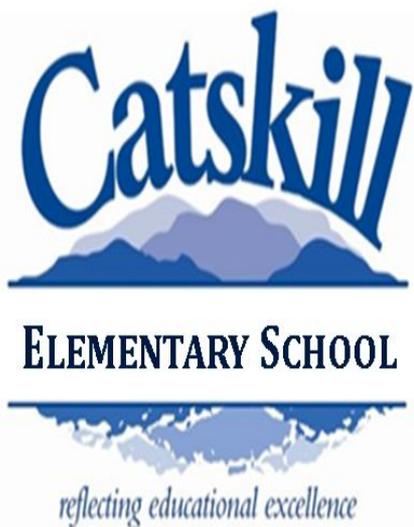


KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION

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AGENDA:

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 - TRANSPORTATION
 - CATSKILL PTA
 - ATTENDANCE
 - FINAL THOUGHTS



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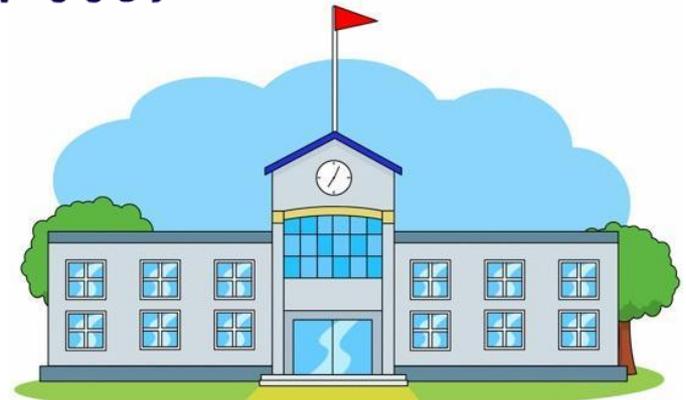
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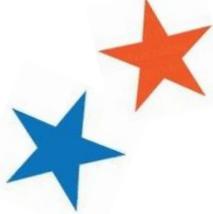
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Special Classes

Students attend a different Special Class each day.

You will receive a schedule from your child's teacher!



Art **Ms. Jennifer Allison**

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Kindergarten Screening!



During the week of May 9th through May 13th , we'll be holding our annual screening event for upcoming Kindergarten students.

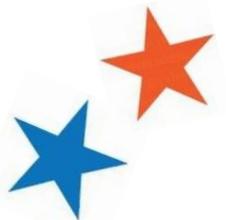
- A CES teacher will work with your child to complete a developmental and academic assessment.
 - The assessment tools we use at CES, the Brigance Early Childhood Screener, are designed to measure basic, fundamental concepts acquired by most young children.
 - The information we gain from your child's screening will inform their placement and instruction as they enter Kindergarten in September.
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Welcome to Kindergarten for Parents & Children

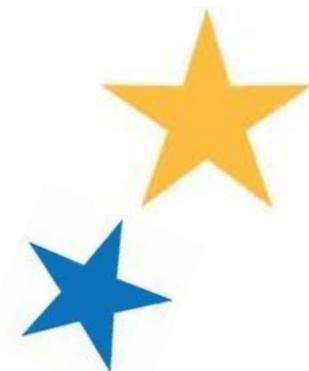
- To help your child adjust to classroom life with ease, we will hold a **Welcome to Kindergarten Event at CES on in early September**.

At Welcome to Kindergarten:

- You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom
- You will be able review curriculum and classroom procedures and show your child some of the learning experiences they'll participate in at school
- Our teachers will share tips and tricks to set your family up for a smooth and successful year



What supplies does my Kindergartener need?

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- ✓ 4 Boxes of Crayons
 - ✓ Small, plastic, rectangular pencil box
 - ✓ 10 glue sticks
 - ✓ Expo markers
 - ✓ 3-Two-pocket folders (plastic works best)
 - ✓ 2-Composition notebooks
 - ✓ Baby wipes
 - ✓ Child-size scissors
 - ✓ Ziplock Bags-Gallon Size
 - ✓ Face masks
 - ✓ Pencils
 - ✓ Earbuds / Headphones
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Our Kindergarten supply list can be found on our webpage:

<https://catskillcsd.org/2021/08/04/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.



How will I stay informed?

Weekly or Monthly Classroom Newsletters



- Will be placed in your child's folder to bring home.
- Contain important information, report card dates, upcoming field trips, and 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.** If you move, change your phone number, or need to add/remove emergency contacts, **notify the Main Office as soon as possible.**

Health Office!

Every Child Deserves a School Nurse!

- To help kids stay healthy able to learn in school
- To attend to your child's well being while here at CES.



- Each student is **required by law to have a physical within the calendar year** for school for grades Pre-K,K,1,3,5,7,&9. The nurse must receive this on the school physical form within 30 days of school starting
- Students must be up to date on immunizations with 14 days of school starting.



Food Services

Bill Muirhead: bmuirhea@catskillcsd.org

- ☐ Thanks to a CEP Community eligibility Program, CES will provide **FREE** breakfast and lunch to every student during the 2022-23 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 extra money to spend on snacks or ice cream.
- ☐ ID and PIN Number
- ☐ Food Allergies

Questions? Call Mr. Muirhead at the Business Office at ext. 1472 or bmuirhea@catskillcsd.org.

~Anyone interested in Food Service Position next year Please contact the food service department

Transportation

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- Kindergarten students picked up door to door.
- Parent or confirmed adult must be present.
- Child will have a badge printed for their backpack with their name, bus number and teacher name.

Questions? Call Payge Dimasi
at the Business Office at ext.
1413 or
pdimasi@catskillcsd.org.



Catskill Elementary PTA

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

The PTA cannot exist without parent/ guardian involvement so any amount of time, commitment and support is greatly appreciated. Many of our current board members will be leaving at the end of this school year. Therefore, the CES PTA is looking for new board members for the 2022/2023 school year. Please contact Marguerite Mahoney at mmahoney@catskillcsd.org if interested.



*Volunteers
welcome!*



Attendance Matters!

Every day counts in a child's academic life.



If your child misses just two days a month, they'll miss almost a month of school.

A good attendance routine creates a positive model for your child.

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 Kindergarten.

"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!

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.