

Kindergarten Information for Families and PreK Programs

We have collected information for our community about what to expect as children move into kindergarten – the below provides a snapshot for families and preschool programs both in terms of the registration process and the kindergarten day. Organization is alphabetical by town name. We thank all the schools that participated!

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Addison Central School

<https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/acsw/>

Contact:

Families can contact either Suzie Hodsden our school secretary or Alison Matot, the kindergarten teacher. We are both available by phone or email. The main phone number for Addison is 759-2131. Suzie's email is shodsden@anwsu.org and Alison's is amatot@anwsu.org.

K Registration Info:

Mailings and additional information go out in the spring.

Classroom Placement Information:

Not Applicable - Only 1 K classroom

Transition Activities Offered:

- Kindercamp
- Individual Family Meetings with a K Teacher
- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- Child Observations or Screening
- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Tour or Ride on the School Bus
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- Written Information or Paperwork

Other: Sometimes some of these happen, sometimes it just depends on the family and the needs.

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

Kindergarten Screening is May 19th. Call school to schedule a time.

Typical Activities:

7:30 Morning recess

7:45 Breakfast (whole school)

8:00 Morning Meeting (School wide in classrooms)

8:30- 9:30 Math

9:30-10:10 Snack/choice

10:10-10:50 Specials Monday art, Tuesday Music, Wednesday library, Thursday and Friday P.E

Wednesday afternoon Guidance

10:50-11:40 Literacy

11:40-12:10 Recess

12:10-12:45 Lunch

12:45-1:15 Story/quiet rest time

1:15-1:35 Foundations

1:35-1:50 writing time/science/social studies

1:50-2:20 choice time

2:20-2:40 anything that we didn't get done....
2:45-3:00 pick up/pack up/ get ready to go home.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Morning Snack
- Lunch
- Change of clothing
- Other: I ask students to leave all the other stuff at home.

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Drop off is after 7:30 in the morning. In the morning students leave their bags in the hall and go to the gym, not the classroom. Also there is usually a morning recess at this time.

Pick up is at 3:00. Parents need to provide us with a note about regular afterschool plans and also when things change. It is way too difficult to call the school at 2:50 to change plans. These things help us and their child.

Bus Information:

Bus information will be available at Kindercamp. Otherwise, contact Suzie to discuss the timing and pick-up location in August. Betcha Transit can answer questions too: (802) 388-7800.

Afterschool Care Information:

At this time our school does not have an afterschool program.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers
- Newsletters Home (not always regular)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Other Information for Families:

Kindergarten is very different than PreK. There is so much kids have to learn in this day and age. They will be exhausted at the end of the day. They might fall asleep when they get home. There is not the amount of play time that preschool has because of all the learning that has to happen. But it is amazing!!!

Bristol Elementary School

<http://www.besvt.org/>

Contact:

Jenni Utter, Administrative Assistant. Her email is jutter@anesu.org. The main office number is 453-3227.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

K Registration Days are May 1st and 2nd, 2017. These dates change annually. We mail a registration packet to all families and a notification of these dates to our preschool partners well in advance.

Classroom Placement Information:

June

Transition Activities Offered:

- Home Visits
- Kindercamp
- Individual Family Meetings with a K Teacher
- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- K Orientation/Potluck/Open House for Families before Kindergarten Starts
- Written Information or Paperwork
- Ice Cream Social/Meet Your Teacher

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

May 1st and 2nd: Registration Days

June 7th: Ice Cream Social

Typical Activities:

Arrival: 8:00-8:15 followed by breakfast

Morning Meeting; AM outdoor time (fall and spring)

Specials: PE (2x), Wellness, Art, Music, Library

Lunch and Recess (an hour)

Rest (20-30 minutes)

Read Aloud, Literacy & Math

Choice Time (inside/outside depending on time of year)

Movement

Afternoon Snack

What do children need to bring to school?

- Water bottle
- Change of clothing
- Backpack, outdoor clothing in winter

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Park in the large parking lot, enter through front doors by the office.

Drop off: late bell is at 8:15. Parents often walk children to their classrooms.

Pick up: Enter through front and wait for appropriate time to enter. Pick up is in the classroom.

Bus Information:

Call Betcha to determine schedule and pick up location: (802) 388-7800

Afterschool Care Information:

BASK is available in our building through Mary Johnson CC. Previous registration needed before attending. Paperwork is available during K Registration or contact Anne Gleason at Mary Johnson at 388-2853 or schoolage@mjcvt.org to register your child. Our Extended Learning Program is available in 6 week sessions. Paperwork is available through our school newsletter.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Guest Readers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Regular Phone Calls, Notes, or Emails to Individual Families
- Remind app; classroom blogs

Other Information for Families:

School facility/classroom tours are available upon request at any time.

Bingham Memorial (Cornwall)

<http://acsu.org/cornwall>

Contact:

Jen Kravitz (principal), Donna Severy (front office), Val Calzini (K teacher). The main office number is 462-2463.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

As soon as possible. We have a June visit day to come and meet the teacher, see the room, and give the students a chance to be dropped off and do some activities.

Classroom Placement Information:

June

Transition Activities Offered:

- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- Written Information or Paperwork

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

Not yet scheduled, please call the school and watch your mailbox for more information

Typical Activities:

Monday-all school meeting

All week: Morning recess-20 minutes, afternoon recess 25 minutes, 20-30 minutes choice time daily

Daily arrival 7:55 (children can be at school at 7:45), dismissal at 2:30

What do children need to bring to school?

- Water bottle
- Morning Snack
- Change of clothing

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Drop off is promptly at 7:45 and pick up is promptly at 2:30. Bussing is available.

Bus Information:

Families can call our administrative assistant, Donna Severy, to request information about locations and schedules.

Afterschool Care Information:

Children can ride the bus to Mary Hogan to participate in the Mary Johnson after school care program. Contact Anne Gleason at Mary Johnson at 388-2853 or schoolage@mjccvt.org to learn more about the program and to register.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Guest Readers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Other Information for Families:

We are excited to welcome their children!

Ferrisburgh Central School

<https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/fcs/>

Contact:

Loretta Lawrence (llawrence@anwsu.org) in the front office or Donna Rusik, K teacher (drusik@anwsu.org). The main office number is: 877-3463.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Mid-May; Families need to know what forms they are required to bring to Registration day, the date and the time of their appointment. (Loretta has all this) The appointment lasts about an hour; children play in K classroom with teachers (observation) while parents meet with principal and support staff (nurse, guidance) to discuss individual needs.

Classroom Placement Information:

Not Applicable - Only 1 K classroom

Transition Activities Offered:

- Kindercamp
- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- Child Observations or Screening (Teachers observe children in groups of 5-6 during Registration day looking for readily apparent skills or needs.)
- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Tour or Ride on the School Bus
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- K Orientation/Potluck/Open House for Families before Kindergarten Starts
- Written Information or Paperwork
- Other: We also offer a Parent Night (this year all district K teachers together) to cover a basic day, general curriculum, and to answer parent questions / concerns.

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

District Parent Night is May 22

Registration Day will be the week of May 15-19

Kinder Camp is week July 31- Aug 4 (each school may choose different days/times, but total hours will be same).

Typical Activities:

School hours are 5 full days of 7:55-3:00

Arrival begins at 7:40 and before school recess for all students

K class has 2 more recess times (about 20 min each) around 10 and 2:30

Outdoor classroom visit weekly for 1+ hours

Snack occurs before morning recess, lunch is at noon and there is no scheduled afternoon snack, but eating in the afternoon is always encouraged. We are in free play from 1 pm on so snack is always an option during play.

20-30 minutes rest time (with story) after lunch

Academics are in the morning (a math and a literacy block, science is integrated with writing time)

Weekly specials are physical education (2x), library (1x), guidance (1x), art (1x) and music (1x), most specials are in the morning.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Water bottle
- Change of clothing
- Other: Appropriate outdoor clothing for ALL weather types. I bring children outside except in extreme weather (meaning steady rain or temperature/windchill below zero).

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Drop-off procedure is to leave backpacks by outer classroom door and go to playground for before-school recess. Parents are NOT to walk children to classroom down hall unless a teacher expects them. We have a bus lane and a car lane in front of building, be aware of stopped buses dropping off students and watch for school personnel directing drop-off drivers.

Pick-up time follows bus exit (approx. 3:10). All buses load up and leave the driveway before pick-up students leave classrooms. Parents may NOT park in bus loading zone after 2:45 and must enter driveway behind all 5 buses for pickup. Picking up earlier than 3:00 requires notification to office and teacher.

Bus Information:

Riding the bus is encouraged (over parent driving) but is also a privilege based on behavior on the bus. A few areas of town do NOT have school bus service that meets children at their homes (they can meet bus at end of road). Loretta Lawrence (school secretary) knows the schedules, but the classroom teacher does not. Again, information from above question: All buses load up and leave the driveway before pick-up students leave classrooms; parents may NOT park in bus loading zone after 2:45 pm and must enter driveway behind all 5 buses for pickup.

Afterschool Care Information:

This school year, the Greater Burlington YMCA runs an after school program in our building from 3 - 6 pm. Next school year there may be a program offered through Addison Northwest School District, but that is not yet a firm decision.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Regular Phone Calls, Notes, or Emails to Individual Families
- Other: We are working on a kindergarten web page / blog linked to School Web site with news and photos of daily events.

Other Information for Families:

We spend a third of our school day in play because it is of primary importance to the children's strong growth in all areas - physical, social, emotional, and academic.

Lincoln Community School

<http://www.lcsvt.org/>

Contact:

Deirdre Zele, the school secretary. The main office number is 453-2119.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Usually the third Friday in April (right before April break)

Classroom Placement Information:

Not Applicable - Only 1 K classroom

Transition Activities Offered:

- Individual Family Meetings with a K Teacher
- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Tour or Ride on the School Bus
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- Written Information or Paperwork
- Other: Transition day - New kindergartners visit the school for 2 hours.

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

Not Yet Scheduled

Typical Activities:

Arrival: 8:00

Circle and literacy: 8:15 - 9:15

Snack: 9:15

Math: 9:30 - 10:20

Recess: 10:30 - 11:20

Lunch 11:30 - 12:00

Quiet time 12:00 - 12:30

Specials 12:30 - 1:15 approximate time

Story or writing: 1:15 - 1:40

Choice time: 1:40 - 2:40

Dismissal 3:00

What do children need to bring to school?

- Pillow and/or blanket

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Children can arrive in the classroom as early as 7:45. Before that time, they would be in the gym supervised by an adult. Parents can drop children off in the classroom.

Pick-up: Parents wait outside the classroom or in the front of the school.

Bus Information:

They should contact Deirdre Zele in the front office who could answer their questions.

Afterschool Care Information:

We have an After School Program and Expanded Learning Programs at our school. They can contact Megan (ask Deirdre for her number or email) for information about these programs.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Guest Readers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Other: I have fewer classroom volunteers these days but many parents have a skill or interest that they like to share with the class.

Mary Hogan School (Middlebury)

<http://acsu.org/maryhogan>

Contact:

Families can call the main school number for more information about kindergarten. Usually the front office staff, April Rule and Karen Hill, can answer questions. If not, the principal, Tom Buzzell, or a K teacher will get back to them. Kindergarten teachers are Patti Crosby, Julie Schondube, Kera Hurlburt, and Jennifer Sommer. The main office number is 388-4421.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Families should begin hearing about kindergarten registration in the spring. There is a notice in the paper and the school contacts people if they haven't signed up. Please watch your mailbox!

Classroom Placement Information:

July

Transition Activities Offered:

- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- Written Information or Paperwork

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

To be scheduled. Typically classroom visits occur in the spring. A parent information night will be held in May.

Typical Activities:

Doors open at 7:50, they are marked tardy after 8:20.

Recess from 10:30-11 and 2:30 until dismissal.

Snack times vary by class, lunch 11- 11:30.

Bus students are escorted to buses at 2:45. Walkers/ car riders are walked out around 2:50.

Each class has 10-20 minutes of "quiet" time after lunch.

Weekly specials: 2 PE, 30 min each. Music, 30 minutes Art, 30 min Library/Literacy, 1 hour.(30 min each). 30 minutes school counselor. Most classes go to computer lab weekly.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Water bottle
- Morning Snack
- Afternoon Snack
- Lunch
- Change of clothing
- Other: This varies by class

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Driving patterns are one-way into the Mary Hogan school, entering to the north near Champlain Farms, and leaving via the light to the south. There is no parking or pick-up/drop-off in the roundabout.

Drop-off: Families may walk their child in to the classroom to begin with, but we work toward independence as the year goes on. It should be a quick process so that the child can join classmates and begin the day.

Pick-up: Bus students are escorted to their buses at 2:45 and children are escorted to the afterschool program. Walkers and car riders will be walked out after the buses have left. Kindergarten children typically come out under the overhang at the front of the building and parents may meet their child there or in the car line.

Bus Information:

Schedules are published in the Addison Independent shortly before school starts. Information is available on the Mary Hogan or ACSD website: <http://www.acsu.org/maryhogan>

Afterschool Care Information:

Mary Johnson Children Center runs an after school program. Contact Anne Gleason at Mary Johnson at 388-2853 or schoolage@mjcvt.org to learn more and to register your child.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers
- Guest Readers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Regular Phone Calls, Notes, or Emails to Individual Families

Other Information for Families:

We will cover everything at parent info night in May.

Monkton Central School

<http://www.monktoncentral.org/>

Contact:

Cindy Castle (Administrative Assistant) - 802-453-2314, Betsy Knox (Principal) 802-453-2314

Kindergarten Registration Information:

March/April - Please call the main office to schedule a time for the child to come on our Kindergarten registration date. These dates are often posted on Front Porch Forum, fliers at town meeting, school newsletters/website.

Classroom Placement Information:

August

Transition Activities Offered:

- Child Observations or Screening
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- K Orientation/Potluck/Open House for Families before Kindergarten Starts
- Written Information or Paperwork

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

Not currently scheduled.

Typical Activities:

This year's typical day:

7:45-8:10 - Ease-In Time (choice time)

8:15-8:30 - Morning Meeting

8:30-9:40 - Math

9:40-9:55 - Snack

9:55-11:20 - Literacy

11:30-12:30 - Lunch/Recess

12:30-12:50 - Read Aloud

12:50-1:00 - Quiet Reading

1:00-1:20 - Skills Time (rest time/quiet time in fall)

1:20-1:30 - movement break, bathroom, etc.

1:30-2:10 - Special Class (art, library, PE, music)

2:10-2:40 - Science, Technology or Choice Time

2:40-3:00 - Clean Up, Pack Up, Closing Circle

3:00- Dismissal for parent pick up and after school students

3:10 - Bus riders board the bus to go home - please note, some bus rides can be as long as 45 minutes.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Morning Snack
- Change of clothing

- Other: shoes for outdoor use and shoes for indoor use. A backpack that is large enough to fit a binder.

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Drop off: Parents should drop students off at the front door (or at the main office if they are late to school - school officially begins at 7:55). We encourage independence in our Kindergarten students from the first day and ask parents to allow them to put their things in their cubbies and enter the classroom on their own to make for a smooth transition.

Pick Up: Early dismissal - parents should go to the main office to sign out their child. The administrative assistant will contact the classroom for the student to meet parent in the office.

End of the day pick up: Parents should meet students outside the school near the basketball hoops. Students will exit through the exterior gym doors and will be signed out by a school employee.

Bus Information:

We work with Betcha Transit. Any questions about bus routes and schedules can be directed to them: (802) 388-7800

Afterschool Care Information:

Mary Johnson Children's Center has offered an afterschool care program at our school for the past few years. If this program is offered again this year, information is usually sent home to families in the summer, prior to school starting. You may also contact Anne Gleason at Mary Johnson at 388-2853 or schoolage@mjcvt.org to learn more about the program.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Guest Readers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Regular Phone Calls, Notes, or Emails to Individual Families
- Other: Four Winds volunteers, sending in special snacks, chaperoning field trips, prepping classroom materials at home, etc.

Other Information for Families:

We are a K-6 school. We are a PBIS school (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). Our Kindergarten is a full-day program only. K-12 students will ride the bus together as we share buses that bring Monkton children to and from Mt. Abe each day. This can be pretty intimidating.

Salisbury Community School

<http://acsu.org/salisbury>

Contact:

Families can call our school admin.assistant, Donna Simpson, or principal, Fernanda Canales, to learn more about kindergarten registration. The main office number is 352-4291.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

At least 85%-90% of incoming K's are coming directly from our in-house preschool program. We have a Kindergarten Information/Registration Night for parents, and a visiting morning for incoming K's, both held in mid- May. The special educator and I visit centers who are sending learners with special needs. Families need to know that their child needs to turn 5 on or before Sept. 1st to be kindergarten age eligible.

Classroom Placement Information:

Not Applicable - Only 1 K classroom

Transition Activities Offered:

- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- K Orientation/Potluck/Open House for Families before Kindergarten Starts
- Written Information or Paperwork

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

As of today, not yet scheduled. We always schedule around the second and third weeks of May (two different time/day offerings, to accomodate families and other childcare centers), and will be doing so very soon.

Typical Activities:

We start when the buses unload at 7:45 and begin our Morning Meeting around 7:55.

Snack/recess each are about 20 minutes, back-to-back, beginning at 9:30.

All-school recess begins at 11:15, followed by lunch from 11:50-12:30.

Seasons/weather permitting, an end-of-day recess is from 2:10ish until the busses load at 2:25 for a 2:30 dismissal.

There is one special class each day, Monday-Friday, for 30 minutes. Science is taught two times weekly outside of the Kindergarten classroom for 30 minutes each time.

I do not have a rest time, but kids lie down as I do an afternoon read aloud each day.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Change of clothing
- School supplies such as pencils or crayons
- Other: Families can send a morning snack and bagged lunch, or order from the school lunch program.

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

There are designated areas for both pick-up and drop-off, and designated times. A schedule for both is required in writing for both, with changes being made by a note or phone call to the office.

Bus Information:

Buses do not always have seat belts. The driver is the only adult on the bus. Younger children are encouraged to sit in the front section of the bus. Schedules are posted in August in the Addison Independent newspaper.

Afterschool Care Information:

Our school offers an after school program, from 2:30-5:30. Families pay for the service. Call the school for more information.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Evening/weekend family activities (potlucks, concerts, family events)

Other Information for Families:

The kindergarten class size has been about 10-12 students, on average.

Shoreham Elementary School

<http://acsu.org/shoreham>

Contact:

Families should call the school office at 897-781 and speak either to Irene Cadoret (admin asst) or Michael Lenox (principal) if they need information about kindergarten registration.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Registration begins in May. Families should call the school and we will help them with the rest.

Classroom Placement Information:

Not Applicable - Only 1 K classroom

Transition Activities Offered:

- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- Child Observations or Screening
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- K Orientation/Potluck/Open House for Families before Kindergarten Starts
- Written Information or Paperwork

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

Our welcome morning is Tuesday May 23rd from 8:30 to 9:45.

Typical Activities:

Students may arrive as early as 7:30. School starts at 7:45. We offer a breakfast, snack, and lunch. The school has recess at 11:30 and kindergarten has other recess and play times built into their day. We do not have a nap time.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Change of clothing

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Families are welcome to come in with their children.

Bus Information:

Bus information will be mailed to families in August. They can also expect a phone call from their bus driver.

Afterschool Care Information:

We have an after school program that is run by volunteers. Our capacity is limited by the number of volunteers so it will fluctuate from year to year.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Robinson School (Starksboro)

<http://www.revt.org/>

Contact:

Kerry Lake, Kindergarten Teacher. The main office number is 453-2949

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Registration is being held on Monday April 3. Families should call 453-2949 to set up an hour-long appointment at school on that day. The incoming Kindergartner should come, too! Families will need to bring a copy of the student's birth certificate and immunization form. They will fill out some paperwork, meet some teachers, and participate in a short activity.

Classroom Placement Information:

August

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

- Home Visits
- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- Child Observations or Screening
- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Tour or Ride on the School Bus
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher
- K Orientation/Potluck/Open House for Families before Kindergarten Starts
- Written Information or Paperwork

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

The information about the Family Potluck/Bus Ride goes home at the start of August. We usually have this event the week before school begins.

Typical Activities:

School hours are 8-3. We have recess following lunch each day for 30 minutes and a Forest Kindergarten event EVERY FRIDAY from 12:45-3. Our lunch is usually from 11:35-12 and recess 12-12:30. We have snack at around 9:30. Free breakfast is offered to all students each day. We don't have a nap/rest time at our school. We have Wellness (P.E./Health) twice per week for 45 minutes. Music class once per week for 45 minutes. Art for 45 minutes once per week. We go to the library once a week, too.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Morning Snack
- Change of clothing

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Children can be dropped off at the entrance by the parking lot or in the front drop off. If parents are parking and walking their child to the line, they should park in the upper lot by the baseball field so as not to interfere with the bus traffic.

Bus Information:

Families should call the school prior to the first day if they don't hear from their child's bus driver/bus company before that. Usually, the bus drivers call each new family to tell them about time/location of pick up and drop off.

Afterschool Care Information:

We have a RASY program that runs each day until 5:30 and an Extended Learning Program, too. More information about these programs can be found at school.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Regular Phone Calls, Notes, or Emails to Individual Families

Other Information for Families:

Robinson is such a special place for your child to learn. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community!

Vergennes Union Elementary School

<https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/vergenes-union-elementary-school/>

Contact:

Parents should call the school at 877-3761 and speak to front office staff.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Registration info and forms are sent to parents in April. Or... parents may call the school at 877-3761 and request info. Immunization records, birth certificates and proof of residence (a utility bill) are required. A parent night is being planned for May.

Classroom Placement Information:

June

Transition Activities Offered:

- Kindercamp
- Meeting with School Nurse or Guidance Counselor
- K Teacher Visits to PreK programs
- Classroom Visits for Parents before Kindergarten
- Classroom Visits for Children before Kindergarten
- Tour or Ride on the School Bus
- Summer Letter or Phone Call from Child's K Teacher

2017 Transition Activities Offered:

Not yet scheduled. A parent night is being planned for May.

Typical Activities:

The day consists of listening and learning times (both whole group and small group), play times, lunch, unified arts classes (such as music, art etc.), snacks, recess, brain breaks, small muscle activities, and large muscles activities. We learn about math, read stories, and write stories. We have fun with science and social studies and learn how to stay healthy. The use of technology enhances our program.

The day begins at 8. Departure time is at 3. Our school provides breakfast and lunch. Our days are busy and our weeks are full. We often provide a quiet time after lunch at the beginning of the year.

What do children need to bring to school?

- Morning Snack
- Afternoon Snack
- Lunch
- Other: depending on the teacher and their schedule

Pick Up & Drop Off Information:

Parents must wait in the lobby or get a visitor's pass at the window in the office if they want to walk their child farther than the lobby. The school is locked during the day. Parents may enter by pushing a button in the entrance and waiting for a buzzer indicating that the door will open.

Bus Information:

Families may call the school at 877-3761 to learn more about the location and time of bus pick-ups and drop-offs.

Afterschool Care Information:

The school offers afterschool activities for free, called Fusion until 5. A bus is provided some evenings that will bring children home. Thundercare is a childcare program that has a fee and is open until 6 every evening. parents must pick up their child from Thundercare.

Kindergarten Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers
- Guest Readers
- Newsletters Home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Regular Phone Calls, Notes, or Emails to Individual Families

Other Information for Families:

We provide a fun and educational opportunity to all eligible youngsters. There are not any expectations but there are some skills and experiences that could help your child's transition to kindergarten. It is in your child's best interest to have had experience playing with others, listening to stories, and exploring the outdoors. Being able to stay at a table for ten or fifteen minute to share lunch and snack with new friends would be beneficial. It would be advantageous for them to know letters and to recognize numbers to 10. Learning a few shapes and knowing colors would be helpful, too. Independent skills such as toileting and dressing themselves are important skills to have. Every child is unique and special in their own way. We look forward to meeting and getting to know your child and yourself.