



Important

INFORMATION to know

When you are informed of your child's school and teacher, be sure to get the following information!

Teacher's Name _____

School Name _____

Classroom Number _____

School Telephone Number _____

School Nurse Telephone Number _____

Bus Garage Telephone Number _____

Time School Begins _____ am

Time School Ends _____ pm

School Website _____

For information call any Utica City School District Elementary School.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student • every day



Attendance is **REQUIRED** (state-mandated in Kindergarten for 180 days. Once enrolled in Kindergarten, students are required to attend school regularly with limited missed school days.

Parents/Guardians must contact their child's school nurse. A written excuse is **REQUIRED** every time your child is **ABSENT**, **TARDY**, or to be **DISMISSED EARLY**.

The first day of school your child will be sent home important notices that must be read to insure you are aware of the school's policies and procedures.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these procedures.

AM 2021

The Utica City School District Kindergarten Handbook



Welcome to the Utica City School District Kindergarten Program. This is a very exciting time for your child. Kindergarten provides many interesting and exciting learning experiences which accommodate their developmental growth.

Your child's Kindergarten teacher is ready to welcome him/her and begin a partnership with you to educate your child. Children are natural learners and as you spend time with them, they learn without effort. **Your child learns most from you. You are the most valuable part of their educational experience.** They learn many things that prepare them for Kindergarten from their everyday experiences with you.

Getting Your Child Started

Kindergarten is extremely **IMPORTANT** in your child's education!



HELP YOUR CHILD:

- Attend school everyday
 - Arrive at school on time (9:05am)
- Create a daily bedtime routine that begins at 7:30pm with bedtime at 8:00pm
 - Get 8-11 hours of sleep
- Limit screen time for TV, Video Games, tablets & cell phones
- Eat healthy snacks (limit high sugar foods)
- Arrive earlier to school to participate in the breakfast program
 - Exercise Daily (60 minutes)
- Inform the school nurse if your child requires medication and/has allergies.

Parents are Welcomed to be Involved

Helping Kids Succeed

in School



Parents are a child's biggest supporter.

Talk with your teacher and principal about how you can get involved in the classroom and in your child's learning process.

Please help your child complete his/her homework each and every night.

CELEBRATE the work your child brings home.

Check your child's folder every night.

Examples:

"Wow, I am really proud of your hard work!"

"I really like how you were so creative."

"Show me how you did that?"

Useful websites

Log on to :

starfall.com

abcmusic.com

gonoodle.com

What Will Your Child Learn In Kindergarten?



Math:

- Counting from 1 to 100.
(1,2,3,4,5, 6.....100)
- Know number names and counting sequence
(1,2,3,4,5,6....)
- Comparing numbers (Greater than, less than, equal to)
- Understanding addition as putting together and adding to
- Understanding subtraction as taking apart and taking from
- Working with numbers 11-19 to gain foundation for place value
- Identifying 2 dimensional (2D, flat shapes) and 3 dimensional (3D) shapes
- Measurement—comparison of height, length, weight, and capacity
- All Addition and Subtraction facts within 5
(2+1, 3+2, 5-2, 3-3)
- Skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's
- Problem Solving
- Money (Value/Identification)



ELA/Reading:

- Letter Recognition and Letter Sounds
- 40 High Frequency Sight Words
- Beginning/Middle/Ending Sounds.
- Blending sounds to make words
- Reading 3 Letter words.
- Reading 4 and 5 letter words with blends (crab, stand)
- Reading words with digraphs (ch, sh, th)
- Print Awareness, Fluency and Speaking

Writing:

- Letter writing (Upper & Lowercase)
- Name writing (First & Last)
- Sentence writing
- Three, four and five letter words by sounding them out



Social Studies:

- Families, Neighborhoods, Communities, People Around the World, Presidents and American symbols



Science:

- 5 Senses, Matter and Energy, Taking Care of Our World, Weather and Sea-



What Your Child Should Already Know Coming Into Kindergarten

- Letter recognition & basic letter sounds
- Number correspondence - Counting to 20
- Number recognition #0-20
- Identify name of colors
- Introduction to shapes: Square, rectangle, circle, oval, triangle, heart, star, rhombus/diamond/ cylinder/cube
- Be able to identify their name and print name
- Social Skills—sharing, waiting turn, raising hand, please and thank you.
- Communication skills expression, thoughts and feelings
- Be able to tell their address and phone



Helpful Hints

READ TOGETHER:

- One of the best ways to help children learn words is talking and reading constantly and often together
- Share books and stories with vivid pictures
- Read multiple books on the same topic
 - Actively listening
 - Communication
 - Talk to Your Children
- Let child “pretend read” after you finish reading.
- Allow child to retell story or discuss characters, setting, and plot.
- Talk to your child, read to them, sing with them, make up silly rhymes, and play work games



READ, READ, READ!

ASK QUESTIONS:

- Encourage your child to express themselves. Let them ask questions
 - Did you talk about anything you read in class today?
 - What new words did you learn from your reading?
 - How do you spell them?
 - How did you use math today?
 - Can you show me an example?
 - What math problems did you do today?
 - How did you get your answer?

ENCOURAGE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT:

- Sing songs together
- Rhyme together
- Discuss environment while shopping, traveling, etc.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Help develop gross and fine motor skills
- Practice writing name using tripod grip
- Practice using scissors safely together



Utica City School District Elementary Schools

Albany Elementary - 1151 Albany St. - 792-2150

Columbus Elementary - 934 Armory Dr. - 792-2011

Roscoe Conkling Elementary - 1115 Mohawk St. - 368-6800

General Herkimer Elementary - 420 Keyes Rd. - 792-2160

John F. Hughes Elementary - 24 Prospect St. - 792-2165

Thomas Jefferson Elementary - 190 Booth St. - 792-2163

Hugh R. Jones Elementary - 2630 Remington Rd. - 792-2171

Kernan Elementary - 929 York St. - 792-2185

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary - 211 Square St. - 792-2175

Watson Williams Elementary - 107 Elmwood Ave. - 792-2167