

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 29th 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. 4-6** Single Session Days for Grades K-5
- **April 9-11, 2025** 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



JPC Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Help plan events to elevate your student's experience at JPC!

We are searching for 2024-2025 JPC PTO Board Members, including our next President(s) & Spanish Liaison(s)!

Please email jpc.pto.summit@gmail.com with your interest/questions!

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A graphic featuring two overlapping speech bubbles. The top bubble is light blue and contains the text "¡Hola!". The bottom bubble is light green and contains the text "Hello!". To the right of the bubbles, the text "¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL E INGLÉS?" is written in blue. Below the bubbles, the text "JPC PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP!" is written in green. At the bottom right, there is a small text box that reads "SPANISH LIAISON NEEDED! PLEASE EMAIL US WITH YOUR INTEREST JPC.PTO.SUMMIT@GMAIL.COM".

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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!



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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. Meadows



Physical Education

Mrs. Killeen

Meet twice a week

Scope and sequence for kindergarten PE:

September - Rules routines and protocols

October - Spatial Awareness, Locomotor Skills, Pathways

November - Fitness Concepts, Good sportsmanship

December - Manipulative Skills, Throwing and catching

January - Manipulative Skills, Rolling/Bowling

February - Manipulative Skills, Basketball Skills

March - Manipulative Skills, Balancing, dance & rhythms, juggling (tracking/hand eye)

April - Manipulative Skills, Tennis skills, Volleyball skills

May - Field Day Games, Soccer, Horseshoes, Frisbees

June - Year in review

Art & Music with Mrs. Meadows

In Art, we will explore:

- Line
- Shape
- Color
- Form
- Art history and art museums
- Children's literature connected to art and music

In Music, we will explore:

- Creative movement
- Vocal timbres (whispering, speaking, singing, and calling voices)
- Matching pitch
- Form: same and different
- Musical opposites (loud/soft, fast/slow, high/low)
- Steady beat and rhythm of the words

Library/Media with Mrs. Williams

In Library, students will...

- ◆ Understand the role the school library plays in their life
- ◆ Develop lifelong reading habits. Learn to choose a book of interest, to learn and enjoy
- ◆ Understand nonfiction resources help us find answers to question
- ◆ Explore coding--vocabulary, color block and direction

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 3rd.
- 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.