

HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN
2025-2026



Future Class of 2038

We would like to welcome you and your child to our Kindergarten program at Haldane Elementary School. We are looking forward to an exciting year of new experiences and lots of fun!

Starting school is a big step for your child and your whole family. It's a wonderful and exciting milestone, but it also means a big change for you and your child. Our goal is to make this transition a rewarding, stress-free and happy experience.

At Haldane, we inspire success, confidence, and hope in each student...and it starts in kindergarten. We offer a comprehensive full day Kindergarten program that focuses on reading, writing, math, science and social studies. In addition to our hands-on interactive classrooms, our students experience a variety of special programs including music, library/garden, physical education, and art. Our highly qualified teachers offer a nurturing environment and are committed to partnering with you to prepare your child for their academic career.



The word kindergarten is a German word that means “children’s garden.” It’s a place where your child will grow and learn. Here are some of the things you can expect in your child’s kindergarten class.

SCHEDULE OF A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY

8:35	Children arrive, unpack, hand in folders and begin working on morning work
8:50	Morning meeting • Calendar skills • Weather • Schedule for the day
9:00	Math Workshop
9:45	Snack
10:00	Language Arts (reading/writing/language skills) • Small group work • Literacy work stations
11:30	Recess
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Story time • Often inclusive of different subject areas based on unit of study • Mystery Readers
12:45	Science Social Studies
1:30	Specials (Art, Music, Library/Garden & Physical Education)
2:15	Extended Learning Time • Children receiving services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and/or Academic Intervention Services are seen at this time. • Small group work • Centers
2:45	Pack up for dismissal
3:00	Dismissal

GETTING READY: PRE-KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES

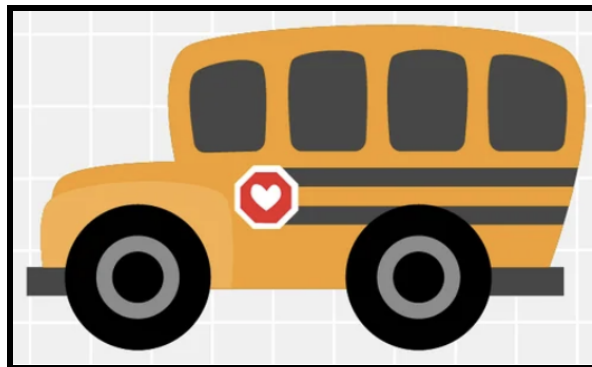
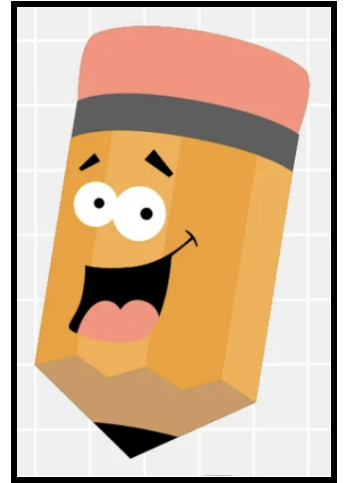
The following events have been designed to help make your child's first Kindergarten experience successful.

Registration

Please go to the Haldane Central District website, under parent quick links, click on student registration and select kindergarten and follow the instructions to submit the required documents.

- 1) Completed all registration forms (including Media Opt Out & KI Forms)
- 2) Copy of Birth Certificate
- 3) Proof of Residency in the Haldane Central School District
- 4) Health records
 - a. Student health history
 - b. Hearing/vision questionnaire
 - c. Immunization record signed by a physician
 - d. Emergency authorization form
- 5) Housing Questionnaire
- 6) Home Questionnaire

To finalize your child's registration, please contact Tanesha Watkins at 845-265-9254 ext 122 or twatkins@haldaneschool.org to make your child's screening appointment on Tuesday, April 8 or Wednesday April 9.



Individual Kindergarten Screening

New York State requires school districts to screen all new school admissions including kindergartners. The purpose of the screening is to identify any children who may require special programming or assistance.

The screening consists of two phases:

- 1) On April 8th and April 9th, Kindergartners will be screened individually by the Kindergarten teachers. The series of activities are designed to assess the child's performance on six key measures: right-left orientation, verbal memory, draw-a-design, numerical memory, conceptual grouping, and leg coordination. Each screening takes about 30 minutes.
- 2) The school nurse will administer individual vision and auditory screenings to each kindergarten student.



GET ACQUAINTED SESSIONS:

In order to help students feel more comfortable with their new environment, we have planned a series of “Get Acquainted Sessions” for pre-Kindergarten students:

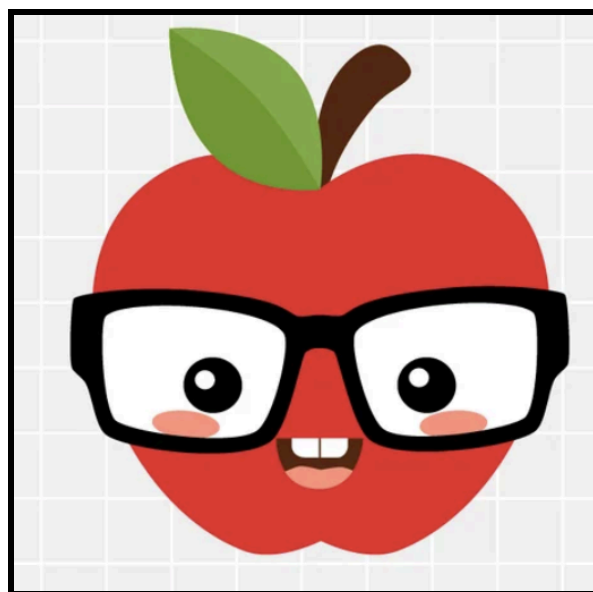
TUESDAY, MAY 14th AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th 9:15 – 10:00 A.M:

Parents are asked to bring their children to the Elementary doors. Students will go with one of the kindergarten teachers. Parents will have a Question and Answer Session with **Mrs. Jamin on May 28.**

Before School Starts Date TBD – “Final Get Acquainted Session”

During the summer, you will receive a packet of information related to the opening of school. It will include:

- The name of your child's Kindergarten teacher
- A listing of supplies required
- An announcement of the final “Get Acquainted Session”.
During this session, you and your child will visit her/his classroom and meet the Kindergarten teacher. Students will take a short bus ride.
- Additional information about our school
- District policies



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



The first day of school is a big step for every child. We will do our best to make this day a rewarding and happy experience.

Parents play an important role in easing their child's transition from home to school. Experience has shown us that children become most easily accustomed to school

routines when independence is encouraged from the onset of the school year.

Letting go can be hard, but don't let your doubts or nervousness dampen your child's enthusiasm. If you have a positive attitude and look forward to the first day of school, your child will probably do the same.

Please check out our website and watch for our emails as this is our way of communicating important information, reminders, and updates.

