

Dear Kindergarten Family,

Welcome to the Manheim Township School District! You will find that kindergarten is the start of a wonderful adventure, one that is full of learning and fun. Kindergarten is an exciting time when the foundation is developed for academic, social, and emotional success in school.

Our goal is for your child to enjoy coming to school each and every day. There are many reasons why we love elementary school, and specifically, kindergarten.

## We love...

- watching children learn how to read
- watching children learn how to problem solve
- being the first step in children's educational journey
- listening to children tell stories
- watching kids play together at recess
- working with a family of teachers
- best of all, watching learning happen

The elementary teachers and staff in your child's school look forward to getting to know you and working together so that your child will have a great start to the school year. It is important for our kindergarten students to feel comfortable with their new school. You and your child are invited to be a part of a few events to see the school and learn more about kindergarten. These events include a storytime, bus ride presentation, building tour, and open house with the kindergarten teachers. More information about these events will be shared by your child's building principal in the future.

The first day of kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year will be on August 26, 2024. It is a drop-in open house for parents and kindergarteners. There are two time frames to choose from: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm or 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. On August 26, each child will meet his/her teacher and visit the kindergarten classroom. On August 27th, your child will independently attend kindergarten. More information about these dates will be sent home with your child's welcome letter from his/her teacher in August.

If you have any questions leading up to the start of the school year, please contact the building principal of your child's elementary school. We look forward to welcoming your child to kindergarten!

In the meantime, please watch our slide presentation for more information regarding Manheim Township School District's Kindergarten program and readiness. The presentation can be found at <a href="https://www.mtwp.net/new-students/">https://www.mtwp.net/new-students/</a>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Kindergarten.

## Sincerely,

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