

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Manlius Pebble  
Hill School  
Program Night  
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Kindergarten  
Team!

Mrs. Gannon  
Mrs. Brang  
Ms. Congel

Introductions

## Kindergarten Goals

- Create an environment that is safe, inviting, enriching, and exciting.
- Create a respectful and caring classroom community.
- Use real-world examples and teachable moments to help kindergarteners develop positive social and emotional interactions.
- Work on promoting engagement, offering choices, modeling and providing a variety of strategies that will help foster a positive approach to learning.
- Have FUN!

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION: LOGISTICS

Please email us with any questions, concerns or updates

Be sure to cc Amy Abdo with any day-of needs at [aabdo@mphschool.org](mailto:aabdo@mphschool.org)

The school day starts between 8:10-8:20am, dismissal is 3:00-3:15pm

All changes to attendance/dismissal should be emailed to Emily Gannon, Amy Abdo and [attendance@mphschool.org](mailto:attendance@mphschool.org) to be sure we get the latest information.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION: LOGISTICS

## Winter Outside Recess

We will be going out for recess in the winter.

Please leave a change of winter gear for your kindergartener to use at school.

The more waterproof the better 😊

Be sure to include a neck warmer, insulated gloves, snow pants, boots, and a hat.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION: LOGISTICS

Birthdays: We will celebrate together as a classroom community by:

Receiving a birthday crown

Enjoying a special 'gift' from Mrs. Gannon and Mrs. Brang

We ask that birthday invitations are only sent to school if the entire class is invited.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION: LOGISTICS

Take Home  
Folders/Homework

Please keep up to date by  
checking our Google  
Classroom.

We will send home your  
child's Take Home Folder  
(yellow folder) every Friday  
with work from the week.

We do not have official  
homework in Kindergarten;  
however, reading is so  
important that we suggest  
parents read to their child  
every night.



# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND COMMUNITY STUDIES



**Morning Meeting:** greeting, engaged sharing, group activity, and morning message



**Closing Meeting:** an accomplishment from the day, song together, personal goal and a friendly good-bye



**Mindfulness Lessons:** self-awareness, self-management, and interpersonal skills



**Growth Mindset**



**Community Helpers**



**Months  
Seasons  
Holidays**



**MPH Five C's:** Cooperation, Consideration, Confidence, Courtesy, Concern



**Star Student  
and  
Scientist of the Week**



# THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." Fred Rogers

- Play is an opportunity for young children to make a connection between their personal world and activities that are happening in the environment around them.
- Play helps children develop a variety of skills because they learn through exploration and discovery.
- Play is how children develop their social skills by interacting with other children and adults.

Reference: Mid-State Early Childhood Direction Center Bulletin: Winter 2007

### **Our reading instruction is based on the Science of Reading**

- We use the Foundations curriculum to provide consistent, explicit literacy instruction each day.
- We use the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Kindergarten lessons. These lessons are taught consistently each day.

#### **Main Goals:**

- Concepts of print and alphabet knowledge
- Phonological Awareness
- Phonemic Awareness
- Letter-sound skills
- Word Work
- Language Comprehension
- Background Knowledge
- Listening Comprehension
- Vocabulary

Reading  
Instruction:  
I Do, We Do,  
You Do

- Handwriting Without Tears: Incorporates hands-on activities and multi sensory teaching strategies that build good handwriting habits early. HWT uses music, movement, fine motor activities, and child friendly language.
- Strengthening Fine Motor Skills
- Pencil Grasp
- Letter formation: Are the letters easy to see? Did they use enough force on their writing utensil? Are there any reversals?
- Letter Construction: We focus on how the letters are formed. For example: starting letters at the top.
- Sentence structure
- Journals

Writing  
I Do, We Do,  
You Do

- Math is everywhere! Our math program provides students with the opportunity to build strong number sense.
- The Math in Focus curriculum introduces students to thinking mathematically about problems and their solutions. Students are given the opportunity to investigate, discover, explore, and apply their own solutions to mathematical problems.
- Students learn to use numbers to make connections and realize relationships between them in relation to real life situations.
- Big Book: illustrated stories and songs that encourage imagination and active engagement.
- Math Talk Stories: designed to integrate mathematical language, concepts and skills into our daily classroom routines.
- Calendar Math: pattern and prediction, counting, graphing, temperature, domino number builder.

## Math in Focus I Do, We Do, You Do

# MATH: GOALS

Numbers to 10  
Numbers to 20  
2D and 3D Shapes  
Numbers to 100  
Comparing Sets  
Ordinal Numbers  
Counting On and Back  
Size and Position  
Length and Height  
Number Facts  
Addition and  
Subtraction Stories

- What is a Scientist: The Scientific Method
- Science Unit on Bees!
- Observations: Exploring our five senses
- Weather and Seasons
- Life Cycle of Plants: Apples and Pumpkins (fall), Possible: Chick Hatching Unit (spring)
- Animals and Habitats: Raise the Roof: Designing Shelters (Engineering is Elementary Curriculum)
- Taking Care of the Earth: garbage, natural resources, reduce, reuse, recycle, composting, pollution. Here's the Scoop: Designing Trash Collectors (EIE Curriculum),

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# Science

- An overview of a day in Kindergarten
- Star Student/Scientist of the Week
- Water bottles/bucket hats/towels/masks
- Lunch and snacks
- Weekly class newsletter
- A walk-through *Google Classroom*

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## General Information





THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
PARTNERSHIP AND  
SUPPORT!