



PRESCHOOL NEWS

MRS. HOULDSWORTH'S CLASS

SUMMER
2008

Dear Preschool Families,

We are looking forward to a fun year ahead! Newsletters will be sent home with important dates as well as information about monthly themes in the classroom. All of us here will do our best to keep you informed, Here's some information to get us started.

Mrs. Houldsworth

School Calendar

Preschool will follow the Hopkinton School Calendar, which you can access through our district web site at:

<http://www.hopkintonschools.org>. Click on the *Calendar* tab.

Class time is 8:00 AM—11:20 AM

Please try to bring your child to school on time and pick up on time. Parent pick-up and drop off is at the school parking lot door entrance (outside the preschool room). If your child arrives too early we will still be busy setting up, and a very late arrival means missing part of the "free choice" period, which is important to your child's socialization. If you do arrive late please go to the office using the main entrance by the flag pole to check in before coming to class. The District does not provide bus transportation for preschool.



The Preschool Day

Our daily schedule includes a morning meeting, choice time, snack and story time. We do try to go outside at the end of the day, so please dress your child for the weather. **Please label** your child's clothing. A backpack or school bag is also a helpful way for your child to carry home school projects, to bring home important notices and to store a change of clothes for emergencies.

Preschool does participate in art class in the art room and music and movement in the multi-purpose room weekly.

Snack time is part of the preschool day when children practice their socialization skills. Bringing **one** healthy snack to school is always encouraged. Milk and juice can be purchased at the school and we encourage parents to pay by month or for the school year rather than week-by-week.



Preschool orientation days are August 26 to September 3. Look for information by mail in mid-August.

OTHER NOTES



Please encourage your child to leave **personal possessions** at home. It is difficult for young children to share their own things and fully use school materials when they have brought playthings from home.

Separation from parents is a breeze for some children, and for others, not so easy. If your child seems unusually concerned about the start of school, please call and leave a message (746-3473) or email bouldsworth@hopkintonschools.org. We can work on ways to make it as stress-free as possible.

In addition to the **parent/teacher conferences**, which are scheduled during the year, I am always happy to set up a time to speak with you should you have a question or concern. Sometimes it's hard to talk at the beginning of the school day, so please leave your name and phone number or email me and I will contact you as soon as possible.



Communication:

The *Parent Flash* from Harold Martin School comes home once a week. This is our school news letter. We encourage you to sign up for our HMS Email List, which is a wonderful way to keep informed on school events. To sign up, head to:

http://hopkintonschools.org/mailman/listinfo/hmsnews_hopkintonschools.org. or look for a link on the Harold Martin School Principal's Pages.



For Tuition Students:

Monthly preschool payments should be made to the office and are due the first of every month. Please make checks out to **Hopkinton School District**. The monthly cost: \$180.00 for three days and \$135.00 for two days.

Absences:

If your child is absent from school please call the school absence line (746-4030) and leave a message.



REMINDERS:

Your child's registration packet with the **health form and emergency information form** must be returned to school by the first day in order for your child to attend school.

**WELCOME TO THE PRESCHOOL
WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU SOON.**

Selected School Personnel:

William Carozza:

Harold Martin School Principal

Barbara Houldsworth:

Preschool Teacher and Coordinator

Lori Wood:

Speech-Language Pathologist

Robin Palmer:

Occupational Therapy Asst.

Katie Winslow:

Preschool Instructional Assistant

Sheila Conley:

School Nurse
