



Virginia Stevenson  
Elementary  
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# Welcome Kindergarten Students!

## Welcome & Registration

Welcome to your new school at Stevenson Elementary! With all the planning and preparation we have done for this year, I know it is going to be a terrific year! I am looking forward to meeting all our new kindergarten students as they begin their school adventure.

Our school office is open Monday -Friday from 7:30-3:30. If you need to register a child, please bring with you a birth certificate, proof of residency, shot record and custody papers if there has been a divorce or change of custody. If you have questions regarding registration, please call the school office at 259-6630. Mrs. Miller, our school secretary, will be happy to assist you.

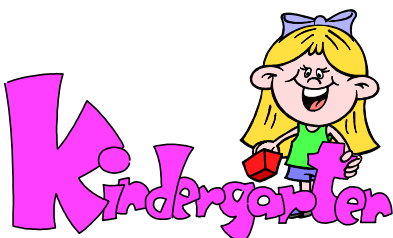
## Parent Orientation & Class Assignments

The start of the school year is such a special time, filled with anticipation and hopes of what the new school year will bring. I am sure you have many questions about how your child's classroom will be run and what will be expected of your child. So,

On **Tuesday August 17th** you will have the perfect opportunity to find answers to your questions and to begin a relationship with our kindergarten teachers and school. While your child is participating in the Kindergarten Assessment, parents will attend our **Parent Orientation** and learn the expectations for the school year. Parents will also complete important forms at this time.

At the Parent Orientation Meeting on August 17th you will receive more information regarding the first week of school and the

Class assignments will be posted on the front door of the school by 3:30 on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.



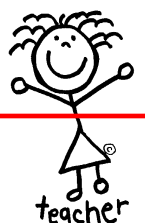
Our Kindergarten Teachers are:  
Mrs. Shelly Gallus  
Mrs. Teresa Hatton  
Ms. Joy Zartman

Kindergarten Aides: Donna Massa & Misty Soupley

## Kindergarten Assessment

On **Tuesday, August 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** student assessments have been scheduled with each parent. Your child's appointment will last approximately 60 minutes. **Please check your day and time on the enclosed letter.**

The state KRA-L (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - Literacy) will only take approximately 15 minutes. The remaining time will be spent observing your child during play time, story time and participating in activities to observe his/her fine motor skills. It is very important that your child attend at their assigned time. We appreciate your assistance with this.



## Our Mission & Goals

As you come in the front door at Stevenson you will notice our school mission posted on the wall. You will hear staff and students refer to our mission and goals throughout the school year.

**Our mission is to learn and be prepared for the next grade.**

*To accomplish this we will:*

- ☞ *be at school everyday*
- ☞ *do our very best*
- ☞ *listen and follow directions*
- ☞ *respect others*
- ☞ *work together as a team*

Our goals are:

Every Stevenson student will demonstrate proficiency in **reading** at or above grade level by the end of the school year.

Every Stevenson student will demonstrate proficiency at or above grade level in **math** by the end of the school year.

Every Stevenson student will demonstrate proficiency at or above grade level in **writing** by the end of the school year.

You will hear regular reports on our progress toward our goals throughout the school year. You will also receive “A **Standards Guide for Families**” telling you what is expected for your child in Kindergarten. This is also available at the Ohio Department of Education’s Web site at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us> ; click on families on the bottom of the page, then click on *Standards Guides for families* toward the bottom of the page.



## Stevenson Star Behaviors



Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our Stevenson Star Behavior Plan. This plan is designed to create an environment where each student can achieve their personal best in and outside the classroom. We have developed four positive behaviors that are the core of our behavior program.

They are:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Caring**
- **Be a Problem Solver.**

The demonstration of these character values is important at school, at home and in the community.

Behavior plans that are being used in the classroom will continue, as they have been very successful. However, we need to have a consistent behavior plan throughout the school in the common areas, such as the cafeteria, hallway, restrooms, bus, etc. Once your child has started school we will teach these behaviors in each area.

## See You Soon!!!

We look forward to seeing you on August 17th. It’s going to be a great year!!!

Sincerely,  
*Debby Root*, Principal



## Kndg. Start of School

Kindergarten students start school on a staggered schedule so that teachers have small numbers while they acquaint the children with the school and each other. The schedule is as follows:

- ☞ **Thursday, August 19th—Only**  
Kindergarten students with last names A-L attend school.

**Friday, August 20th—Only**  
Kindergarten students with last names M-Z attend school.

- ☞ **Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> —All**  
Kindergarten students attend school.

## School Information & Supplies

Please read over the enclosed “Fact Sheet” for important information.

You can also check our website. Go to [Madriverschools.org](http://Madriverschools.org); click on “Stevenson”. Click on **Back To School Information**. School supplies are listed there.

## Your Help...



Our staff is here to make sure that your child gets the best education that we can deliver. But we can't do it alone. This school belongs to all of us, the community. We need your help. Here is how you can help:

- ☞ Send your child to school every day, on time, ready to learn. (8:00-2:10)
- ☞ Check their homework folder DAILY.
- ☞ Promise to help your child every night with homework and reading. Remember, this doesn't mean you do it for him or her.
- ☞ Read to or with your child every night, if only for ten to fifteen minutes.
- ☞ Communicate with your child's teacher, whether by phone, note or e-mail.



## Car Riders

Please review the information on picking up and dropping off students that is included in this newsletter.

We understand that for kindergarten students, parents often wish to walk them into school on the first few days. Our teachers will speak with you at the parent orientation on August 18<sup>th</sup> regarding entrance procedures.

## Bus Information



During the week of August 2nd, Mad River students who are eligible for transportation will receive a postcard listing their bus stop information. Included, will be the student's bus number, stop location, and pickup and drop off times. Postcards should be shown to the student's bus driver when boarding the bus on the first day of school.

If you do not receive bus stop information, contact Transportation at 237-4280. Students should:

- arrive five to ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive
- ride only their assigned route to and from school
- comply with driver's instructions