



# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

## Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!! I am excited to help your child learn and grow on their kindergarten journey. Please take a moment to look over some information about the first days of school.

Following Central School tradition, the first day of school, Wednesday, August 23, will be a "Meet and Greet" day. Please enter the classroom through the door on the kindergarten playground. *We kindly ask that siblings do not attend.*

### **Meet & Greet:** *Child attends with a Parent/Guardian*

- Last names **A - H** attend: **8:45 - 9:30 am**
- Last names **I - Q** attend: **9:45 - 10:30 am**
- Last names **R - Z** attend: **10:45 - 11:30 am**
  
- Students should bring:
  - School supplies (find the list [HERE](#)) *\*\*PTA orders will already be in class*
  - Labeled Ziploc with a complete spare set of clothes, to be left at school
  - Labeled Ziploc with children-size headphones (not wireless please), to be left at school

### **What to Bring to School Daily:**

- A clean, filled water bottle every day (preferably with a spout or straw, removing an entire lid results in big spills)
- Gym shoes on their feet (or at least closed-toe shoes while the weather is warm) so students are ready to run and play outside!
- If they stay for KEEP39, an insulated lunch bag or permission to buy a school lunch. *\*\*School lunch info will be communicated in the Central Scoop newsletter from Mrs. Littmann and/or by the PTA, or can be found on the Central School website.*

### **Curriculum Night:**

- More specific curriculum and classroom related information will be shared during curriculum night on **Wednesday, August 23, 5:30-6:15 pm** in our classroom (Room 122) \*Grownups only\*
- *Please enter through the front doors of the building and be prepared to show [this ticket](#) either printed or on your phone.*

### **Teaching the Whole Child:**

- We will not dive right into curriculum over the first weeks of school, but rather build the foundation for a caring and safe learning environment where everyone thrives.
- We begin with building a classroom community.
  - getting to know one another through play and stories
  - finding out what makes us unique and what we have in common
  - learning new routines and procedures
  - exploring the classroom and the school
  - feeling safe to take risks and learn from mistakes
  - understanding that we are all an important part of our classroom
- Please complete my classroom intake form linked [HERE](#) to help me collect important information before the year begins.

Thank you for your time and patience to carefully review this letter. I realize it's a lot! I want nothing more than to make this an absolutely wonderful school year for your child, and no one knows your child better than you. I look forward to partnering with you this year! Our first day will be here before you know it, but feel free to email with any questions beforehand. See you soon!

Warmly,  
Ashley Meneese

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For your convenience, here are the links again:

[Teacher Intake Form 2023-2024](#)

[Curriculum Night Ticket](#)