

HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN
2019-2020



Future Class of 2032

We would like to welcome you and your child to our Kindergarten program at Haldane Elementary School. We are looking forward to an exciting year of new experiences and lots of fun!

Starting school is a big step for your child and your whole family. It's a wonderful and exciting milestone, but it also means a big change for you and your child. Our goal is to make this transition a rewarding, stress free and happy experience.

At Haldane, we inspire success, confidence, and hope in each student...and it starts in kindergarten. We offers a comprehensive full day Kindergarten program that focuses on reading, writing, math, science and social studies. In addition to our hands-on interactive classrooms, our students experience a variety of special programs including music, library/garden, physical education, and art. Our highly qualified teachers offer a nurturing environment and are committed to partnering with you to prepare your child for their academic career.



The word kindergarten is a German word that means “children’s garden.” It’s a place where your child will grow and learn. Here are some of the things you can expect in your child’s kindergarten class.

SCHEDULE OF A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY

8:35	Children arrive, unpack, hand in folders and begin working on morning work
8:50	Morning meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calendar skills• Weather• Schedule for the day
9:00	Math Workshop
9:45	Snack
10:00	Language Arts (reading/writing/language skills) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small group work• Literacy work stations
10:30	Language Arts (reading/writing/language skills)
11:30	Recess
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Story time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Often inclusive of different subject areas based on unit of study Mystery Readers
12:45	Science Social Studies Second Step – Character Education Program
1:30	Specials (Art, Music, Library & Physical Education)
2:15	Extended Learning Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children receiving services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and/or Academic Intervention Services are seen at this time.• No new information taught; rather time for review of skills in need of extra support.
2:45	Pack up for dismissal
3:00	Dismissal

GETTING READY: PRE-KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES

The following events have been designed to help make your child's first kindergarten experience successful.

Registration

Registration will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, through Friday, February 8th, by appointment only. Please contact Jodi Champlin at 845-265-9254 ext 122 or jchamplin@haldaneschool.org to schedule your appointment for registration.

In the event of a snow day, Ms. Champlin will contact you to reschedule a new appointment.

Children are welcome, but are not required to accompany parent to registration.

Parents, please bring:

- 1) Completed registration forms
- 2) Copy of Birth Certificate
- 3) Proof of Residency in the Haldane Central School District
- 4) Health records
 - a. Student health history
 - b. Hearing/vision questionnaire
 - c. Immunization record signed by a physician
 - d. Emergency authorization form

At this time, you will make an appointment for your child's screening on Tuesday, April 23; Wednesday, April 24; or Thursday, April 25.



Individual Kindergarten Screening

New York State requires school districts to screen all new school admissions including kindergartners. The purpose of the screening is to identify any children who may require special programming or assistance.

The screening consists of two phases:

- 1) On April 23, 24, and 25, kindergartners will be screened individually by the Kindergarten teachers. The series of activities are designed to assess the child's performance on six key measures: right-left orientation, verbal memory, draw-a-design, numerical memory, conceptual grouping, and leg coordination. Each screening takes about 30 minutes.**

- 2) The school nurse will administer individual vision and auditory screenings to each kindergarten student.**



GET ACQUAINTED SESSIONS:

In order to help students feel more comfortable with their new environment, we have planned a series of “Get Acquainted Sessions” for pre-Kindergarten students:

TUESDAY, MAY 7 AND TUESDAY, MAY 14 – 9:15 – 10:00 A.M.

Future kindergartners will be assigned alphabetically to a specified Kindergarten teacher and room for these two sessions. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Elementary door.

On Tuesday, May 14, parents will have a Question and Answer Session with Mr. Wallick while children are visiting the classroom. At the conclusion of the Question and Answer Session, a tour of the building will be conducted for those parents interested.

TBD – “Final Get Acquainted Session”

During the summer, you will receive a packet of information related to the opening of school. It will include:

- The name of your child’s Kindergarten teacher
- A listing of supplies required
- An announcement of the final “Get Acquainted Session”.
During this session, you and your child will visit her/his classroom and meet the Kindergarten teacher. Students will take a short bus ride.
- Additional information about our school
- District policies

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is a big step for every child. We will do our best to make this day a rewarding and happy experience.

Parents play an important role in easing their child's transition from home to school. Experience has shown us that children become most easily accustomed to school routines when independence is encouraged from the onset of the school year. Letting go can be hard, but don't let your doubts or nervousness dampen your child's enthusiasm. If you have a positive attitude and look forward to the first day in school, your child will probably do the same.

Please check out our website and watch for our emails, this is our way of communicating important information, reminders and updates.

