

WELCOME TO  
PRE-K!  
2021-22

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# CES Main Office

*We are here to help!*

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# Welcome Back to School!

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the first day of instruction.

Attendance by all students is required!



# PRE-K TEACHERS



**Mrs. Samantha Eissing**

**Mrs. Theresa Prendergast**

**Mrs. Sarah Mayer**

**Mrs. Karen Hernandez**

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*Did you know?*

Our Pre-K Wing also houses two Head Start classrooms through Greene County ECLC.

**Kristen Langworthy**

**Sherri Baldwin**

**Pre-K/Head Start**

**Head Start**

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# What supplies does my Pre-K student need?

 If you need help accessing any of these items, please let us know.

- ✓ Masks/cloth face coverings to be worn at school
- ✓ 2 boxes of 24 crayons
- ✓ 1 plastic pencil case
- ✓ 4 glue sticks
- ✓ A pair of child-safe scissors
- ✓ Art smock (an old shirt) for projects and painting
- ✓ A water bottle with a secure lid
- ✓ A yoga mat that can be rolled up for storage (for rest time)
- ✓ A blanket or towel (for rest time; this will go home weekly)
- ✓ A picture of your family to keep at school for those tough days

*Please label all items with your child's full name!*

Our Pre-K supply list can be found on our webpage:

<https://catskillcsd.org/2021/08/04/pre-kindergarten-supply-list/>

# WHAT ELSE SHOULD I SEND TO SCHOOL EACH DAY?

- **A backpack** that your child can open and close without help.
- **A two-pocket folder especially for communication.** Please check this every day. We will use it to send important information home to you. You can use it to send absence notes, transportation plans, homework questions or other concerns to school.

# What should my child wear to school?

## Comfortable clothing and shoes.

Your child should be able to put on, zip or button their clothes without help. Shoes should cover your child's toes and fit well.

No overalls, party clothes, flip-flops, heels, open-toed sandals, or hats indoors, please!

**You should send a labeled Ziplock bag with a full, backup outfit (including underwear and socks) to keep at school.**

All clothing should be **LABELED** inside with your child's full name.



# What about breakfast and lunch?

- Thanks to a federal grant, CES will provide **FREE breakfast and lunch to every student** during the 2021-22 school year. There are no forms to fill out or programs to apply for.
- You may still add funds to your child's MySchoolBucks account if you'd like them to have money for snacks or ice cream, or if you choose to send a packed lunch and have your child buy milk at school.
- **Please notify us immediately of any allergies or religious/cultural food restrictions your child has.**

**Questions? Call Rebecca at the Business Office at ext. 1413 or [rvanalstyne@catskillcsd.org](mailto:rvanalstyne@catskillcsd.org).**



# How will I stay informed?

## Remind

- Is an app that allows you to text directly with your child's teacher
- Install it on your phone and your Pre-K teacher will give you a code to connect with her

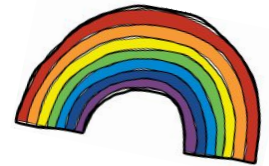
## Weekly or Monthly Classroom Newsletters

- Will be placed in your child's folder to bring home.
- Contain important information, upcoming events & classroom news.
- Share lesson themes and learning objectives.
- Give suggestions for working with your child at home.



## CES Week at a Glance and Monthly Calendar

- Will be emailed/texted to you & posted on the website.
- Share grade-level and school-wide events, holidays, scheduling, and other information.



# How should I keep you informed?

→ If you need to alter your child's dismissal plan, **please send written permission to school.** You may also call the Main Office **before 11 am.**



New  
Address!



→ We take your child's safety seriously, and **must be able to reach you in case of emergency.**

Any time you **move, change your phone number, or need to alter your child's emergency contacts,** please **notify us as soon as possible.**

# Pre-K Schedule

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### **9:15 AM: Pre-K Drop-Off**

Drop-off for Pre-K will be located at the Pre-K playground door. Please pull along the sidewalk and stay in your vehicle. A staff member will come to bring your child inside.

**Earlier than 9:15 AM: DO NOT drop off your Pre-K child.**

**Later than 9:15 AM: To sign your child in late, please go to the main doors of the school.**

**9:30 AM:** Breakfast in classroom (CES provides free breakfast and lunch.)

**11:15 AM:** Lunch in the cafeteria (CES provides free breakfast and lunch.)

**2:00 PM:** Snack in classroom (**Please send your child with a snack!**)

**2:45 PM: Pre-K Pick-Up** (**PLEASE BE PROMPT**)

Pick-up for Pre-K will be via the front doors of the elementary school. Please park in the bus circle at the front of the building and wait for a staff member with a sign-out sheet. Students will be brought out to their families.

**Important:** (**ID is required for pick-up, even if you have picked up your child before.**)

# First Days of School

**Monday, September 13th will be a “slow start” half day. Pre-K will dismiss at 11:00 AM.**

**Please park in the bus circle and wait. You will need to sign your child out.**



**The first FULL DAY of Pre-K (9:15 AM to 2:45 PM) will be Tuesday, September 14th.**



# Literacy Pledge



Reading at home makes a huge difference for your child!

Read together! Stories and poems that practice counting, colors, shapes, and letter recognition will help your child be ready for school.

**"I will read to my child for 20 minutes a night, five nights a week."**

- ✓ That's 400 minutes a month...
- ✓ ...and 60 hours each school year!

# Catskill Elementary PTA

- **President:** Marguerite Mahoney
- **Treasurer:** Laurie June
- **Secretary:** Wendy Meyers



PTA meetings are usually held on  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays in the CES Library.

*Volunteers  
welcome!*



# Final Thoughts

- Teach your child their full name, your name, your address, and your phone number.
- Help them practice writing their name.



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- Practice opportunities to play, share, and make friends with other kids.
- Encourage your child to look forward to school as a warm, friendly place.