIONS

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

- WRAP YOUR CHILD'S FAVORITE BOOK AND BRING IT IN, WE WILL READ IT AS A CLASS

- SEND IN PLATES, NAPKINS AND CUPS IN THE CHILD'S FAVORITE THEME. WE WILL USE THEM DURING SNACK TIME

- BIRTHDAY GAME - SEND IN A GAME TO PLAY WITH THE CLASS

Dear Preschool Families,

In order to create a warm, caring preschool community, we are spending much time getting to know each other better. We will be reading stories about families and having discussions that reinforce that in school, our classmates and teachers are our preschool family. Throughout the year, we will continue to have opportunities to learn more about each other, how we are the same, how we are different, our likes and dislikes, all about our families, etc.

In the upcoming weeks, the children will have a chance to share about their families and pets. If you would please complete the attached form, it would allow me to assist your child in sharing about themselves. Also, could you please send in one or two family photos, as well as a photo of any pets you may have? Since these photos will hang in our room for the entire year, please do not send in any photos that you would need returned right away. Please return the form and photos by Friday, September 16th. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hodgkinson

Parent Interest INVENTORY FORM



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Getting To Know Your Child

Help me learn all I need to know to help your child have an enjoyable and successful year.

Your Child's Name: _____

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What does your child prefer to be called: _____

Your child's favorite things

Color: _____

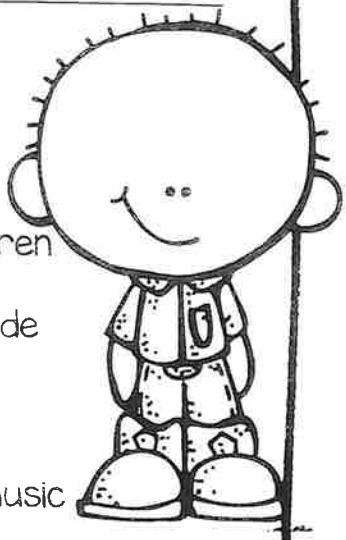
Foods: _____

Toys: _____

Other favorite things: _____

Your child enjoys (circle all that apply):

Listening to stories	Drawing and coloring
Playing alone	Playing with other children
Playing outside	Playing quiet games inside
Going to a friend's house	Playing make-believe
Getting dirty	Listening and making music



What are some things your child does NOT enjoy?

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What are some things you would like me to know about your child?

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Your child learns best by: _____

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Did your child attend preschool previously? YES NO

If yes, what preschool did they attend?_____

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Are there things you would like me to know about your family? (i.e. culture, activities your family enjoys doing together . . .)

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Are there any holidays that your family does not celebrate?

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How many children are living in your home, and what are their names and ages?

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Does your child have any pets? If so, tell me about them (names, etc.)

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