WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AT THE HILL SCHOOL

MAY 1, 2018
Mr. Edward Moccia

Principal

- Welcome
- Introductions of staff
- Mrs. Nancy Martel – Assistant Principal
- Attendance
- Custodial Information
- Drop-off and Pick-up of Kindergarten students

- Nurse Connie Gannon

- Alphabest After School Program
WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN?

- Kindergarten is your child’s first experience at Hill School.
- The teachers and staff work with you and your child to make a positive introduction to school.
- Kindergarten is the year that your child will:
  - learn to read, write, and solve math problems
  - develop social and emotional skills
  - Develop responsibility.
HILL SCHOOL
AN EXTENDED LEARNING TIME SCHOOL

- Hours: 8:00 – 3:10
  - Students are given breakfast daily

- Students are given snack daily
  - Students participate in 2 specials each day
  - Students participate in whole, small, and individual instruction daily
• Class Dojo is a way for teachers and parents to communicate.

• Sign up on a device will be required at the beginning of school.

• We post notices, reminders, pictures, videos and are able to communicate individually with parents.
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- Basic Needs:
  - Independent toilet training:
    - able to clean self
    - able to button and zipper clothes
    - wash hands after using the bathroom
  - Putting coats on/off and zippering/buttoning coats
  - Hygiene:
    - Covering nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing
    - Keeping fingers and objects out of mouth
  - Talk about kindergarten and help your child with separation anxiety
  - Know and say name
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- **Establish Routines:**
  - Wake at the same time each day
  - Go to bed at the same time each night (as close to 8:00 as possible)
  - Read before bedtime
  - Encourage sitting time: during meals, reading time, snack time
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Study habits:

- Reading and practicing skills that your child is learning in school.
- Have materials at home: pencils, erasers, glue stick, scissors, crayons, an assigned place to work.
- Read each night.
- Check your child's backpack daily and read weekly newsletters.
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Responsibility

- Developing responsibility is a way to help your child grow socially and emotionally.
- Give your child tasks at home that teach independence: cleaning his/her room, making his/her bed, setting the table
- Give your child directions to follow
- Know and recognize name, address, birthdate
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- Oral Language Development
  - Talk to your child as much as possible
  - Talk in complete sentences
  - Describe what you are doing
  - Encourage your child to describe what s/he is doing
  - Talk about what you see in the world around you
  - Have your child learn and recite first name, last name, and address
  - Ask them questions that they need to respond to you using words
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- Early Reading Skills
  - Read with your child each day—Research tells us that this is the most important thing to do with your child each day to help him/her succeed in school
  - Your child should be able to identify letters in the alphabet
  - Talk about what you and your child see in the pictures
  - Ask questions about the story
  - Play I Spy: Find letters in the world around you
  - This will support reading and writing development:
    - Students are expected to read and write independently during the year.
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Writing

- Have your child use writing tools: pencils, crayons, markers
- Write name: your child should be able to write his/her name
- Draw simple shapes
- Have your child practice with scissors at home
The three bears went for a walk in the woods. They met Goldilocks wandering by the bears' cottage. She was curious and went inside. What did Goldilocks do on her adventure inside the bears' cottage?

“Goldilocks sat on moma bear's chair, she said this chair is too soft and then she ate the baby bear's porridge.”
HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- **Math**
  - Count out loud and have your child count with or after you
  - Help him/her identify numbers 1-10
  - Count letters in your child’s name
  - Count boxes or cans in the cabinets or closets
  - Find shapes in the world around you
WELCOME TO THE HILL SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Questions?

Please sign up for your child’s screening before you leave the building.

Monday-Thursday
Starting Monday May 7th
3:10 pm – 3:40