

What should my child wear/bring to Kindergarten?

- Comfortable clothes that will allow your child to use the bathroom independently
- Comfortable shoes – open toed shoes and sandals are not safe on the playground
- Coats that are easy to open and close with your child's name on the inside
- A book bag large enough to fit a 9 x 12 folder – NO wheels or briefcase styles



What can I do to help my child develop the skills taught in Kindergarten?

- Talk to your child and discuss the events of the school day
- Read to your child every day
 - Read books, nursery rhymes, poems, newspapers, and magazines
 - Let your child see you read for information and pleasure; They will imitate what they see
- Play games that involve identifying letters, numbers, shapes, or colors
- Communicate with your child's teacher
 - Parents and teachers are partners
 - Together, parents and teachers can establish excellence in education



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Elementary School Hours: 8:30-3:15



Mission Statement

The Conewago Valley School District promotes individual and collaborative excellence enabling students to become competent, confident, and creative builders of the future.

Full Day Kindergarten



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Why Full Day Kindergarten?

The Federal Every Student Succeeds (ESSA) Act and Pennsylvania state learning standards require that all children reach specific academic levels in various grade levels. Consequently, academic expectations for kindergartners entering first grade are higher today than ever before. Our goal is to help all children experience success in what should be the most rewarding and enjoyable first year of their school experience. Full day kindergarten gives children the gift of time:

Time to allow students to develop at an age appropriate pace.

Time to develop reading, writing, oral language, math, science and social studies skills and increase students' achievement in reaching end of year academic goals.

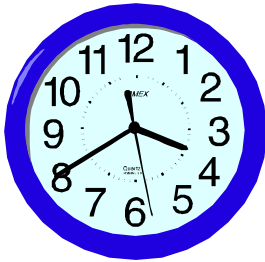
Time to participate in art, physical education, library, music, and keyboarding.

Time for hands-on, whole group, small group, cooperative and individual instruction.

Time for forming relationships and practicing social skills.

Time to promote self-confidence and the willingness to take risks.

Time to gain confidence academically, socially, and emotionally in the first year of school ultimately promoting a positive attitude about learning that the students will carry with them throughout their school years.



What is the curriculum?

Reading Workshop

- McGraw Hill ® reading series
- Whole group & small group instruction
- Phonemic awareness skills
- Oral language activities
- Self-selected reading

Writing Workshop

- Kid Writing ®
- Shared writing
- Interactive writing

Math Workshop

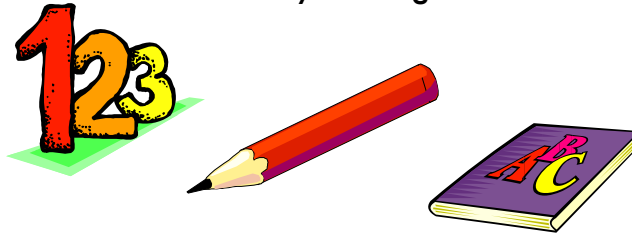
- Everyday Math ®
- Hands-on manipulatives

Content Workshop

- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology

Specials

- Art
- Physical Education
- Library
- Music
- Keyboarding



How can I get involved?

- Volunteer – your help is welcome in the classroom
- PTO – is responsible for sponsoring and coordinating many great school events

How can I prepare my child for Kindergarten?

You are your child's first teacher. Your child is getting ready to take the first big step away from home into the wonderful world of kindergarten! Below are some helpful tips that you may wish to consider as you prepare your child for this new adventure.

Social Skills

- Talk about using manners when speaking
- Practice taking turns
- Learn the importance of cleaning up after yourself
- Be consistent with discipline and expectations

Personal Care Skills

- Be sure your child can handle bathroom needs independently
- Be sure that your child can put their coat on independently
- Practice tying shoes
- Practice washing hands correctly

Readiness Skills

- Look for familiar letters in signs, books, or magazines
- Read to your child
- Practice counting
- Identify colors and shapes
- Identify some letters and numbers
- Practice writing his/her name using a capital letter for the first letter and lowercase for the rest. Example: Allison, not ALLISON

Let your child know that it is okay to be nervous about starting kindergarten. If your child seems anxious, encourage them to express any fears or concerns. Contact their teacher if the anxiety continues.