



# QRSD KINDERGARTEN

2020-2021

# IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Child should turn 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2020.

Please complete and submit the first 4 pages of the registration, birth certificate and proof of residency requirements. The deadline for this information has been extended to May 15, 2020.

Additional paperwork, including medical, will be due into Central Office on or before August 1, 2020.

Information for Kindergarten screening will be shared prior to June 15, 2020.

# WHAT MAKES QRSD KINDERGARTEN SO SPECIAL?

- ❖ Highly qualified caring and compassionate educators
- ❖ Multi-sensory and inquiry based approaches to learning
- ❖ Focus on building academic skills, independence, and social skills
- ❖ Balance of direct instruction, small group work, partner and independent work
- ❖ Children are at the center of learning



# WHAT IS A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE?

- Arrival and breakfast
- Morning Meeting – students share a daily greeting with one another and their classroom teacher. (This helps to build relationships and focuses on learning)
- Literacy – students engage in a variety of activities that utilize a balanced approach to literacy. This included phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Children begin to recognize themselves as readers and writers. Our goal is to develop a LOVE of learning!!
- Snack break – students should bring a small, portable snack each day. Snack time may be before or after lunch, depending upon the lunch schedule.
- Mathematics – students engage in math through real world connections and a progression of learning. They think like a mathematician.
- Recess – students enjoy a play time each day and go outside weather permitting. This time is crucial for developing relationships with peers and increases their problem solving skills.
- Lunch – students may bring lunch from home or take advantage of any of our wonderful offerings. For more information about school lunch, click here: <http://Quabbin.healtheliving.net/>
- Science and Social Studies – students learn through an inquiry based approach that involves hands on activities whenever possible.

# HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- Start talking about it now
- Share positive thoughts and statements, even if you are a bit anxious. Your child will develop your same thoughts. If you are excited, they will be excited.
- Teach independence: the more your child can do for themselves, the more confidence they will have. Take a step back, encourage them to open their own snacks and containers, zip their own zippers, and “ask” when they need help.
- Visit the school as often as you can, and refer to it as your child’s school. Play on the playground or walk the campus. When possible, ask for a visit to the classroom. This will help to develop familiarity to ease transition.

# HAVE QUESTIONS?

Questions about registration contact: Jessica Bennett 978-355-4668 or [jbennett@qrsd.org](mailto:jbennett@qrsd.org)

Questions about curriculum, instruction and programming contact: Colleen Mucha  
978-355-4668 or [cmucha@qrsd.org](mailto:cmucha@qrsd.org)

School based questions- contact your principal at your child's local elementary school

Hardwick Elementary School: Shelly St. George at [sstgeorge@qrsd.org](mailto:sstgeorge@qrsd.org)

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