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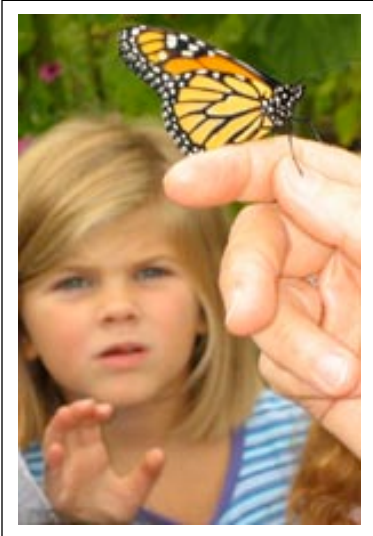
Special Kindergarten Edition

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SCHOOL YEAR



Discovery, Community & Growth

Welcome parents and kindergartners to Lyme School. We hope you will feel comfortable asking any questions you have as this is a big step in your and your child's life. Our program strives to promote and encourage your child's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development. The emphasis on each of these facets of your child is balanced to ensure progress and growth. Promoting your child's sense of curiosity and discovery is central to how we develop their appreciation of learning and is at the heart of our class activities.



Because children are naturally active learners, activities incorporate touching, trying, moving, talking, writing, drawing, and questioning. Throughout the kindergarten day, children have opportunities to explore, discover, investigate, predict and share their experiences. Building a sense of belonging and respect for oneself and others is one of our central themes in the beginning of the year.

We refer to this process as "building community". We work to ensure that your child feels comfortable and safe so that they can enjoy and focus on all the new ideas they will be discovering.

Jeff Valence, School Principal



Learning in Centers

A great deal of teaching takes place at center time, because it allows the teacher and teacher's assistant to work with small groups. This is a way we can successfully engage hands-on activities, incorporate Everyday Math games and/or lessons, and it allows us to really individualize and assess our Kindergarten students in a comfortable, safe environment. Often we will have community volunteers in at this time to "run" a center; playing a game of Top It or reading a story on a topic of study.



Nancy Fleming, Teacher



Kathy Waite, Aide

Communication

Communication between parents and the school is very important to us. Parents are welcome to meet with us whenever questions arise. For more routine information each week a mailing is sent home with your child that includes the kindergarten newsletter, the school newsletter as well as other announcements. The envelope is to be signed and returned to school once parents have reviewed its contents.



Notes & Reminders:

Frequently Asked Questions

Program hours:
The Lyme School Kindergarten is a half day program.
(8am - 12:30pm)

Transportation:
Pick up at 12:30 needs to be arranged by parents. Many after care programs and private care givers provide pick up service for their students. The school bus routes for morning pick up are determined in the beginning of the school year. Please notify the school if you are interested in being picked up in the morning.

School Calendar:
The school calendar is determined in late spring for the following school year. Typically, the school year begins in late August and lasts until mid June. There are four school vacations which correspond with Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years as well as one in February and one in April.

Kindergarten Registration:



May 15th
starting at 8 am

Call 795-2125 to reserve a 20 minute time slot



JValence@LymeSchool.org
Phone: 795-2125 or just stop by.



Sample Daily Schedule

- 8:00-8:10 Arrival
- 8:10-8:35 Jobs and Choice time (Free play)
- 8:35 Morning Meeting
 - Greeting
 - Shares
 - Activity (ie. song)
 - News and Announcements
- 9:00-10:00 Learning Centers

Four or five different centers which children rotate through. Examples of these centers are playing a math game, doing an art activity, puzzles, guided reading lesson, science exploration etc.
- 10:00 Snack
- 10:15 Book Look
- 10:30 Art (special class)
- 11:00 Recess
- 11:25 Calendar and math or story
- 11:55 Lunch
- 12:30 Dismissal in lobby



Snacks & Lunches

Hot Lunch is available for all students, although students can bring in their own lunch as well. Each week the newsletter publishes the menu for the following week (example on right). Snack takes place each day at 10:00 am. Your child should bring a healthy snack daily and a bottle of water which they have access to throughout the day.

Clothing & Footwear

The Lyme School does not have a school uniform, students may wear clothing & footwear that is suited for the season. Jackets, boots, hats and mittens are required during the winter to participate in recess.

Kindergarten Registration

Friday, May 15, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Lyme School.

Please call the school (795-2125) to set up a registration appointment.


During this time, we will meet on a scheduled basis with parents and students. The purpose of the registration day is to allow us to have a better understanding of your child's needs and

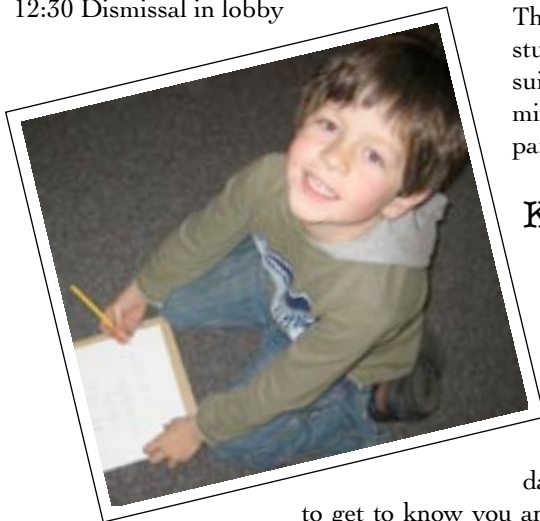
to get to know you and your child a little better. This would be an appropriate time to share any parental issues, concerns and questions that you might have. While this is not a screening procedure or an evaluation of achievement or aptitude, we will be reviewing gross and fine motor skills, socialization skills and some academic readiness skills. Please check in at the office when you arrive for your appointment. Several "activities" are planned for registration. Nancy Fleming (kindergarten teacher), Mikki McGee (early literacy coordinator), Helen Skelly (home/school counselor), Jen Woodmansee (school nurse) and I will be working with you and your child. See "What to Bring" on following page. At registration we will be asking each parent to help us in some information gathering. We will ask you to locate your house on a master map and will share with you how the bus operates.



Lunch
Week of
Sample

Monday	Deli Day BBQ Chicken, Ham & Cheese and Turkey Sandwiches Chips Pasta & Garden Salads Lemon Italian Ice Pop
Tuesday	Homemade Thin Crust & Thick Crust Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Cookies

 11 varieties of juice and milk are available everyday at Lunch



Message from the **P.T.O.**

Welcome to the Lyme School!

The PTO is a vital organization within the school. We are always looking for new ideas and members. Watch this space in next year's newsletters for information about PTO events. If you would like to be involved with the PTO contact Toni Gildone, 2009-20010 PTO President for information and to introduce yourself. Most importantly welcome-- you and your child will love our school.





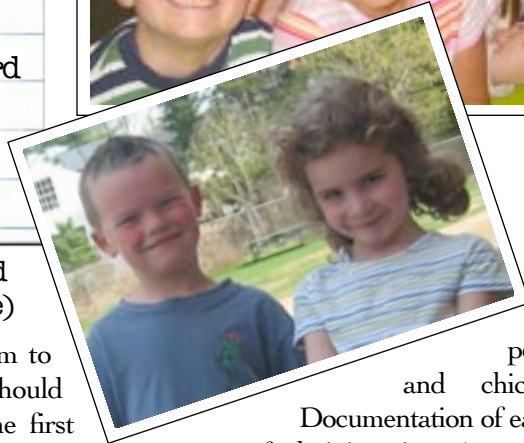
What to Bring

We would like you to bring three pieces of information with you:

To Bring: (your child and...)
• birth certificate
• immunization record
• completed health history record. (enclosed)

(if possible, siblings would be better off to stay home)

The medical examination form to be completed by a physician should be returned no later than the first day of school. NH State law requires all children have a physical examination within one year prior to the school entry date.



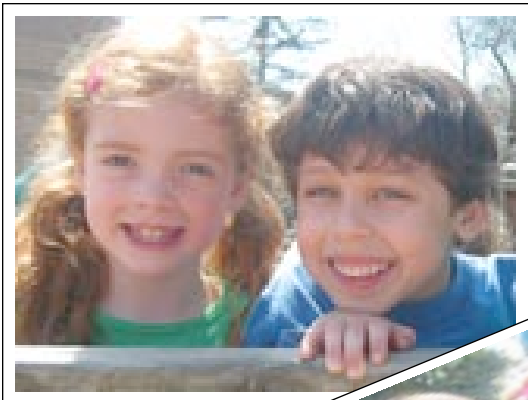
Immunizations

State law requires all NH students to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus,

pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis B and chickenpox before enrollment in kindergarten.

Documentation of each vaccine dose needs to include the month, day and year of administration. Acceptable immunization includes:

Immunization:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTP/DT/DtaP/Td/Tdap: Four or five doses given at acceptable intervals with the fourth or the fifth dose given on or after the 4th birthday. Dose 4 shall be separated by a minimum of 6 months from dose 3. Dose 5 is recommended from 4-6 years of age and 6 months from the last dose. • Three doses of all eIPV or all OPV schedule (last dose given after the fourth birthday or four doses of any combination of eIPV/OPV regardless of age at administration). • MEASLES-MUMPS-RUBELLA: 2 doses of measles-mumps-rubella containing vaccine given at acceptable intervals. • Hepatitis B Vaccine: 3 doses given at acceptable intervals. • Two doses of varicella vaccine at acceptable intervals or documentation attesting to chickenpox disease.



Kindergarten Birth Date Requirement

5 yrs old By September 30th

School Board Policy JEB Revised April 2007



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