



Universal Pre-K News



Summer 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to an end, and the start of the school year is fast approaching. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and our teaching assistant to you, and to offer a bit of information that will help make the transition into our UPK classroom, as smooth and enjoyable as possible!

My name is Mrs. von Holtz. This is the start of my 29th year as a teacher at Mexico Elementary School. I have taught First Grade for 4 years, in a Kindergarten-First Grade multiage for 9 years, Kindergarten for 10 years, 4 years in TK (one year with it being a Multiage) and this will be my 2nd year in UPK. My family resides in Mexico and my 2 daughters have both attended Mexico Elementary. I'm looking forward to having fun and learning together each and every day!

Mrs. Buske will be working with us each day as a teaching assistant. She has been with the district for 22 years, either at New Haven Elementary or Mexico Elementary. She has been with me each year of TK and last year in UPK. Mrs. Buske's family also resides in Mexico and she has a daughter who went to New Haven Elementary.

We want you to know that we are always available if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact us either at:

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Mrs. von Holtz & Mrs. Buske



Lunch & Snack



Each day your child will have the choice to bring a lunch from home, or purchase lunch from school from the following choices: the hot lunch for that day, PBJ sandwich, or a hot dog/hamburger/chicken patty (depending upon availability). **Breakfast is also available each morning.**

We will be sending home a lunch menu each month so that you can plan in advance with your child. This system helps greatly in the lunch ordering routine. Students can also purchase milk from the cafeteria. We will provide more information on the lunch ordering system on the first day. If your child chooses to purchase items to go with their lunch from home, please send their money in the pouch in their folder. Prices will be finalized over the summer.

Snack time is a special time each day that allows students to interact with their peers and take a few minutes for themselves. Our district follows a health and wellness policy that places some guidelines on the types, and or amounts, of foods that students can consume in school. We will offer more information regarding snack during screening or on the day of the bus run. **We could potentially have a classmate with a food allergy which could effect snack choices- more information to come.**

School Supplies

Please send your child to school with the following materials on the First Day.

- Backpack- big enough for folders but not too big for your child to carry
- Water bottle labeled with your child's name
- Bag of extra underwear, pants, shirt, socks labeled with your child's name. (Include a few sets of pull ups if needed.)

The school district is purchasing **ALL** other materials for the students to use for the year. Some items that you may want **at home** are:

- Crayons
- Scissors
- Gluesticks
- Pencils



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Hooray, It's time for Pre-K!

Hello! My name is Mrs. Washer and I will be your child's Pre-K teacher. I will be working alongside Mrs. Partrick to create a nurturing environment where every child feels safe to explore and learn. Your child will be attending a full day Universal Preschool Program. The day will include singing, listening to stories, playing, lessons in math and literacy (letters & sounds), rest time, snack along with going to Art, Library, Physical Education, and Music classes. I value each child's unique abilities and look forward to creating fun activities that will promote confidence in them. They will be given opportunities to discover, create, build and figure out how things work. Above all, your child has to learn to trust me, feel safe in their new environment and know they are valued and loved. This is the beginning of your child's school years and I plan to make their first year a memorable, safe and an exciting one!

Items Needed: Please Label all items with your child's first and last name

- ✓ 1 regular sized backpack to carry home folder and projects we do in school. *No backpacks with wheels please! (Label with first and last name on top of bag or inside of bag near the top—someplace easily visible.) A Water Bottle with flip lid & name.



- ✓ A change of clothing (including socks and underwear) in a Ziploc bag in case of accidents! (Label Ziploc bag with your child's first and last name.)
- ✓ MACS will be purchasing school supplies for elementary families across the district this year. You do NOT need to buy crayons, scissors or glue. **Again**, the district will be purchasing student supplies.

Other items to donate (this is optional): Q-tips, baby wipes, paper towels, gallon or quart ziploc bags, uncoated small or regular paper plates, wiggle eyes (all sizes needed), cocktail straws and sheets of small stickers.

I look forward to meeting you and your child. If you need to contact me for any reason, feel free to email me at gwasher@mexicocsd.org or call the school and leave a message with the school secretary. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Mrs. Washer 😊

Mrs. Partrick 😊



The Mexico School District will be providing all school supplies for your child (glue sticks, crayons, scissors, folders, pencils...), you do not need to purchase/supply any of these things for your child.

Please purchase/supply the following things for your child:

- A regular-sized backpack
- A water bottle
- A lunch pail (if your child will bring their lunch)
- An extra change of clothes (in a labeled Ziploc bag), in case of an accident

If you would like to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Hand sanitizer
- Tissues
- Ziploc Baggies (snack & gallon sized)
- An extra snack in case a child forgets to provide one on their snack day

First Grade School Supply List

Mexico Elementary School
2023-2024

The Mexico Academy and Central School District will be ordering all the school supplies your child will need for the classroom for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please Provide:

- Backpack
- Water Bottle

Voluntary Donations:

Gallon and Sandwich Ziplock Bags, Soft Tissues, Hand Sanitizer

All donations are greatly appreciated! 😊



Need help with purchasing supplies?

Keep an eye out for upcoming Stuff-A-Bus information!



welcome to 2ND GRADE



We are looking forward to a fun-filled year in second grade with you! Below is a list of common grade level supplies that your child will need for 2nd grade. Please note that The Mexico Academy and Central School District will be ordering all of the school supplies your child will need in the classroom for the 2023-2024 school year. Families will still need to provide the following:

- Backpack
- Lunchbox
- Water Bottle
- Deck of Cards
- 2 Composition Notebooks



Need help with purchasing supplies?

Stuff-A-Bus: Keep an eye out for upcoming information!



Third Grade Supply List

Mexico Elementary School

We are looking forward to a great year! Below is a list of common grade level supplies that your child will need for 3rd grade. (Note: The Mexico Academy and Central School District will be ordering all the school supplies your child will need for the classroom for the 2023-2024 school year. Families will still need to provide a backpack and water bottle for your child.)

- Backpack
- Water Bottle

****Optional List:**

- Our district provides earbuds for each student, but some children prefer headphones. If this is something your child would prefer you will need to supply.
- We will use a lot of Tissues this year. Donations for classroom use would be appreciated.

Need help with purchasing supplies?

Stuff-A-Bus: Keep an eye out for upcoming information.

Fourth Grade Supply List

Mexico Elementary School

We are looking forward to a great school year! Below is the list of common grade level supplies that your child will need for 4th grade. (Note: The Mexico Academy and Central School District will be ordering all the school supplies your child will need for the classroom for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Families will still need to provide a backpack and water bottle for your child.)

- Backpack
- Water Bottle

** Optional List

- Our district provides earbuds for each student, but some children prefer headphones. If this is something your child would prefer you would need to supply.
- We use a lot of tissues during the school year. Any tissue donations for the classroom would be appreciated.

Need help with purchasing supplies?

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