Welcome to

Parent Information Night

District Mission

We commit to high achievement for all students.

Tiny Topper Promises

Be Safe
Be Kind
Try Your Best

Agenda Overview

Focus for the evening:

- Introductions
- Registration
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Q & A

Introductions

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Mrs. Setzer

Mrs. Bednar

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Kingzett

Mrs Advent

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Intervention Specialist

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TOPPERS

When can a student attend Chardon Kindergarten?

- Must be 5 on or before August 1st of the year they enter kindergarten.
- A parent may request early admission/whole grade acceleration if the student doesn't meet the August 1st cut-off. Entrance will be determined based on an evaluation completed by our school psychologists. Please contact Linda Elegante, Director of Student Services or the building coordinator to begin this process.
- Ohio Early Entrance to Kindergarten

Registration Process

- Registration is currently open online (Feb 1).
- After registering online, parents will receive a confirmation email stating what to bring with you in person.
- Even if your child attended Chardon preschool, you still must complete the registration for Kindergarten.

Open Enrollment decisions are typically made in late summer.

School Start and End Times

This year the school day is 9:15am - 3:30pm.

Morning drop off begins at 9:00 am.
Dismissal begins at 3:30 pm.

Preschool drop off is from 8:45-9:00. Kindergarten parents are asked not to arrive prior to 9:00.
Preschool pick up is from 3:15-3:25. Kindergarten parents are asked not line up prior to 3:25.

School Calendar

2023-2024 School Calendar

CHARDON LOCAL SCHOOLS/2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST

14 First Day for Teachers
15 Professional Dev Day
16 -18 Kinder Screening
24–Split Start Last Names A- M
23–Split Start Last Names N-Z
23 First day for all Kinder students
Teacher Days=(month/year) 14
Student Days=(month/year) 12

AUGUST '23

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SEPTEMBER

1 Prof Dev Day
4 Labor Day-no school

Teacher Days=(month/year) 20
Student Days=(month/year) 20

SEPTEMBER '23

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OCTOBER

13 Non-student/non-staff day
16 Prof Dev Day – no school

Teacher Days=(month/year) 21
Student Days=(month/year) 21

OCTOBER '23

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NOVEMBER

22 Conference Comp Day
23-24 Thanksgiving Break

Teacher Days=(month/year) 20
Student Days=(month/year) 20

NOVEMBER '23

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DECEMBER

20th End of 2nd Quarter/ 1st Semester
21-29 Winter Break

Teacher Days=(month/year) 14
Student Days=(month/year) 14

DECEMBER '23

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JANUARY

1-2 Winter Break
3 Records Day
4 Classes Resume
15 MLK Day (No School)

Teacher Days=(month/year) 20
Student Days=(month/year) 19

JANUARY '24

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FEBRUARY '24

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FEBRUARY

16 Professional Dev Day
19 Presidents' Day-no school

Teacher Days=(month/year) 20
Student Days=(month/year) 20

MARCH '24

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MARCH

25-29 Spring Break-no school
8 End of 3rd Quarter

Teacher Days=(month/year) 16
Student Days=(month/year) 16

APRIL '24

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APRIL

1 Conference Comp Day

Teacher Days=(month/year) 22
Student Days=(month/year) 22

MAY '24

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MAY

23 End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester/**Last Day for Students**
24 Last Day for Teachers
27 Memorial Day

Teacher Days=(month/year) 18
Student Days=(month/year) 17

JUNE '24

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JUNE

ORC NOTES AND CALAMITY DAYS MAKE UP PLAN ON BACK

JULY '24

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LEGEND:

- CBA Required **Non-Student Days**
- Student Days-**students do not report**
- Non-Student/Non-Staff Days
- Quarter/Semester End Dates

School Culture

Teacher: Pupil Ratio
1:23

[Tiny Topper Promises Song]

August Student Screening

- Parents and students should attend
- Parent Information Session
- Screening process
- Building tour
- Classroom visit
- Volunteer Opportunity Sign Up
- School Lunch Participation
- Teacher Assignments

Kindergarten Phase-In Schedule				
Wednesday, August 16th	**Thursday, August 17th**	**Friday, August 18th**	**Monday, August 21nd**	**Tuesday, August 22rd**
Kindergarten Screening **Appointments**** Last Names A-I	Kindergarten Screening **Appointments**** Last Names J-Q	Kindergarten Screening **Appointments**** Last Names R-Z	Full Day of Instruction for Students with Last Names A-M	Full Day of Instruction for Students with Last Names N-Z

†First Full Day of Instruction for the **whole** Kindergarten Class is Wednesday, 8/23
** Emails will be sent August 1 with designated screening times.

Transportation Tags

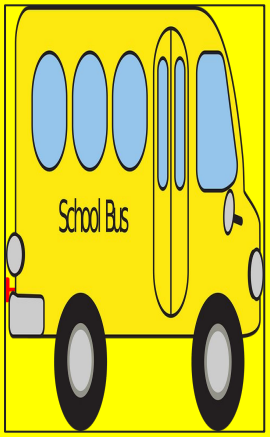
Pick Up Signs

Jane Smith

Chardon Early Learning Center

2023-2024

Book Bag Tags



Student Name

Teacher

Address

How I will Get Home:
__ Walk
__ Latchey
__ Pick Up
__ Bus Number _____

There will be a special tag for the first 2 days of school. If you need to change your child's method of pick up, please call or email the office no later than 2:00 pm. The school uses a spreadsheet system to document how students will go home each day.

Kindergarten Experience

- All academic content standards covered
- Students experience daily academics along with time devoted to art, music, health, PE, library, technology, recess, lunch, and social skills
- Tiny Topper Promises - Positive Behavior Supports

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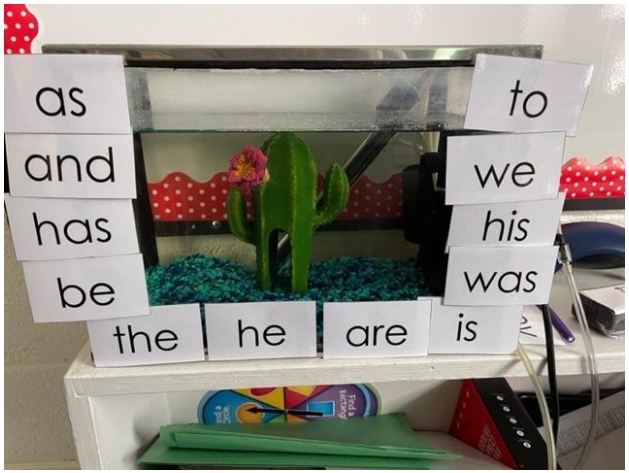
District Supports

- Students enter kindergarten with a wide variety of skills and prior experiences. A tremendous amount of learning and growth will take place in kindergarten.
- Students participate in screenings and assessments to help staff create lessons and interventions to address areas of needs and strengths.
- Supports are provided for students with academic needs and social emotional needs



State and District Assessments

- Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
- MAP Testing
- Dyslexia Screening
- Social Emotional Screening

Dyslexia Screening

Ohio's Dyslexia Guidebook

- In January 2024, all kindergarten students will be screened using a state approved screening tool
- Results will be shared with parents
- Interventions for 6 weeks with progress monitoring
- Those demonstrating lack of progress will be given a Tier 2 screener and results will be shared with parents
- Information will be shared with parents about reading development, risk factors and evidence based interventions, along with a description of the districts' structured literacy program.

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Latchkey

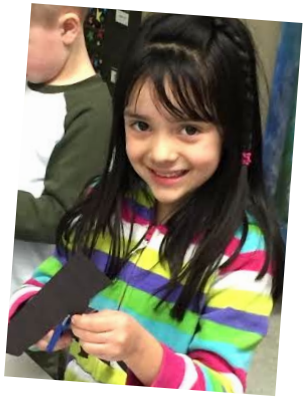
- **Location:** Chardon Early Learning Center
- **Hours:** 6:30 a.m. -Start of the school day
  - 1 hour minimum a.m and p.m.

  End of school day - 6:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** $90 down with registration for the first 20 hours;

  $2.25 per ½ hour; $4.50 per hour
- **Food:** Breakfast and snack included
- **Paperwork:** Available at BOE after July 1
- **Contact:** Lauri Zampino 216-402-8106

https://www.chardon.k12.oh.us/Latchkey.aspx

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Kindergarten Readiness Checklist ODE: http://goo.gl/LOhiFX

- To do well in school, children need to be supported and nurtured in all areas of development.
- Students enter kindergarten with varied levels of skills.
- Please remember, young children change so fast! If they cannot do something this week, you may see them do it a couple of weeks later.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Important skills that will help your child be ready to start on the right foot:

Rhyming

Letter identification

(know difference between upper and lower case)

Letter sounds

Vocabulary

Count to 20

Write their name

Completing simple tasks without asking for help

Sitting for 5-10 minutes

1:1 correspondence

Pencil grip

Understand quantities (more or less)

Self help skills (zip pants, hang coat, open lunch items, independently go to bathroom)

Take turns in conversation (without blurting out)

Fine motor: puzzles, cutting, color within lines

Know their address and a phone number

Bathroom rules

Eating with others

Ideas to try at home

- Practice using polite words in social situations (store, hair salon, restaurants, etc.)
- Walking, biking, or exercising (encourages and teaches about good health)
- Play games that have an educational value such as guessing games, number and word games
- Encourage your child to recite nursery rhymes and sing songs. Discuss how some words sound the same (rhyming)
- Establish a healthy diet with lots of water and nutritional meals and snacks
- Establish healthy habits such as washing hands and tooth brushing
- Encourage your child to play and do projects with other children to help promote cooperation and social skills
- Discuss any fears your child might have
- Shop for school supplies together
- Going to the library, learn how to check out books, attend a story time
- Read aloud to your child and ask them to re-tell the stories to you at home
- Drawing pictures and writing letters
- Visit interesting places such as: parks, zoos farms, fire stations, safety town, day camps and museums
- Explore your local neighborhoods
- Cook together, this teaches math and science
- Shop together, this teaches, pricing, identifying money, reading and math
- Planting a garden outside or taking care of house plants and talk about how they grow
- Helping with household chores (promotes responsibility and reliability)
- Practice tying shoes, zipping, and buttoning

Ohio Department of Education

The Department is a wealth of substantive, reliable, and comprehensive resources:

* Kindergarten Webpage - age requirements, education choices, instruction time / length of school year, and screenings

*Kindergarten Entrance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

*Getting Ready for Kindergarten Webpage - areas of development important to helping young children prepare for learning

*Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - how teachers can use this tool to find out the learning needs of children entering kindergarten

Selected Children's Books About Kindergarten

- *A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper*
- *Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee*
- *David Goes to School by David Shannon*
- *First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg*
- *Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London*
- *I Am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child*
- *Kindergarten Rocks! by Katie Davis*
- *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I come! by Nancy Carlson*
- *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I come!/Preparate, kindergarten! Allavoy! by Nancy Carlson*
- *Mae's First Day of School by Kate Berube*
- *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*
- *Off to Kindergarten by Tony Johnston*
- *Que Nervios! El Primer Dia de Escuela by Julie D*
- *School's First Day of School by Adam Rex*
- *Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton*
- *The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn*
- *Un Beso en Mi Mano by Audrey Penn*
- *Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell*
- *Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes*

Kindergarten

Questions ?

We are so excited to have your child join our schools next year!!