KINDERGARTEN 2020-21

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2033

READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- John Doherty, Superintendent of Schools
- Chris Kelley, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
- Principals:
  - Beth Leavitt, Barrows Elementary
  - Julia Hendrix, Birch Meadow Elementary
  - LisaMarie Ippolito, Joshua Eaton Elementary
  - Sarah Leveque, Killam Elementary
  - Joanne King, Wood End Elementary
- Mary Giuliana, Director of Nurses
- Rich Belmonte, Extended Day Program
- Mackenzie Irwin, Extended Day Program

FOCUS OF THE EVENING

- Kindergarten Curriculum, Programs and Services
- Communication
- Kindergarten Registration and Assignment Guidelines
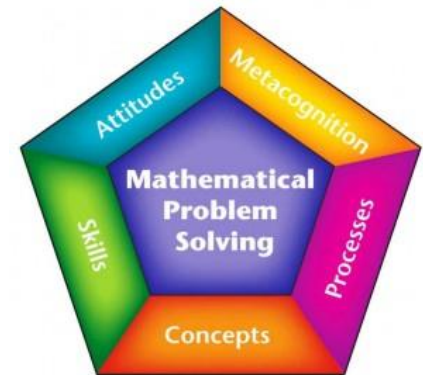- Extended Day Options
- Registration Process
- Q&A

A Place Called Kindergarten

Kindergarten Programs

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

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)-*This is only if there is a morning and afternoon session in one classroom.*

- Schools that have more than one half day session will switch sessions the third week in January

- Schools that only have one half day session will remain in the morning for the entire school year.

- Transportation provided by parents.

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

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

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME – HALF DAY K (8:15-11:30)

Anticipated Daily Schedule:

- 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)

Anticipated Daily Schedule:

- 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 – 80 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

COMMUNICATION

PARENT-PLUS PORTAL

- Online communication
- News
- Calendar
- Class information
- PTO information
- System information
- http://www.reading.k12.ma.us/

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

- System-wide alert system
- Emergencies
- Inclement weather
- Notification by email, phone, cell phone, office & home

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

REGISTRATION

- Child must be five years of age by **August 31, 2020.**

- ALL applications for Kindergarten registration are due by **Friday, December 6th** to Superintendent's Office; $35 non-refundable application fee.

- If you are choosing full day kindergarten, registration must be postmarked or received by **December 6th.**

- 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, 2020 with remaining 9 monthly payments due the first of each month beginning in August 1, 2020
- 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.

- The following guidelines, in priority order, for kindergarten programming and assignments will be used:

1. Access to Full Day Kindergarten for families that want it
2. Maintaining Adequate Class sizes (18-22 students in Grades K-2)
3. Keeping half and full day classes separate and not integrated
4. Keeping siblings in the same school if it is a half day program
5. Maintaining neighborhood schools

KINDERGARTEN ASSIGNMENTS (CONT.)

- 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.

TIMELINE

- October 1, 2019-Letters sent out to all prospective kindergarten families

- December 6, 2019-Applications due for all kindergarten families, regardless of program choice

- January 31, 2020-Notification to families about program and school assignment

- May/June, 2020-Kindergarten Screening at assigned school.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS

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- Serves students in Full Day K through Grade 5
- Offers 1-Day – all 5-Days options for Before and After School
- Two before school drop off times

  - 7:00am - 8:15am

  - 7:45am - 8:15am

- Afternoon programing

  - 2:45pm - 6:00pm

- Full day care offered on in-service days and vacation weeks
- Closed on snow days, holidays & winter break between Christmas and New Year's

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

- Staff includes certified teachers, paraeducators, college students, and high school students
- Staff receive the following trainings each year:
  - First Aid/CPR
  - De-escalation
  - Bullying
  - Working with difficult children

Before School Schedule

- Arrival
- Snack (provided)
- Free Choice Table Activities (art, LEGOs, reading, homework, etc.)
- Gym/Outside time
- Dismissal to School

Afternoon Schedule

- Arrival
- Attendance
- Snack (provided)
- Divide into groups by grade (i.e.. K-1, 2-3, 4-5)
- Rotation: Enrichment, Homework, Free Choice
- Pick up
- Every Wednesday: Two Enrichment Sessions

Enrichment Activities

- SNL Sports
- KIDSTOCK!
- Kid's Test Kitchen
- Code Wiz
- Brickapalooza
- Let's Gogh Art!
- Origamido
- KidzFun
- And more!

EXTENDED DAY REGISTRATION

- Registration form will be in the Kindergarten Packet from Superintendent's Office confirming enrollment in Full Day Kindergarten late February
- Financial Assistance is available
- Enrollment is limited, registration is on a first come, first serve basis
- For additional information please call the Extended Day Office at 781-942-9136

FINAL THOUGHTS

UPCOMING DATES AND TO-DO ITEMS

- Sign up for E-School
- December 6th -Registration **due** for both half-day and full-day
- By January 31st-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!