



FAQ'S ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

How does drop off and pick up work?

The doors open at 8:15 every morning. It is important to note: we do not have supervision on the playground. If you want to come early, you are welcome to use the playground, but must stay with your child until the middle doors open. Students are not allowed to be dropped off before that time. Students dropped off by bus will enter the building through the main entrance.

Pick-ups will be dismissed at 3:00 PM. Grownups need to check in with the staff member by the clipboards to have the child they're picking up "signed out" (the staff member will check off the student's name to prevent the sharing of pens). Once the student has been "signed out", they will exit the building as follows:

- Students in kindergarten that face the playground (Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Hill) will exit through their classroom's exterior door:
 - Hill – **D16**
 - Morse – **D18**
- Students in Mrs. Anderson's and Mrs. Helfrich's classrooms will exit through the middle doors (**D15**).

This process can take a while, especially in the beginning of the school year, as we become familiar with new families. Your patience is appreciated!

How can I get in touch with peers in my child's class?

You will receive a buddy list a few weeks into school. On the list, you will have contact information for each child (parent/guardian's name, mailing address, phone numbers and an e-mail address). Parents/Guardians will be given some time to opt out of having their contact information included on the list.

How can I participate in my child's classroom?

Parents/Guardians have many opportunities to volunteer in the classroom and for the school. Volunteers are needed for: The Emergent Reading Program, PTA and various field trips during the school year. For a full list of volunteer opportunities and a short description of each, visit the "Welcome to Kindergarten" section of the school website. Let your child's teacher know if this interests you.

How will I know if another student in my child's class has a food allergy?

If you are in class with a student who has a food allergy, you will be notified with a letter. You will receive this letter when you get your placement letter over the summer. Specific directions around food allowed in the classroom will be included in the letter.

How are birthdays observed in school?

Birthdays will be recognized by the classroom teacher and with a special announcement from the principal. Special snacks and gifts for the class are not allowed and we ask that you keep the celebration for your child at home to help all students focus on learning.

What is the best way to contact my child's teacher?

Every student has a home school folder that is checked daily. Bus notes or anything needing immediate attention can be put in the Home School Folder in the form of a written note and it will be seen. Also, e-mail is a good way to contact a teacher. The teachers e-mail address is: firstname.lastname@colchestersd.org (for example, tracy.helfrich@colchestersd.org is the e-mail for Tracy Helfrich). Here are the e-mail addresses for the four kindergarten teachers:

Christine Anderson: christine.andersonc@colchestersd.org

Tracy Helfrich: tracy.helfrich@colchestersd.org

Hannah Hill: hannah.hill@colchestersd.org

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