

**Bristol Public Schools Press Release**  
**Full Day Kindergarten**  
**August 2014**

Bristol teachers and administrators have been busy meeting throughout the summer planning an exciting program for your child. A full day kindergarten schedule was developed. Along with content area instruction, there will be designated time for social centers, quiet time, and age appropriate activities.

**Registration**

All students must be registered prior to the start of school. If you have not yet registered your child, you must go to the school office to complete the registration packet as soon as possible. Students who come to school unregistered will not be able to start school until the registration process is completed.

**Transportation**

In mid-August, please check the Bristol BOE website or local newspaper for updated bus routes. For those students taking the bus, please make sure you are aware of the bus stop locations. For those students not taking the bus, there will be designated pick up and drop off areas at each school.

**Meet and Greet**

Each school will hold a Meet and Greet prior to the start of the school year. The purpose of the Meet and Greet is to provide an opportunity for students to meet their teacher, see their classroom and classmates, and visit the school prior to the first day. Meet and Greet dates and times will be communicated by each school.

**First Day Information**

In the interest of safety and security, nametags will be supplied to every child. Additional staff will be available at the start of the school year to assist with kindergarten transition.

**Suggested Supplies**

- Backpack large enough to fit all school supplies including folders, lunch, snack, books, etc.
- Art smock, labeled with child's name (Old large shirt to protect clothing)
- Snack bag, lunch bag - please clearly label snack and lunch to avoid any confusion
- Sneakers for Physical Education
- Change of clothes, labeled with child's name

**Additional Staff Support**

Paraprofessionals have been hired to provide support in all kindergarten classrooms throughout the school year. Additional staff in the areas of special education, music, art, and physical education have also been hired to support the implementation of full day kindergarten.

**Homework**

Students will be expected to complete age-appropriate homework assignments at a minimum of 45 minutes per week to reinforce skills learned in school. Reading needs to occur daily.

**Communication**

Teachers will be communicating regularly with families. Please feel free to contact your child's school at any time with questions or concerns. In the event of an urgent message, please call the office and the information will be relayed to the teacher in a timely manner. Your child's school will host an Open House in September. This will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about the kindergarten program.

<b>Sample Full Day Kindergarten Schedule</b>
Arrival/Morning Meeting
Reading Workshop
Snack
Language Block
Math
Science and Social Studies
Writing Workshop
Lunch/Recess
Specials - PE (2x/week), Art (1x/week), Music (1x/week)
Quiet Time
Center Time
Closing Period