



Dear

Hi! My name is Mrs. Anderson and I'm going to be your kindergarten teacher. I am very excited to meet and get to know you and your family. We will have an orientation so you can see our room before school starts! I have been teaching kindergarten for a long time and UMS is one of my favorite places to be. I hope you like it as much as I do.

I hope you are as excited about kindergarten as I am about you coming. It is a fun place to be. We will make friends, play, learn songs and poems, read books, do art, go on the playground and learn new and interesting things. Are you ready to learn how to read? I am excited to teach you. Do you know who Piggie and Gerald are? What about Pete the Cat? They are my favorite books right now. We have so many books in our room plus blocks, dress-up clothes, legos, ponies, cars, and lots of art materials. My biggest hope for you is that you will make many friends and that you will love coming to school. You might be really excited about coming to kindergarten but you might also be a bit nervous. It is ok to feel a little nervous. I just want you to know that I am very nice and I will work hard to make you feel **safe, happy, and welcome.**

Please let your family know that the only supply you need for school is a backpack and your home/school folder (I will give you this) in your backpack. Each day, we will eat breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks here at school.

I hope you spend some time this summer playing with friends and visiting our playground and the Burnham Library. Have a great summer and I truly can't wait to meet you and start an amazing kindergarten year with YOU!

See you soon!!

Love,

Mrs Anderson



Dear Parents,

I am very excited about the upcoming school year! Kindergarten is a milestone in your child's life and I am honored to be a part of their educational journey. To make this year successful, I would like to invite you to become partners with me in your child's education.

To help us get acquainted and ease your child's transition into kindergarten, I would like to invite you and your child to Kindergarten Orientation. The date is August 30th, 9:30 - 10:30 AM here at UMS. You and your child will come to our room together, get acquainted with the room, meet the other students and families from our class and participate in a morning meeting. Your child will then go on a bus ride while YOU stay with me to hear very important information regarding EVERYTHING kindergarten. We will talk about communication, lunch forms, answer questions, etc... Next, you will go to the cafeteria and I will be back with your child either on the playground or in our room.

Please email me at Christine.anderson@colchestersd.org if you have questions or concerns. I won't check my email daily but I will check it (-: I have a kindergarten Instagram that you can get to through our UMS page. (Keeping.it.fun.in.k).

Please trust that I will do everything in my power to make your child love school. Children in my room get what they need to be successful both emotionally and academically. This will look different for different children.

I often get asked what parents can do to prepare their children for kindergarten. Here are a few ideas (but certainly not mandatory). Writing their name, recognizing numbers/letters and sounds, and reading to your child are great ways to prepare! Social-emotional skills such as practicing independence, playing games, and problem-solving are lifelong skills that we practice in kindergarten.

Sincerely,
Christine Anderson

Looking Ahead

Our Emergent Reading Program will take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 until 10:00. I NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR READING PROGRAM PLEASE!!! The only supplies your son /daughter needs for kindergarten are a backpack, breakfast/lunch (if they are not getting school breakfast, and lunch. (It is free for all). and one snack. I will have information regarding our classroom for you at orientation