

Kindergarten 2020-2021



Kindergarten Information Evening Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 6:30 PM Swampscott Middle School in the Little Theater

The evening will be an opportunity to hear about a typical day in your child's kindergarten routine, including information regarding the curriculum and schedule. In addition, there will be a panel of specialists from the district in the areas of health, social-emotional development, student services and kindergarten readiness to answer any questions.

*Kindergarten registration forms will be available online at swampscottps.org. Please click on Top Tab, **Resources**, then under **For Families and Students, New Student Registration, Kindergarten Registration Packet**.*

Registration packets must be turned into the school district in person at the Middle School in the Superintendent's Conference Room during one of the following time slots:

- **Tuesday, March 17 between 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM**
- **Thursday, March 19 between 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM**
- **Thursday, March 26 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM**

Kindergarten school assignment letters will be mailed on or before May 15, 2020. Please note that siblings are placed at the same school unless there is an individual need for specialized district programming. School assignments will not be assigned until all registration documentation is submitted.

Kindergarten visitation day will be Wednesday, June 10th, 2020. Students with last names beginning with A-M will be at 9:00AM and students with last names N-Z will be at 10:30 AM.

Kindergarten screening will occur at your child's assigned school during the first three days of school (September 1, 2, 3). Special Education laws require that all children be screened upon entrance into kindergarten. The screening is a non-intensive scan of your child's learning skills and abilities and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Screening appointment dates and times will be sent out by letter. The purpose of the screening is to identify any learning issues that may exist which may require further evaluation and/or special education services. Parents will be notified of their child's kindergarten teacher at the end of the school day after screening is complete.

The 1st day of school for Kindergarten students will be on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020.

How can I prepare my child for kindergarten?

- Try to set aside time to read stories to your child daily with opportunities for questions and comments
- Have your child color with crayons, markers, use Play Dough, blocks, etc. to increase fine motor strength
- Consider limiting technology especially when outside the home to encourage language development, emotional regulation, and empathy for others
- Establish predictable routines for bedtime and in the morning for encouraging independence and responsibility
- Try to find time for outdoor play daily
- Consider finding time daily for children that is less structured and less adult directed to allow for problem solving, creativity, and opportunities for making choices

Any questions?

Please do not hesitate to call or email Martha Raymond, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services at raymond@swampscott.k12.ma.us or 781-596-8800 x1383.

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