

Dear

Hello! My name is Mrs. Hill and I am going to be your kindergarten teacher! I am very excited to get to know you and your family. UMS is one of my most favorite places to be. I hope you like it as much as I do! This summer has been really busy for me. I have been working in my garden and went on a trip to a beach! I hope you have been having a fun summer too! I am now starting to get our classroom ready, I think you will like it a lot.

I hope you are as excited about kindergarten as I am about you coming. It is a fun place to be. We will play many games, learn songs and poems, read books and learn new and interesting things. Are you ready to learn how to read? I am excited to teach you. Do you know who Piggie and Gerald are? They are my favorite book characters right now. My biggest hope for you is that you will make many friends and that you will love coming to school. You might be really excited about coming to kindergarten but you might also be a bit nervous. It is ok to feel a little nervous. I just want you to know that I am very nice and I will work hard to make you feel safe and happy.

Please let your family know that the only items you will need for school are a backpack and a labeled reusable water bottle. Each day, you will need to bring a lunch, two small snacks, and your home/school folder (I will give you this) in your backpack.

I love the beginning of a new school year. It's like I get a beautifully wrapped present and the gift is YOU!

See you soon!!

Love,

Mrs. Hill



**Mrs. Hill's Kindergarten
Union Memorial School**

Dear Parents,

Hello! My name is Hannah Hill and I am very excited for the upcoming school year! This will be my seventh year teaching kindergarten and it is one of my favorite places to be! Kindergarten is a milestone in your child's life and I am honored to be a part of your child's educational journey. In order to make this year successful, I would like to invite you to become partners with me in your child's education.

To help us get acquainted and to ease your child's transition into Kindergarten, I hope to see you and your kindergartner at Kindergarten Orientation. The date is August 30th 9:30-10:30, here in Room 4 at UMS. This will be a time for your child to meet their classmates and get familiar with their classroom. Your child will also go on a short bus ride while we talk about all things kindergarten!

I often get asked what parents can do to prepare their child for kindergarten. Here are a few ideas (but certainly not mandatory!). Practice with writing their name, recognizing numbers/letters and sounds, and reading to your child are all great ways to prepare! Social-Emotional skills such as practicing independence, winning/losing games (which can be hard!), and problem solving are also life-long skills that we learn about in kindergarten.

Please trust that I will do everything in my power to create a positive environment for your child in school. This will look different for each student. Together we will create a learning community that focuses on strengths and having a positive mindset. I strive to give opportunities for every child in my room to be successful both emotionally and academically!

Please feel free to explore our classroom Instagram, @explore.room4 as I post regularly throughout the year with pictures and information about what we are doing in the classroom! You may also contact me by email; hannah.hill@colchestersd.org. I will check my email periodically throughout the summer. I look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,
Hannah Hill