

## A Day in the Life of a Kindergarten Student

- Arrival and Unpack
- Morning Meeting
- Shared Reading
- Break
- Small Group Reading Instruction
- Writer's Workshop
- Math Explorations
- Science
- Lunch
- Recess (indoor/outdoor)
- Learning Centers:
  - Literacy Center
  - Math Center
  - Dramatic Play Center
  - Discovery Center
  - Art Center
  - Block Center
- Daily Specials:
  - Art
  - Computers
  - Library
  - Music
  - Physical Education
- Cleanup and Sharing

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# Welcome to Kindergarten

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The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District values children. Together, WE:

- ★ Foster social, emotional, and academic growth in a safe and nurturing environment.
- ★ Respect values and traditions within our families and schools.
- ★ Strive to respond to the needs of our diverse and changing community.
- ★ Develop the curiosity and creativity of critical thinkers to become collaborative problem solvers who meet the challenges of a globally competitive society.

*Every Student - Every Day -  
Every Opportunity*

# FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

## What are the benefits of full-day Kindergarten?

- Contributes to school readiness
- Leads to higher academic achievement
- Improves student attendance
- Supports literacy and language development
- Benefits children socially and emotionally
- Reduces retention and remediation needs

## How old does my child need to be in order to register for kindergarten?

There has been no change. Board Policy requires that all students must be 5 years old by October 1.

## Will my child be ready for a longer kindergarten day?

It is natural for changes in routines and increased physical and cognitive activity to result in fatigue initially. However, years of experience teaches us that children adapt quickly. Teachers are sensitive to the transition, and they will build in quiet time options for those children who require it.

## Why are all kindergarten students assessed prior to the start of school?

The assessment serves two important purposes:

- Results are used to help us create well-rounded classes.
- It also helps teachers get to know your child better. This will allow us to better meet needs earlier in the year.

Test results are not used to determine kindergarten eligibility.

## When will we learn the name of my child's teacher?

Letters are mailed to the home prior to kindergarten orientation in late-July. All other grade levels typically learn about homeroom assignments via the District's online Parent Portal, *Genesis*.

## How can I learn more about the curriculum?

Each school hosts a Back to School Night during which your child's teacher will discuss the District's Curriculum and the materials we use to deliver the curriculum.

## I'm worried my child is not ready for Kindergarten. Should I be?

Children are not expected to come to kindergarten knowing all their letters, numbers, how to read, write, or add. We also don't expect that they know typical classroom norms. Our teachers are ready to differentiate instruction to meet your child's needs regardless of previous knowledge.

If you are worried, the best thing to do before school opens is to read to your child, ask them questions, let them share what they know, and expose them to new learning and social situations.

Once school starts, share your concerns with your child's kindergarten teacher.

## When will school start/dismiss?

8:55-3:35	Regular Day
8:55-1:20	Early Dismissal
10:25-3:35	Delayed Opening

## Will my child ride the bus?

Yes, if your child qualifies for transportation, he/she will ride each day to and from school with other grade 1-4 students from your neighborhood.

## Where will my child eat lunch and snack?

A healthy snack is encouraged for all students and is eaten in the classroom at a consistent time each day.

All kindergarten students will eat together in the school cafeteria. Students may bring a bagged lunch or purchase a lunch.

## My child requires mid-day medicine to be administered. Will a nurse be able to assist with this?

Yes. Parents must bring in a physician's order, sign a permission form, and deliver the medication to the school nurse in the original container.

## Will my child be able to play on the playground?

Yes, weather permitting; children will have access to age-appropriate equipment.

