MILFORD
EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Kindergarten Information Night

Mulberry Elementary
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Milford Class of 2039!

How Do I Know if My Child is Ready for Kindergarten?

State and District Guidance

- Can your child separate from a primary caregiver without anxiety?
- Use self-control?
- Demonstrate self-help skills, including using the restroom independently?
- Express self-awareness in a variety of ways?
- Cooperate with adults and authority figures?
- Use classroom tools and toys effectively?

[Milford Kindergarten Prep Parent Guide]

Students must turn 5 on or before August 1, 2026



ready for KINDERGARTEN

Ohio | Department of Education

To prepare for kindergarten, children need to be supported and nurtured in all areas of development. It is also important that your child is physically, socially and emotionally ready to participate in school. This list can serve as a guide as you and your child prepare for the exciting transition to kindergarten!

Can your child separate from primary caregiver without anxiety?

Use self-control?
- Keeping hands to self
- Sharing and taking turns
- Cooperating and playing with other children
- Using classroom supplies appropriately

Cooperate with adults and authority figures?
- Following directions
- Communicating needs effectively

Demonstrate self-help skills?
Using the restroom independently
Putting on and zipping own coat
Tying shoes

Use classroom tools and toys efficiently?
Cutting with scissors
Holding and using a pencil, crayon or marker
Building with blocks or Legos

Express self-awareness in a variety of ways?
Knowing first and last name.
Writing first name.
Naming the letters in first name.
Knowing name of primary caregiver(s)

Hello my name is

[Kindergarten Readiness Checklist] (Ohio Dept. of Ed)

How Do I Register?

- Central Registration: Website

Key Dates:

- **Sunday, February 1, 2026**
  - Registration opens for all incoming Kindergarten students of Milford EVSD residents.



Students must turn 5 on or before August 1, 2026 to be eligible to register on February 1st!

Registration Process

- **If your child is currently attending Milford Preschool, it is only necessary to complete the "Intent" form prior to April 1st. Click here.**

- **If your child has not attended Milford EVSD, please complete the enrollment process on the Milford Website**



The following documents will be required to register your child:

- Color scan/photo of the original birth certificate
- Color scan/photo of parent/guardian's driver's license
- Vaccine Record (due prior to the first day of school)
- Court/Custody Documentation/Divorce Decree/Shared Parenting Plan
- (when applicable) **full document,** no redactions; filed and stamped.
- Proof of residency (please see the FAQs on our Website for examples of proof of residency).

Once all steps have been completed, you will receive an email confirming registration is complete.

Early Entrance

- Students must turn 5 on or before August 17, 2026
- Requests for Early Entrance to Kindergarten will be accepted between March 1 and March 31, 2026. Learn more about the process and timeline here.



Sample Full Day Schedule:

Jennifer Smith

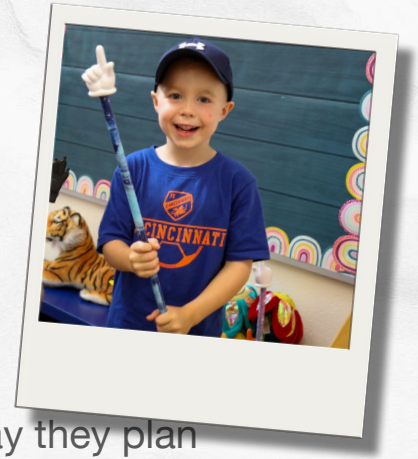
9:15-9:30	Morning Meeting
9:30-10:15	Phonemic Awareness and Phonics
10:15-11:00	Math
11:00-11:35	Science/Social Studies
11:40-12:25	Lunch/Recess
12:25-12:45	Independent Work and Restroom Break
12:45-1:30	UA (Art, Music, PE)
1:30-2:45	Language Arts and Handwriting
2:45-3:45	Second Recess and Purposeful Play
3:45-3:50	Pack up and Dismissal



Curriculum – Purposeful Play

"Play is an essential pillar of school and of childhood".

- Purposeful Play, Kristine Mraz



What does Purposeful Play look like and sound like in the kindergarten classroom?

- Students may be building a town that can be used as the setting for a play they plan to perform
- They may be experimenting with paints to create new colors
- Children are talking to each other to solve problems with the teacher available for guidance when needed
- Teachers have intentionally designed environments to facilitate these experiences
- Teachers are listening to students and asking intentional questions to highlight connections to core academic content

Kindergarten Roundup

- Allows us to understand where your child is developmentally as they enter Kindergarten

- We spend one hour with your child to assess their vision/hearing, speech, fine motor skills, academic readiness, and social-emotional development.

- Sessions will be held on July 31st at Mulberry Elementary for all students, regardless of which school they will attend
  - There will be sign ups prior to the sessions
  - Make-up options will be available



What's Next?

- Communications (End of Year/Summer)
  - Newsletters
  - Emails
  - Letters
- Be on the lookout for summer play dates!
- Open Houses at each school in the fall before school starts



How to Stay in Touch



Not sure which neighborhood elementary you're a part of? Check out our

District Boundaries by Street

How to Stay in Touch

School	Principal Name and Email	School Website	School Social Media Accounts
Boyd E. Smith	Mrs. Minna Espy espy_m@milfordschools.org	Click HERE for Boyd E. Smith's website	@Boyd-E-Smith-Elementary (FB) @bes_elementary (Instagram, X)
McCormick	Mr. Tom Willson willson_t@milfordschools.org	Click HERE for McCormick's Website	@mccormick-elementary-milford-evsd (Facebook) @ mccormick_elem (Instagram)
Charles L. Seipelt	Mr. Dan Yeager yeager_d@milfordschools.org	Click HERE for Seipelt's Website	@seipelt_elementary (Facebook) @seipeltsoars (Instagram, X)
Meadowview	Mrs. Nicole Ward ward_n@milfordschools.org	Click HERE for Meadowview's Website	@mdvelementary (Facebook)
Mulberry	Mrs. Sarah Greb greb_s@milfordschools.org	Click HERE for Mulberry's Website	@MulberryEagles (FB) @MulberryEagles (X), @mulberryelementary (Instagram)
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