



Masticola Elementary School Kindergarten Program

<p><u>Step One</u> Drop-Off New Student Information Entry Form <u>New Student Information Entry Form</u> Beginning February 1, 2022 Between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. MES Main Office (Current Merrimack Preschool Students MUST register at their home school.)</p>	<p><u>Step Two</u> Complete: 1. Online Registration Form 2. Home Language Survey (Part of Registration Form) 3. Kindergarten Questionnaire (Part of Registration Form) (March 4, 2022)</p>	<p><u>Step Three</u> Submit Health Records and Immunization Forms <u>MES Nurse's Letter</u> (Must be returned prior to August 31, 2022.) Submit legal paperwork if applicable. (First Day of School)</p>
<p><u>Step Four</u> Receive Teacher Placement Letter (Mid to Late June)</p>	<p><u>Step Five</u> Meet and Greet: Visit the school and meet the teacher (Week before school starts)</p>	<p><u>Step Six</u> First Day of School! (Date: TBD)</p>

THE PROGRAM - Public kindergarten is available to any Merrimack child who will be five years old by September 30, 2022, for the 2022/2023 school year. The day includes a variety of activities designed to promote individual growth and to establish strong academic and social skills for all children. A typical day includes learning centers, circle time, free choice, unified arts, recess, lunch, and snack time.

PHILOSOPHY - The Merrimack School District recognizes its responsibility to develop pre-literacy skills in the areas of Reading, Language Arts, and Mathematics. The kindergarten program is aligned with the district's elementary curriculum. Certified teachers employ age appropriate methodologies and activities that highlight hands-on, discovery learning and active engagement.

HIGHLIGHTS -

- ✓ Developmentally appropriate activities in a child-centered environment
- ✓ Daily program promotes independence, social growth, physical fitness, and academic success
- ✓ Academic alignment with district-wide curriculum
- ✓ Positive first year learning experience and foundation for future learning

TRANSPORTATION - The District provides transportation on buses.



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