

Welcome to.....

The Children's House

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ATTENTION:

Please join us on **August 28th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** for our **Open House**.

September 3rd is a **45 minute appointment** for you and your child that you may schedule in Skyward.

The first **FULL DAY** of school for **kindergartners** will be **September 4th**.

The first **FULL morning** for **preschoolers** will be **September 5th**.

(Preschoolers will have no school on September 5th.)

Attendance

Regular attendance and being on time are important in all school programs. A child who is ill should remain at home until recovered. It is important to call the school by 9 a.m. to report the child's absence.

The School Day

Monday through Friday:

Kindergarten - 8:15 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Preschool- 8:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

The School District of La Crosse does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities.

What Did You Do Today?

If you ask your child,
“What did you do today?”
Don't be surprised
If she has nothing to say.

The question is so big.
Where should she begin?
It's hard to remember everything!
Better say, “Nothing.” That's easy to say.
It really was too busy and complicated a day.

For better information
It's best to say,
“Did you hear a story
or draw today?”

Then help her remember what it was about,
And before you know it, more things will pour out.
So ask for specifics about things that we do.
It will be much easier for your child to tell you.

Families Can Help

Basic Suggestions:

Read to your child regularly.

Be enthusiastic and show interest in your child's work.

Have a place to display your child's work.

Be consistent in behavior requirements.

Select TV programs and apps that are appropriate for your child's age level.

Make outdoor play and exercise part of a daily routine.

Listen to children, encourage them to ask questions, discuss ideas, and relate to events of the day.

Have an appropriate bedtime.

Feel free to discuss any concern with the teacher by making an appointment for a conference.

Our school has various areas in which volunteers may help. We welcome your participation.

Join the school's parent-teacher organization. Take an active part in school life for the sake of your child.

Give your child love, affection, security, and acceptance.

A Big Day Is Coming..... That First Day of School!!!

It's a big day for all of us! We, at school, want it to be the first of many productive, rewarding, and worthwhile school days. Every child is unique, and we will do everything we can to see that your child gets the type of education that is appropriate. We look forward to working with you.

Children will feel more comfortable in school when they are learning to take care of basic personal needs. It is helpful for children to learn how to put on and take off outer clothing, use zippers, snaps, and buttons, and fasten/tie shoes. Using the bathroom properly and washing hands are important skills for young children to develop. Children also should begin learning how to state basic information about him or herself, such as their first and last names, parents' or guardians' names, address, and telephone number.

FAMILY/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent conferences are held each fall and spring. Progress is reported in attitudes and behavior, work habits, and skill development. Additional conferences are scheduled as needed at the request of either family or school staff.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips offer an extension of classroom activities. Field trips will be taken throughout the year. Prior to each field trip, your child will bring home information telling the rationale, date, location, and cost. The child will also bring home a permission slip for each field trip which you must sign and return before the trip so that the child is able to participate. Because field trips are a privilege, respectful and responsible behavior is expected prior to and during the outing. Alternative activities at school will be planned for children unable to accompany the group.

GOOD PRACTICES

Please be sure to check your child's backpack each evening. They will be bringing field trip permission slips, notices, and other important information home for you to see. Also, it helps to label all of your child's outdoor clothing; i.e. all jackets, hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and their backpack as well. Finally, it is best NOT to allow your child to bring toys from home to school to avoid the disappointment of losing or breaking a "special" item.

SNACKS/MEALS

The teacher will request assistance in providing snacks. Students have the opportunity to eat a nutritious breakfast (preschool and kindergarten) and lunch (kindergarten) at school provided by the School Nutrition Program. During the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, meals will be available at no cost to families. Students are encouraged to participate in this program. Breakfast will be served in the classroom at 8:00 daily. Kindergarten students will have an assigned lunchtime during the school day. We currently use a pin pad system for our school food service program. Students are given a five digit id number that they will learn to input using a pin pad.

Meal Prices for 2024-25 (may increase slightly for the upcoming year):

Breakfast and Lunch: available at no cost for students	
Ala Carte Milk	\$.50/pint
Adult Breakfast.....	\$ 2.55
Adult Lunch.....	\$ 3.95

Children's House 4K and K Supply List 2024-25:

Personal Items (Please Label Clearly):

- 1 Backpack without wheels
- 1 Pencil Box to house the following:
 - 1 Large Glue Stick
 - 1 Bottle Elmer's School Glue
 - 1 Pkg. of Washable Markers
 - 1 Box of 24 Crayons
 - 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Extra change of clothing for accidents or spills (underwear, socks, pants, shirt)

Community Items (Do NOT label with your name):

- 1 Pkg. of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pkg. of 5-oz Plastic Cups
- 2 Pkg. of Cupcake Liners
- 2 Boxes of crackers, pretzels, goldfish, or graham crackers
- 1 Container Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 Pkg. of Napkins
- 1 Box of Tissues

Kindergarten Students Only:

- 4-6 Glue Sticks, 1 Box Colored Pencils, & 1 Pkg. Ticonderoga #2 Pencils for art class
- Tennis Shoes for gym (do not need to be kept at school)



Health Information

ENROLLMENT FORM AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is important for us to reach you if your child is ill or injured at school. Please complete the Annual Health Update Form and enrollment form from school, listing parent's name with work and home phone numbers, along with two local emergency contacts. Call your child's school with any changes throughout the school year.

HEALTH AND SCREENING PROGRAMS

Physical Examinations:

It is recommended that Kindergarten students have physical, dental and vision examinations prior to school entrance.

Vision Screening:

School District Nurses, along with parent volunteers and the Lions Club, provide a vision screening program at your child's school for students in Preschool, Kindergarten, 1, 3 and 5. Your help would be greatly appreciated—call your child's school office if you are interested in volunteering to help with vision screening.

IMMUNIZATIONS

"IT'S THE LAW" s.252.04 Wis. Stats.

This law requires students through grade 12 to be immunized according to their age/grade by the beginning of the school year.

Immunization is a shared responsibility:

Parents are required to have their children immunized on schedule and keep accurate records. If a student is unable to receive immunizations for medical, religious or personal conviction reasons, a waiver must be signed and given to the school. Schools are required to keep records and review annually the Immunization Law. When students do not meet the requirements of the law, parents are notified by a legal notice.

Helpful Hints:

Keep a copy of your child's immunization record. Notify your child's school each time your child receives an immunization.

Call your school office if you have any questions.



PARTICIPATION FORM

I understand that as a part of the curriculum, my child will be using a variety of non-toxic soaps, lotions, and cleaning compounds.

Child's Name _____

I give my permission for my child to use the supplies provided, but the following limitations exist:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Due to the following allergies or sensitivities, my child may not use any soaps, lotions, or cleaning compounds:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please turn this form in to your child's classroom teacher on your appointment day.

PARENTAL INPUT FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please help me learn more about your child.

Child's Name: _____

What does your child like to be called? _____

What are your child's special interests and activities? _____

What does your child like to do in school? _____

Does your child have any special learning concerns or strengths? _____

Does your child have any special health requirements/food allergies? _____

Is there anything else you would like me to know about your child? _____

Teacher: _____

Guardian: _____

If you would like to be contacted by the teacher to discuss any concerns you may have more confidentially, please list your contact information and the best time to reach you.

Phone Number: _____ Best Time to Call: _____ AM/PM

Email: _____

Please return this form to your child's teacher on your appointment day, at the open house, or by the first day of school. Thank you!