




CURRICULUM
(Aligned to the MA Curriculum Frameworks)

- Math
- Reading, Reading, Reading
- Center-based learning
- Social Studies, Science
- Social Emotional Curriculum
- Physical Education, Music & Library with specialists weekly
- Recess/Play
- Lunch
 - Daily in the cafeteria for full day, Wednesdays for half day



The graphic is a colorful pentagon with five sides, each a different color (blue, yellow, red, purple, green). In the center of the pentagon, the words 'Mathematical Problem Solving' are written in white.

Half Day Kindergarten

- Morning: 8:15 – 11:30 AM session (4 days)
- 8:15 – 12:45 on Wednesdays
- Half day sessions may start earlier if students are from multiple schools
- Afternoon: 12:00 – 2:45 PM (M, T, TH, F)-if there is a morning and afternoon session in one classroom
- Schools that have more than one half day session will switch sessions third week in January
- Schools that only have one half day session will remain in the morning for the entire school year.

Full-Day Kindergarten

- * Hours: 8:15 – 2:45 (M, Tu, Th, Fri)
- * 8:15 – 12:45 on Wednesdays
- * Transportation provided by parents
- * Lunch in cafeteria



Instructional Time – Half Day K (8:25-11:30)

Daily:

- Reading – 40 minutes
- Phonics – 20 minutes
- Writing – 30 minutes
- Math – 40 minutes
- Play – 20 minutes

Weekly:

- Social Emotional Learning – 30 minutes
- Music – 30 minutes
- PE – 30 minutes
- Library Media – 40 minutes



(Omits lunch & recess; reduces reading, writing & math times; science & social studies topics are integrated into reading)

Instructional Time – Full Day K (8:25-2:45)

Daily:

- Reading – 60 minutes
- Phonics – 30 minutes
- Writing – 45 minutes
- Math – 60 minutes
- Lunch – 30 minutes
- Recess/Play – 45 minutes

Weekly:

- Science – 80 minutes
- Social Studies – 80 minutes
- Social Emotional Learning – 30 minutes
- Music – 30 minutes
- PE – 30 minutes
- Library Media – 40 minutes



Health Requirements

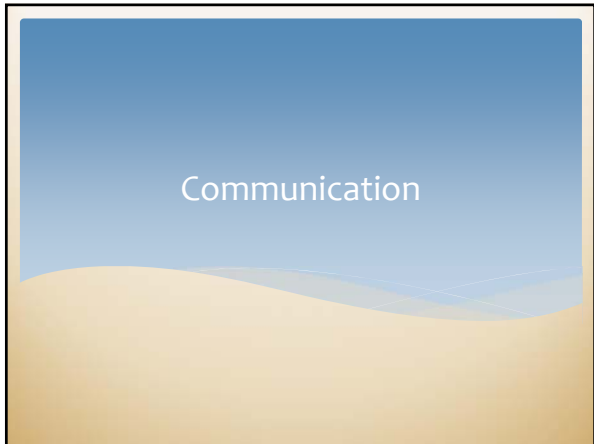
- * All five-year-old required immunizations prior to entrance
- * Hearing and vision screening from physician
- * Health History will be received with screening packet

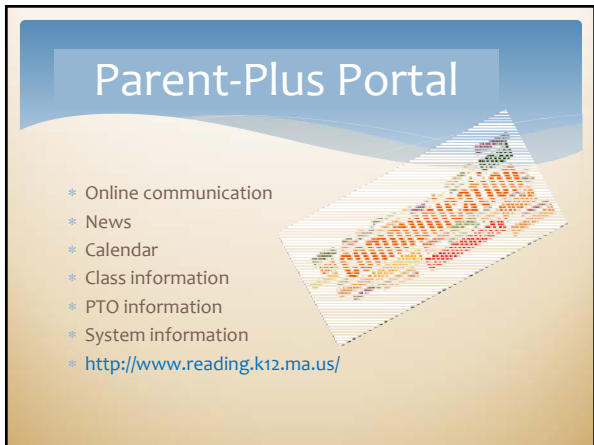


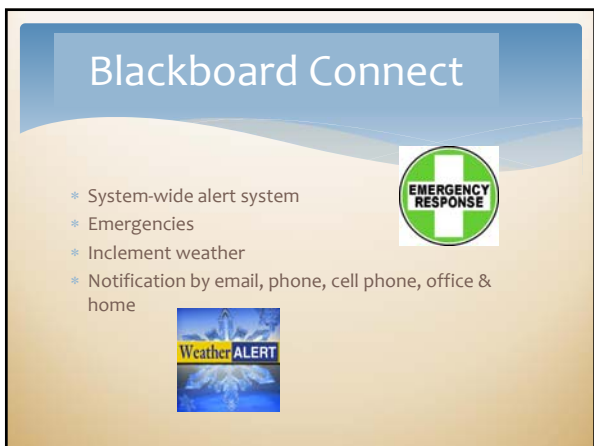
ELL Services

- * Purpose of the *Home Language Survey*
- * Process of identification for students
- * ELL assessments
- * Information provided to teachers
- * Resources for families









Kindergarten Registration and Assignment Guidelines

Registration

- * Child must be five years of age by **August 31, 2019**.
- * ALL applications for Kindergarten registration are due by **Friday, December 7th** to Superintendent's Office; \$35 non-refundable application fee.
- * If you are choosing full day kindergarten, registration must be postmarked or received by **December 7th**.
- * Because of teacher and space assignments, we may not be able to accept requests to go from half day to full day after December 7th, except in extenuating circumstances.

Full-Day Kindergarten Cost

- * \$4,450 per year
 - 10 payments of \$445 each
- * Need to register on eSchool
 - Will receive notification when payments are due
- * First payment due by May 1, 2019 with remaining 9 monthly payments due the first of each month beginning in August 1, 2019
- * Payments made either on eSchool, or by check payable to "Town of Reading"

eSchool

- * Electronic fee management and payment service
- * Same company that Town uses for online payment of taxes and fees
- * System uses secure web page
- * Can pay online by check (ACH) or credit/debit card

Registering for eSchool

- * Complete the online registration form and create username and password
- * Receive email with Activation Number
- * Log on to district homepage, enter username and password, and when prompted, enter Activation number
- * Add student(s) by selecting their school and enter their Student ID number (will be sent to you with FDK registration confirmation) and Last Name

Kindergarten Assignments

- * The overall goal is to effectively and efficiently maximize the educational space and staffing so that we can provide the best learning experiences for our kindergarten students in each school.

Kindergarten Assignments

- * Kindergarten assignments will be based on geographical location, class size, and available space.
- * Typical class size 18-22 students.
- * Depending on enrollment, some half day or full day students may need to move to another elementary school for their kindergarten year. Transportation will be provided if it is greater than 2 miles.
- * Siblings who are in half day or full day programs assigned to another elementary school will return to their neighborhood school when they enter first grade.

Kindergarten Assignments (cont.)

As we have in the past, we will be using the following prioritized factors for kindergarten assignment of students:

1. Access to full day kindergarten for families that want it or qualify for it.
2. Maintaining School Committee guidelines for class sizes (18-22 students) for full day and half day programs.
3. Keeping half and full day classes separate and not integrated.
4. Keeping siblings in the same school (if there is a half day and full day program in the same school)
5. Maintaining neighborhood schools.

Timeline

- * October 1, 2018-Letters sent out to all prospective kindergarten families
- * December 7, 2018-Applications due for all kindergarten families, regardless of program choice
- * February 1, 2019-Notification to families about program and school assignment
- * May/June, 2019-Kindergarten Screening at assigned school.

Extended Day Programs



Extended Day Program

- * Serves students in Full Day K through Grade 5
- * Provided at each elementary school
- * Staff includes paraeducators, certified teachers, childcare workers, and high school helpers

Extended Day Options

- 7-8:15 AM Regular Before School
- 7:45-8:15 AM Special Option
- 2:45-6:00 PM After School
- 12:45-3:30 PM Wednesday Only

Staff Training Includes

- * First Aid/CPR
- * De-escalation
- * Open Circle
- * Bullying

Typical Afternoon

- * Children escorted to cafeteria at end of school day
- * Attendance
- * Homework or Free Choice
- * Snack
- * Outdoors or Gym
- * Library (computers) or Cafeteria (games, activities)
- * Pick Up
- * Every Wednesday: Onsite Enrichment Activity

FINAL THOUGHTS

Upcoming Dates and To-Do Items

- * Sign up for E-School
- * December 7th -Registration **due** for both half-day and full-day
- * By February 1st-School Assignments will be provided
- * Kindergarten Screenings – Completed in May/June at assigned school

QUESTIONS???

Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you at screening!
