

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES!

The Summit Primary Center at Jefferson

"We inspire ALL to develop a growth mindset and the joy of learning in a creative, safe, and inclusive environment."



What will my child need for the first day of school?

- Full size backpack (without wheels, please!)
- Reusable lunch bag and water bottle
- ONE Healthy snack
- Comfortable clothing and play appropriate footwear
- Emergency set of clothing in a ziplock bag
- EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED!

LUNCH PROCEDURES

- No buying during first couple of days of school
- This allows time for students to acclimate.
- Pay for lunch online and send orders to school



What time is arrival and dismissal?

- CARLINE AND DROP OFF: 8:15 AM-8:25 AM



- DISMISSAL: 3:15 PM

Single session days, delayed openings and early closings have different schedules on the school website.

What are the drop off procedures?

MORNING CARLINE

- Students must buckle and unbuckle their car seat independently.
- Student should be seated in the backseat on the passenger side.
- Drive slowly and stay in line.
- Adults stay in the vehicle. Staff members will open the car door and help students to step out of the vehicle safely.
- Students will be guided into the JES cafeteria to sit by class.
- An alternate option is to park in the JES parking lot and walk your child to the cafeteria doors.

What are the pick up procedures?

PICK UP

- Students are dismissed from Jefferson Elementary School black top starting at 3:15.
- Bring your placard
- Placards will be distributed prior to the first day of school
- Extra placards will be supplied by the Main Office upon parent request.
- Please send in a note if your child is going home with another adult.
 - ◇ We will ask for the yellow placard and/or identification
- During inclement weather, students will be dismissed either from JES main entrance or JES cafeteria based on class (more info. from main office)

When are scheduled check-ins with the teacher?

KINDERGARTEN DROP IN

August 31st 1:30-2:00 pm

- This is a opportunity for your child to say hello to their new teacher just prior to the first day of school

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT-

- September evening, date TBD

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- **Nov. 6-8** Single Session Days for Grades K-5
- **March 20-22** Single Session Days for Kindergarten Only

REPORT CARDS

- January and June



How Can I Build a Home-School Partnership?

- Get to know your child's teacher
- Tell the teacher about anything that could impact your child's learning
- Share concerns
- Let the teacher know if there is something going on at home, positive or negative.



How Can I Stay Informed?

- Check teacher/district website regularly
- Weekly news
- Check your child's folder daily
- Know contact information -
 - The teacher's name
 - Our school secretary: Mrs. Niebanck
dniebanck@summit.k12.nj.us



How Can I Get Involved?

- Join the PTO
- Other volunteer opportunities will be communicated in September



Please Join the PTO!

- JEFFERSON PRIMARY CENTER
 - We are looking for our next PTO President(s)
 - Please reach out to our current Presidents:
 - ◇ Laura Buccola laura.buccola@gmail.com
 - ◇ Jes Cambronerio Jl.liljes@gmail.com
 - ◇ Amy Roselle aroselle@gmail.com

How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?

BUILDING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

- Monitoring “screen time”
- Following simple 2 step directions at home independently
- Encourage play dates
- Play outside
- Develop independence
- Provide opportunities to solve problems



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BUILDING EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

- Make up stories and act them out with puppets
- Talk and listen to each other
- Share funny stories
- Sing songs and recite poems
- Notice environmental print
- READ to your child daily!



How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?

BUILDING EARLY MATH SKILLS

- Count everything!
- Look for patterns
- Notice numbers and shapes in your environment
- Play board and card games



How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?

BUILDING MOTOR SKILLS

Help your child master skills that use both small AND large muscles.

- Hold a pencil
- Stand on one foot
- Bounce a ball back and forth
- “Walk the tightrope”
- Trace simple shapes
- Cut with safety scissors
- Color and scribble
- Button, zip, and tie



Building Social And Emotional Skills

- Researched based model that supports both individual and community
- Expectations are developed by the students
- Common language across the school
- Everything is stated in the positive (Don't run vs. walk)
- Lessons with our School Counselor, Miss Mortenson.

Community Building Activities

- Morning Meeting
- Share
- Brain Breaks
- Academic Choice
- Play Choice



Academics

- Reading and Writing Workshop
- Phonics
- Math Workshop
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology
- STEAM Activities
- Social Emotional Learning Lessons (SEL)



Specials

- Physical Education with Mrs. Killeen
- Library with Mrs. Williams
- Spanish with Senora Muldoon
- Art & Music with Mrs. Paris



English as a Second Language

- Parents of qualifying students will be contacted.
- Grapeseed Program
- Pull-out and Push-in
- Collaboration with K Teachers



YOU will always be your child's first and most important teacher.



A strong home-school partnership will support your child's success!

Show your child that school is important to YOU...



Your attitude will be contagious!

Class Placement

- The Primary Centers are proud to have an exemplary staff. Our teachers are experts in early childhood education and continually enhance their skills through professional development.
 - Balanced kindergarten classes are created based on a variety of factors, such as home school and scheduling needs for in-school services.
 - Parents may write to request placement by describing the needs of their child. However, we cannot guarantee placement with specific teachers.

Reminders

- You will be notified of your child's teacher in late August.
- The first day of school is September 5th.
- If you have not received emails from us, please contact:
 - Mrs. Niebanck at dniebanck@summit.k12.nj.us
- If you have any changes over the summer, please let us know.