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Frederick Brewster School

Kindergarten 2022-2023

Welcome to Brewster School! We are excited to share with you all the great things that happen at our school and the fabulous year of learning, growing, building friendships, and FUN your children will have in kindergarten!

This Virtual Tour includes lots of information about our school. If you and your student still have questions, please reach out! Enjoy!



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Hello! I'm Mrs. Murray, principal of Brewster School!

I am SO excited to meet our incoming kindergartners and families.

Our goal at Brewster School is to provide an excellent foundation for your child as he/she begins his/her educational journey. This goal can best be met when we work in partnership with you. There are numerous opportunities for you to become actively involved in your child's education. We look forward to working with your child and in partnership with families!

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Brewster School is a child-centered environment where each child is recognized as a unique individual. We recognize that students learn at different rates, have different learning styles, strengths, and areas of need. Therefore, learning is individualized and differentiated to ensure the success of all students.

At Brewster School the teachers are both instructors and facilitators. Teachers guide and direct students toward new learning and discoveries by stimulating their curiosity. A variety of best practice instructional strategies that incorporate the visual, auditory and kinesthetic modalities are implemented across the curricula. Hands-on and cooperative learning activities are employed to create an engaging learning environment.

Student engagement is crucial for student success. Engagement is evident by the 4C's: Communication, Collaboration, Creative Thinking and Creativity. Teachers design learning tasks that require students to think creatively and critically, to solve real problems, ask questions, formulate ideas, make a plan, and analyze and evaluate their original ideas. Students have numerous opportunities to communicate and work collaboratively with their peers on a daily basis. They collaborate to share their knowledge, solve problems, research and develop new ideas. These skills are necessary to effectively participate in our global society.

Social learning is another critical part of our school culture. Students learn to work cooperatively with one another, share ideas and accept different points of view. Children are taught to respect themselves and others. The District Core Ethical Values guide good character development. In order for children to be successful, they must feel positive about themselves and others.

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Reading & Writing

Our district curriculum pacing guides for [reading](#) and [writing](#) include literature, informational, writing, handwriting, language, & foundational skills. In RSD13, we use the following to guide our instruction:

- Decoding and Encoding
- Comprehension and vocabulary development
- Handwriting and written composition

In addition to the literacy instruction that all students receive, children who need enrichment are provided with the tools and opportunities to expand their learning. Likewise, students who require additional support receive that through small group instruction and intervention as appropriate

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

The RSD13 curriculum focuses on exploring the world, asking questions, making connections, and becoming global citizens - and an important part of that learning comes through [science](#) or [social studies](#).

The social studies and science curriculums are inquiry-based, so children will be exploring many BIG questions throughout the year.

Our science units follow the Next Generation Science Standards which enable teachers to offer all students interactive science instruction that promotes critical thinking, problem solving, and connections across science disciplines.

Math

[Mathematics](#) instruction is a critical part of the kindergarten experience. One of the primary goals in kindergarten is to build number sense. Number sense is the ability to understand and manipulate numbers. Students with strong number sense can solve problems in different ways, perform calculations quickly, and are flexible in their use of mathematical strategies.. Our math block will include:

- Whole-group mini lessons
- Number Talks
- Math Stations
- Strategy Groups and Conferences

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Working to become emotionally-literate individuals is important as students grow, and student well-being is a district priority. Kindergarten students explore different components of emotional learning (communication, feelings, problem solving, etc.) through our social emotional learning curriculum. Weekly SEL lessons are taught using the [Second Step curriculum](#) and concepts are reinforced through class meetings and discussions.

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Kindergarten Sample Schedule

Time	Subject
8:50-9:10	Arrival & Meeting
9:10-10:10	Reading Block
10:10-10:25	Snack
10:25-10:55	Foundations/Word Study
10:55-12:05	Math Block
12:05-12:35	Lunch
12:35-1:05	Recess
1:05-1:20	Read Aloud
1:20-2:05	Related Arts
2:05-3:10	Writing/Science/S.S./SEL
3:10-3:20	Dismissal/Daily Folders

This is a sample schedule for a typical school day with no restrictions.

Children will have music, art, PE, library and technology one time per week during the related arts block.

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Click on the linked buttons above to view some of our Brewster tidbits. Each link brings families to one of the wonderful experiences children engage in at Brewster School. At Brewster, we believe children who feel positive about themselves and their school community are better learners. Our objective at Brewster School is to build individual self-esteem while promoting a sense of belonging. A wide variety of classroom and school-wide activities promote a positive school climate. The District's Core Ethical Values guide program activities that promote good character development. Your child will have opportunities to be involved in our school community through many of the above programs and so much more!

Brewster School models the belief that the "whole child" is best served when there is a positive partnership between home and school. A number of opportunities exist for parents to become involved in their children's classroom and school communities:

- Brewster PTO and SEPTO
- Classroom volunteers
- Go Far
- Nature walks
- Kindness Day
- Field trip chaperones
- Science experiments
- Room mothers/fathers
- Field day squad leaders
- Community service projects and drives
- Special classroom activity volunteers



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At Brewster School we commit to -

- Keeping the safety of your children as our top priority.
- Communicating weekly with families (through ParentSquare) about our school.
- Supporting teachers to provide high-quality instruction to your child.
- Keeping our school a space that feels like family, is safe, and is filled with laughter.

Thank you for partnering with Brewster School. If we can support you, your family, or your child, please let us know.

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