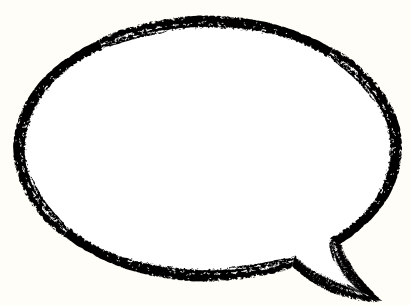


Welcome to Room 135 Kindergarten!

For those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Corinne McMurren (Ms. Corinne) and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher this year! I've been teaching in the Early Years for over 20 years and take pride in creating a fun, welcoming environment so that your child develops a love of school and learning. I've spent the past two years completing my Post Bacc in Project-Based Learning (finished in June!) and believe in learning through play and hands-on experiences, both inside the classroom and out on the land in all types of weather. Outside of school, I enjoy baking, running, and travelling with my family--my husband and our two daughters (16 and 18). I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year with all of you.



Communication

I will be using Seesaw to share photos and videos of our learning, and to send important information, messages, and reminders. You'll be able to see what your child is up to at school, and send me messages in a quick and easy way. I sent email invites out on the weekend--**please connect to your child's journal ASAP**, if you haven't already.

*Connecting to Seesaw is incredibly important, as it is the only form of communication I use. If you have difficulty doing this, please let me know ASAP (either in person or by email: cmcmurren@wsd1.org)



School Supplies Required

- \$20 school supply fee
- FULL-sized backpack (no mini-backpacks please!)
- indoor shoes that your child can put on/take off by themselves
- a small snack (free of nuts, fish and seafood) and a filled water bottle
- clothing that suits the weather (daily outdoor play)

Entry/Exit Info

AM: 8:50am-11:25am

PM: 12:50pm-3:25pm

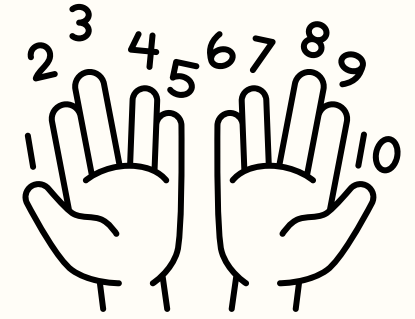
At the start of your child's day, they can line up along the wall by the doors at the southeast corner of the school. We will say goodbyes to our families here, and walk inside as a class. Pickup will be **outside** at the same spot.



Literacy

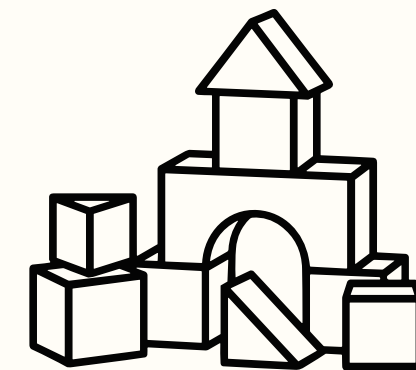
Literacy will be an important part of our day, every day. Students will engage in read alouds, small group alphabet and phonics centres, large group oral phonological awareness activities, fine motor activities, and drawing/writing instruction at their own level. They will be assessed on their letter and sound knowledge several times throughout the year, so we can celebrate progress and plan next steps. Students may bring home books and learning activities to help support the learning we are doing in the classroom. These activities are always optional, and a message will be sent on Seesaw with detailed explanations beforehand.

Math

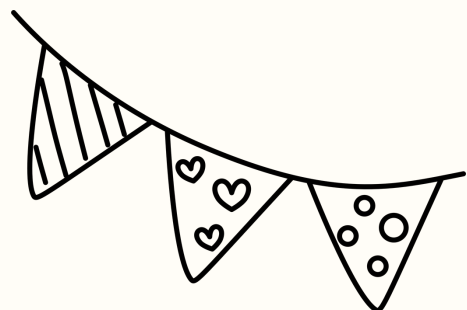


Math is a passion of mine, and will also be an important part of our day. Students will develop a solid foundation in number sense, and will work with numbers in a variety of ways (dot patterns, finger patterns, ten frames, number sentences, etc.). They will also engage in activities related to patterning, problem solving, counting, and other areas through guided play, whole group instruction, stories, songs, and games.

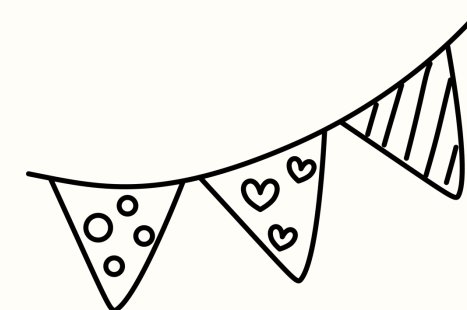
Play IS Learning!



Play is the work of childhood. Through play, children practice language, math, social skills, creativity, and problem solving. Our classroom is full of opportunities for free and guided play, exploration, and imagination – because play is learning



Celebrations, etc...



Students will be recognized on (or near) their birthdays with celebratory tokens to make them feel special! While no “birthday parties” will be held at school, families are welcome to send in individual pre-packaged nut-free treats to share with the class during snack--just give me a heads up on Seesaw!

We will hold holiday parties for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine’s Day. If snacks are needed, I will send out a google doc so families who wish to, can sign up to bring a snack to share (juice, fruit/veggies, treats). Signing up is completely optional.

We typically go on a field trip in the spring. That said, this is not a guarantee (this year our trip was cancelled due to the flood!). Volunteers are sometimes required--if this is something you are interested in, please see the office for the volunteer package.

We typically have parent-teacher conferences in November and March, a Winter concert in December, and a Kindergarten Farewell in June. Stay tuned to Seesaw for more information regarding these, as the year progresses!