

**KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back to school! We look forward to a great year! In an effort to keep parents informed, we have developed a brief overview of the curriculum for your child's grade level. We hope that this brief outline will give you a glimpse of some highlights for the upcoming year, and that it serves to facilitate increased home-school communication. Complete curriculum guides of all Board approved curriculum are on file in the office. If you would like to review any or all of the guides, feel free to call the school. Your first step with any communication and your best source of information regarding your child's grade level program is your child's teacher. Feel free to contact him/her at any time.

Kindergarten Parent Overview:

This year in kindergarten, your child will take beginning steps toward reading! Children will learn to recognize letters and their sounds. They will learn how to spell many simple often-used words while developing a love for reading.

Kindergarten students will focus on developing his/her listening and speaking skills. Teachers will emphasize basic concepts in language and use of descriptive words.

Teachers will introduce students to the 6 + 1 Trait Writing framework. This will assist them in learning how to use a common language to refer to characteristics of writing. Together, the class will create a common vision of what "good" writing looks like and storytelling sounds like.

In math, your child will learn to count to 100 and write and recognize numbers to 20. Your child will also demonstrate basic understanding of calendar and time, learn about basic shapes and have many experiences with counting.

In science, your child will study plants and ecology, animals, weather and the seasons, air, water and land, different types of materials, wheels and motion, and magnets.

Social studies in kindergarten will focus on the social growth of young children. Students will grow tremendously during their first year of school in the areas of making friends while learning about themselves. Kindergartners will also extend their background knowledge to include various holidays and cultures, particularly Chinese culture.

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