



# Mill Lake School

Kindergarten Orientation

# MILL LAKE... IS GREAT!

- What we learn!
- What we do!
- What “Specials” we have!
- Procedural Items

# Mill Lake Woodland PTO

- How to Get Involved!
- How the PTO helps:
- Field Trips
- STEAM Materials
- Assemblies
- Events Throughout the Year
- Ice Cream Bingo
- Dances
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Celebration



# How do I get information?

- School Website
- District Website
- Report Cards- Parent Access form & Genesis Parent Portal  
*-Report Cards are Standard Based and Trimester Based*
- Connect 5- School and District Correspondences
- Google Classroom

# Events, Traditions, and Homework

- Bear Day
- Star Student
- Birthday Celebrations
- Pirate Day
- Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony
- Hour of Code
- Monthly Homework Calendar
- Reading Log



# Curriculum and Instruction

- **Language Arts**
  - ✓ Reader's Workshop and Guided Reading
  - ✓ Word Study and Phonemic Awareness- Foundations
  - ✓ Writer's Workshop
  
- **Envisions 2.0 Math**
  - ✓ CCSS aligned
  - ✓ Problem solving/critical thinking
  - ✓ Online component
- Concepts explored:
  - ✓ Counting and cardinality
  - ✓ Addition & Subtraction
  - ✓ Numbers in base ten
    - ✓ Numbers greater than 10 through 120
    - ✓ Place value
  - ✓ Measurement & Data
  - ✓ Geometry

# Curriculum and Instruction

- **Science**

- ✓ Next Generation Science Standards
- ✓ Exploration and Hypothesis Testing
- ✓ Science Notebooks
- ✓ STEAM

- **Social Studies**

- ✓ Non-Fiction Text
- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Exploring People and Cultures
- ✓ Communities

# Assessments Used

- Online MAP Testing: what we use for Kindergarten screening!
- DRA 2 Word Analysis: Assessing phonemic and phonological awareness
- DRA 2 and Running Record
- Sight Words
- Mathematics Unit Assessment
- Assessing informally everyday!
- RTI and Basic Skills Instruction



# School Counselor's Office

- Growth Mindset
- Classroom Lessons
- Conflict Resolution
- First Day Blues!
- Social Skills
- Friendship Groups
- Character Education: Upstanders, Peacemakers!
- Anti-Bullying Specialist

# Our Nurse: Kris Cauda!

- \*Immunization Records

- \*Medication Policy

- \*Notifying the Nurse's Office of allergies, illness, etc.

- \*Visits to the Health Office



# Physical Exams & Immunizations

**Physical exams must be completed after 9/5/21.**

*Any exam that is not completed within 365 days of the first day of school will NOT be accepted.*

**All immunizations must be up to date by the first day of school 9/6/22**

*\*NJ state laws mandate students CANNOT start kindergarten until all of their medical records are current and received in the school nurse's office.*

# Missing Documentation

- The nurse will communicate with you regarding missing immunizations, outdated physical exams and any other vital information that is needed to begin the school year.
- Communication over the summer will be via email  
Please send all necessary medical documentation directly to:

[kris.cauda@monroe.k12.nj.us](mailto:kris.cauda@monroe.k12.nj.us)

*Feel free to contact her for any questions or concerns*

**732- 251-5336 ext 8402**

# Medication Policy

- All medication administered in school requires a doctor's order. This includes over the counter medications.
- All medications **MUST** be hand delivered to the nurse.
- Medications are **NOT** to be transported in student backpacks.

# Medical Concerns

- Please make the nurse aware of medical conditions such as asthma, allergies or any other health related concerns.
- Students diagnosed with **Asthma** or a **Life Threatening Allergy** will need a new “Action Plan” completed by a doctor EVERY school year.

# Attendance

- Please document all absences in the parent portal on Genesis. A brief comment and reason for absence is appreciated.
- Please use caution and keep your child home when sick. Students **MUST** be vomit free and fever free for 24 hours w/o fever reducing medication before returning to school.

# Health Forms

Extra health forms are on the table.  
Please help yourself...

Physical Exam Forms

Asthma Action Plan Forms

Allergy Action Plan Forms

Medication Administration Forms

Guidelines for Keeping Sick Children Home



# Communication with the School

- You love your student, we love your student!
- Chain of Command
- What to do when you have a question or concern



# Placement and ECE

- When will I know about my child's placement?
- What about transportation?
- How will I know about PM or AM ECE?
- **Transportation information: End of August**
- **Summer Correspondence: End of August**

# Important Upcoming Dates!

- Kindergarten Student Orientation
  - Parent Meeting
  - Ice Pop Social
- First day of school: Tuesday,  
Sept. 6, 2022

# What should I do this Summer?

- How can I help to prepare my child?
- Read!
  - Identify written name
- Play!
- Collaborate!
- Fail!
- Foster independence:
  - zipping and/or buttoning jackets, backpacks, etc.
  - begin to learn to tie (not required, but helpful)
- Great Websites:
- <https://www.playosmo.com/en/coding/>
- [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- [http://www.abcya.com/kindergarten\\_computers.htm](http://www.abcya.com/kindergarten_computers.htm)