

Summer 2024
Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Riley Kindergarten! Your kindergarten teachers are Heidi Whitford and Elizabeth Casaletto. We are looking forward to a great year in partnership with you and your child!



There will be a 2024-25 Meet the Teacher Night at Riley Elementary. Mr. Tisdale will send an email once that date is set and he has details to share. You will find out which classroom teacher you will have about 2 weeks prior to school starting.

All basic supplies can be provided for students at school. However, students are often excited to shop for new school supplies, especially kindergarteners. **Some ideas are crayons, washable markers, pencils with extra eraser tops, glue sticks, scissors, 2 dry erase markers, earbuds/small headphones and a pencil box. Please open ALL packages (headphones, scissors, glue sticks, etc) before putting them in your child's supply box.** We would like all children to have a backpack (without wheels) labeled with their name. If this is a financial hardship, please let us know.

Please send a set of spare clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, and socks) for your child in a labeled gallon ziplock bag in case of accidents.

While certainly not required, some parents like to provide supplies for the classroom. Below is a list of some suggestions for items if you choose to donate. Due to allergy issues, no hand sanitizer please.

- gluesticks
- tissues
- napkins
- markers
- ziplock bags (any size)
- paper plates-small and large
- plastic silverware
- dry erase markers

We will have a snack everyday. Each child will be responsible for bringing their own healthy snack daily. Please pack their snack in a separate pocket in the backpack, not in their lunchpail. This will help them so they won't get confused with what is their lunch and what is their snack.

Ready to begin!

As you prepare for school, please note the following activities will help to aid your child's independence and success.

- ✓ Practice singing the ABCs
- ✓ Begin naming letters & numbers
- ✓ Practice counting
- ✓ Identify colors
- ✓ Write first name
- ✓ Sing nursery rhymes
- ✓ Use scissors
- ✓ Practice zipping, tying, and buttoning clothing and shoes



We have a Riley Facebook page where you can receive and share information. [www.facebook.com/Riley](https://www.facebook.com/RileyElementaryPTO) Elementary PTO. Please visit and request to join this private group.

We look forward to meeting you very soon!

Elizabeth Casaletto and Heidi Whitford