



## FAQ's for BRIDGE Kindergarten Parents



<b>What does my child need to bring to school?</b>	Your child will need to bring a set of extra clothes, a roomy backpack, and a healthy snack. Your child's teacher will send out additional information in August.
<b>What should my child leave at home?</b>	Toys, electronics, and valuables are not allowed at school. Your child's teacher will let you know if there are designated days for your child to bring in special items from home.
<b>What is the earliest I can drop my child off?</b>	School starts at 8:30 AM. The earliest drop-off is at 8:15 AM.
<b>What are the dismissal options?</b>	Your child can be dismissed by car, walker, bus, or can sign up for the Lextended Day Program. Please contact your school for more information on how to enroll in Lextended Day.
<b>What time is dismissal?</b>	Dismissal is at 3:15 PM. Every Thursday, schools dismisses at 12:15 PM.
<b>What do I do if I have a change in dismissal for my child?</b>	In the event you need to change your child's dismissal, please send in a note in your child's home-school communication folder. If the change in dismissal happens after your child leaves for school, please call your school's main office to let them know.
<b>What if my family will be traveling outside of school vacations?</b>	We strongly discourage family vacations when school is in session. In addition to compromising the attendance law, family vacations interrupt the educational process in each subject area in ways that make-up work cannot reverse. Teachers are not required to provide work in advance of a family vacation.
<b>Approximately how long is lunch? Recess?</b>	There is one 45 minute block designated for lunch and recess. There is a second 15 minute recess provided. There is no lunch on Thursday for early-dismissal.
<b>How does my child purchase lunch?</b>	Our school lunch provider is Whitsons Food Services. You can go to the lexington public schools district website ( <a href="https://lps.lexingtonma.org">https://lps.lexingtonma.org</a> ) to create an account and view lunch menus. There are staff available to support your child with buying lunch at school.
<b>Is there snack time? How long is it?</b>	There is a daily morning snack for 15 minutes.
<b>Is there a rest time?</b>	Everyday after lunch there is a quiet time.

<b>What is the typical Kindergarten class size?</b>	Typical kindergarten class sizes are approximately 18-20 students.
<b>Is there a Kindergarten assistant?</b>	Each classroom has a part-time kindergarten assistant.
<b>When will my child know who his/her teacher will be?</b>	You will find out your child's teacher in August. You will receive a letter in the mail with this and other kindergarten information.
<b>Will I have an opportunity to meet my child's teacher prior to the start of school?</b>	You will receive a letter from your child's teacher in August. There will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher prior to the start of school.
<b>How do I volunteer?</b>	There are many opportunities to volunteer in the classroom and school. In order to volunteer, you will need to check in with the office at your child's school to fill out the necessary paperwork. Your child's teacher will have more information.
<b>What does homework look like in Kindergarten?</b>	There is no regularly assigned homework in kindergarten. There may be occasional family projects.
<b>What if English is not my child's first language?</b>	There are English Language Learning services at each school for qualifying students.
<b>Are there interpreters available for parent conferences and meetings?</b>	Yes, there are translators available. Please inform your child's teacher in advance of any meetings.
<b>How are birthdays and other special events celebrated in the classroom?</b>	Please note that all celebrations at school are food free. Each classroom has its own special and unique way of celebrating birthdays and other special events. Your child's teacher will have more information. Please note that birthday invitations and gifts may not be handed out at school.
<b>What if my child does not know how to use the bathroom?</b>	Children are expected to come to kindergarten with independent toileting skills. If there are circumstances where your child may need assistance, please contact the nurse at your child's school.

Thank you for coming!

If you have any additional questions,  
please contact the Bridge School Main Office 781-861-2510.

