Mastricola Elementary School Kindergarten Program

REGISTRATION PROCESS - CLASS OF 2024

PACKET PICK UP	REGISTRATION DAY	SPRING OPEN HOUSE
January 18-January 21, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. MES Main Office	Friday, January 28, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. MES Main Office	April 15, 2011 *Time to be determined at a later date.
A registration packet will be distributed once it is verified that the incoming student resides in the Mastricola district and they will be five (5) years old by September 30, 2011. This is also when the parent requests session placement.	The following registration information is returned on this day: ✓ Yellow Pupil Registration Form ✓ Green Parent Questionnaire ✓ Immunization Record ✓ Original Birth Certificate with raised seal ✓ Proof of Residency	This is a time when parents and children can come and visit a kindergarten classroom.

THE PROGRAM - Public kindergarten is available to any Merrimack child who will be five years old on or before September 30th of the current school year. Your neighborhood elementary school has kindergarten classrooms with morning or afternoon sessions available. The daily schedule includes a variety of activities designed to promote individual growth and to establish basic academic skills for all children. A typical day will include teacher directed learning centers, circle time, free choice, 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

- ✓ Morning session: 8:30 11:00
- ✓ Afternoon session: 12:15 2:45
- ✓ 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 later learning.

The District provides one way transportation on buses for each session (to school in the a.m. and from school in the p.m.). Parents are responsible for mid-day transportation.

CURRICULUM - The academic program has a strong literacy component where students are offered opportunities to build basic skills in phonemic awareness and literature appreciation. The mathematics curriculum focuses on spatial relationships and concepts and introduces simple operations. Social studies, science, music, art and physical education are integrated into the daily activities.