



Preparations

To prepare your child for kindergarten, we ask that you provide your youngster with the following items:

- ❖ a **backpack** that is large enough to fit a 9 X 12 folder inside it
- ❖ **2 snacks/drinks** clearly labeled with your child's name on them
- ❖ an **oversized t-shirt** which will be used as an art smock
- ❖ a **change of clothes** which will be left in school in case of any accidents

At CES, all school supplies such as folders, pencils, markers, crayons etc. will be provided for your child. Please have similar materials available at home for your child, as he/she will need them to complete homework assignments.

Cafeteria lunches can be paid for with cash or checks which are deposited to your child's lunch account. Reduced lunches are available for those who qualify. Menus are available in the office and online.

Daily School Schedule

A typical day would include:
(Not necessarily in this order)

- ❖ **Morning Meeting**
- ❖ **Writer's Workshop** - 40 min.
- ❖ **Morning snack in class** - 15 min.
- ❖ **Morning recess** - 10 - 15 min.
- ❖ **Math Workshop** - 40 min.
- ❖ **Mid day recess** - 27 min.
- ❖ **Lunch in cafeteria** - 33 min.
- ❖ **Social Studies/Science** - 30 min.
- ❖ **Specials Class** - 40 min.
Physical Education 2x/wk
Art - 1x/wk
Media 1x/wk
Music 1x/wk
- ❖ **Afternoon snack** - 10 - 15 min.
- ❖ **Reading Workshop** - 40 min.

Music/Movement/Brain breaks incorporated throughout the day.



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School Calendars and Menus

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Kindergarten Brochure



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Frequently Asked Questions

Important Kindergarten Readiness Skills

How do I enroll my child for Kindergarten?

Registration packets are available in our main office, on our district website, Cragin Public Library, and at local commercial daycares. Once all forms are completed, register in the main office and be sure to provide your child's original birth certificate and two different proofs of residency for copying. Medical assessment forms do not need to be completed at the time of registration; however, must be up to date for medical clearance by mid-August to attend school. Placement, busing, and teachers' welcome letters will be mailed out to families around mid-August.

How do teachers work with children who are on different levels?

School-wide assessments are conducted at each grade level in September, January, and May. These results, along with other assessments and information, help us to determine what type of learning group fits each student's needs. Kindergarten teachers collaborate with math and reading teachers to create small groups for those who need more frequent opportunities to participate, or need a more individual approach. All students are taught using researched-based methods of instruction. Throughout the year, teachers monitor progress and continue to collaborate to create appropriate opportunities for students at every academic level.

Do Kindergarteners have nap time?

Kindergarteners do not have nap time; however there are movement breaks, snack times, and extra recess time throughout the full day program.

My child has a peanut/other food allergy. How does the school and classroom teacher work with allergies?

Food allergies require a multi-disciplinary plan involving the school nurse, classroom teacher, specials teachers, cafeteria staff, custodians, bus drivers, etc. Parents should speak with the school nurse to discuss their child's food allergy so that an appropriate plan can be made. The nurse, teacher, and parents work together to develop an individual health care plan. Your child will be placed in a peanut-free classroom and there is a peanut-free table in the cafeteria.

Are there before/after school programs or daycare services?

CES offers seasonal afterschool clubs that are held two days a week; however, there is no daily afterschool care. Families may contact a local commercial daycare provider which the school provides transportation to and from.

What are the procedures for bus transportation?

To assist parents and guardians on preparing their kindergarteners for bus rides to and from school, please visit the link below for a Bus Book. Questions regarding the buses and routes can be directed to M & J Bus Company at 860-537-2622.

http://www.colchesterct.org/uploaded/CES/Bus_Book.pdf

Is there a summer reading program?

CES partners with Cragin Public Library for summer reading. Students will be able create an online account to document their time spent reading. Throughout the summer, PTO sponsors scheduled book readings by our teachers with free pizza for students.

Self-Help Skills

- ❖ able to put on coat, backpack, etc.
- ❖ can take care of toileting needs independently, e.g., wash hands, adjust/fasten clothing before and after
- ❖ able to care for his/her own belongings and picks up after self
- ❖ self-advocates

Social Skills

- ❖ able to share
- ❖ plays in appropriate manner
- ❖ engages in simple conflict resolution
- ❖ respects differences of others
- ❖ identifies other children by name

Language Development

- ❖ expressive/receptive language
- ❖ able to tell teacher what is needed
- ❖ can explain situations
- ❖ build upon general knowledge

Experiences

- ❖ recognition of letters, numbers, colors, and shapes
- ❖ writing/drawing materials
- ❖ reading books and being read to
- ❖ fine motor activities, e.g., cutting, pasting, puzzles, art material
- ❖ large motor activities, e.g., running, jumping

Incoming students are welcomed to get acclimated to the school grounds. School tours can be arranged through the main office. The playground is open to the public after school hours, weekends, and over the summer.