

Jefferson Primary School is named after Thomas Jefferson who was the third president of the United States. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Thomas Jefferson owned more than 6,000 books! Mr. Jefferson wrote, "A mind always employed is always happy." The students of Jefferson Primary School would certainly make Mr. Jefferson very proud!!



Jefferson Jaguars

Jefferson Primary School Guide



Huntington Union Free School District
253 Oakwood Road
Huntington, New York 11743

"In the final analysis it is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings."

- Ann Landers

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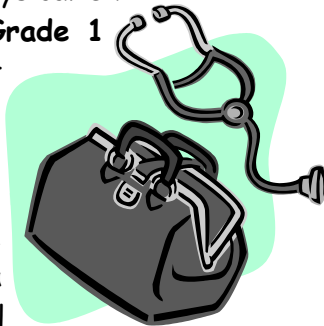
In the event that your child should require medication during school hours, New York State Law and HUFSD require:

- Medication administration form completed and signed by parent and completed and signed by doctor. The date, directions and doctor's name and phone number must be clearly printed on the form.
- The doctor-prescribed medication must be brought to the school nurse by parent in the original pharmacy container-fully labeled with dates.
- A new form must be filled out for each change of medication or dose as well as renewed each school year.
- **Students are never allowed to carry medication of any kind or take medication without official written directions from the doctor and parent or take medication without supervision.**



Physical Examination Requirements

New York State law mandates physical examinations for **Kindergarten, Grade 1** and **grade 3** and new entrants at the elementary level. No one can better evaluate your child than your own private physician. A good evaluation includes not only a thorough examination but also a careful review of past medical history. We, therefore, strongly advise that your child be seen by his/her physician. The physical for the school year can be privately administered starting June 1st. If this report is not returned to the Health Office by January 1st., our school doctor will examine your child.



Health Emergency Card

This is a very important card that needs to be kept on file in the Nurse's office. It enables us to reach you or a designated alternate in case of your child's illness or injury. **Please call the nurse if you have any changes of alternates or phone numbers.** In an emergency situation and we are unable to reach a parent, your child will be transported, by ambulance, to the Emergency Room - accompanied by a school representative.

Welcome to Jefferson!

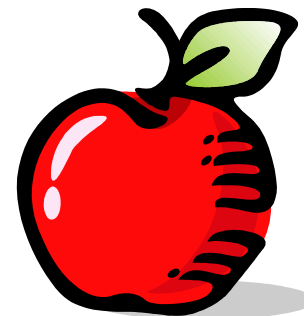
Jefferson Primary is a special place dedicated to the positive social, emotional and academic development of young children.

The staff, students, and parents of Jefferson Primary School work together in creating a place of rich academic programs in a safe and positive environment. Our staff and parents believe children learn what they live. We have set out to create a school environment where children have the right to be happy and are treated with respect in school. We believe each student has the right to a safe, caring, and secure school environment. In this environment, children are taught to be responsible for their behavior and continually work on developing the skills necessary to grow academically and socially.

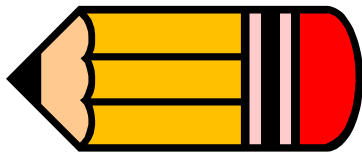
We believe that a strong parent partnership between home and school is integral to the success and happiness of our children.

Together we will share the joys of guiding our children as they grow and learn about themselves and the world around them.

We look forward to working together- today's children are tomorrow's future.



Margaret H. Evers
Principal



Who's Who at Jefferson

Mrs. Margaret Evers, Principal

Mrs. Barbara Cooke, Secretary

Mrs. Donna Dibiasi, Attendance Secretary

Mrs. Betsy Steiner, School Nurse

Dr. Russ Bomse, School Psychologist

Ms. Gisselle Soto, Social Worker

Special Area Teachers

Mrs. Tietjen, Library

Ms. Karen Fischer/Ms. Lynn Hefele, P.E.

Mrs. Karen Cronin, Music

Mrs. Maria Mazzola, Art

Mrs. Joan Aurilia/Mr. Brian Foster/

Mrs. Jennifer Marsh, ESL

Mrs. Allison Daly/ Mrs. Louise Sugrue/

Mrs. Nancy Giorgos, Reading

Mrs. Ruth Youngquist, Math

Our Jefferson PTA

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Getting Ready for Kindergarten

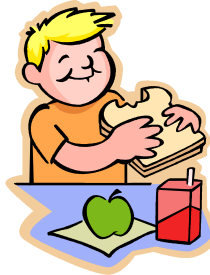
Starting kindergarten is an exciting time that marks a real milestone. It will be remembered, mostly by the parents, for many years to come. It's the beginning of "real school"!

To help alleviate some of the anxiety and to make the transition easier for both you and your future scholar, we have some suggestions as easy as ABC:

- Become familiar with your new school and playground. If possible, visit the school several times during late summer.
- Make learning fun. There is no need to drill your child to be "ready for kindergarten". Instead, find opportunities that are enjoyable learning experiences that support math and literacy skills- sorting shells at the beach, sharing wonderful literature, cooking and traveling.
- Make new friends. Now is the time to start actively seeking new play dates with future classmates at Jefferson.
- Tone down your own anxiety. It's amazing how in tune your children are to your moods and feelings. Try to keep the conversations about school positive and comfortable.
- Let them take the bus on the first day of school. It's amazing how difficult it is to break a pattern, so start off on the right path. Take a picture, smile and wave goodbye- they'll be back before you know it!

Kindergarten Supply List

Please see the enclosed supply list.



Important to remember:

- A backpack
- A daily healthy snack
- Lunch or lunch money
- 2 Pocket folders with bottom pockets
- A large, old t-shirt to be used as a smock
- Change of clothes to be left at school (labeled and in a plastic bag)

Please label all your child's clothing so that we may return it should it get lost.



Class Parents

Class parents are important links between the PTA and the classroom. A sign-up sheet is sent home and class parents (up to two per class) are selected by lottery. Once selections are completed, an informal tea will be held during which class parents and the PTA discuss plans for the upcoming year. Class parents are expected to: attend monthly PTA meetings, telephone parents as needed, to inform them of important PTA activities or emergency school closings, organize food for class parties, and arrange chaperones for class trips when requested.

What You Need to Know

- Our school hours are: 9:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
- Children arriving late to school (after 9:25) must be signed in at the front desk by a parent. School personnel will escort your child to their classroom.
- All walkers or students being picked up will be dismissed from the main entrance door at 3:20 p.m. Please refrain from picking your child up earlier 3:20.
- All bus riders are expected to ride the bus to and from school unless written permission is presented.
- Our school has a "Bus Pass" system for children wishing to take a different bus home with a classmate. A note must be sent to your child's teacher stating the bus that your child will be taking home that day.
- Visitors are welcome but please understand that unannounced classroom visits are not permitted. Please stop at the front desk so that we may assist you.

- Please phone the attendance number, 673-2141, when your child is going to be absent from school. A 24-hour recorder will take your message. An absence note is required when your child returns to school.
- Please send your child to school with a backpack and a nutritious snack daily.
- Children may bring a lunch from home or purchase one from our cafeteria. Monthly lunch menus announce the daily hot lunch and alternate choices. Milk and juice are also available.
- Please check your child's backpack daily for announcements and notes.
- Party invitations may be passed out in school only if all students in the class are invited. Invitations to special groups of friends should be done by mail.
- Each class will have class parents who assist teachers in the planning and implementation of special events and activities. Our PTA and classroom teachers will solicit your involvement in the fall.
- Birthdays are special days. Please make arrangements with your son or daughter's teacher prior to the day of celebration. Food may not be included in the celebration.

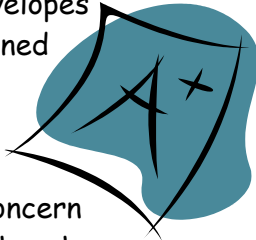
Discipline and Expectations

The Huntington Board of Education's policy regarding Conduct and Discipline expresses the need for all members of the school community, the student, the parent and the school to recognize and understand their roles in the development and maintenance of acceptable behavior. Patterns are essential for effective teaching and learning. Our goal is to develop good citizens.

- We believe that providing a warm, caring and supportive school climate fosters an environment conducive to learning.
- We believe that students are responsible and accountable for their academic and social behavior.
- We believe in a school environment that encourages honesty, trust and respect for authority, self and others.
- We believe that students need to develop positive learning behaviors such as good listening, active participation, critical thinking and problem solving.
- We believe that students should display appreciation and acceptance of differences in others.
- We believe that a positive partnership between school and home is essential for academic success.

Report Cards

- Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November at the Fall Back-to-School Night.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are a time to discuss student progress with parents. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these scheduled conferences. Take this time to share your concerns and feel free to ask questions. Student success is a partnership between home and school.
- Progress reports are sent home in January, April and June. Report card envelopes must be signed by parents and returned to school.
- You may contact your child's teacher at any time if there is a concern or question. Please do not feel as though you need to wait for the progress report or conference.



Transportation and Bus Safety

A bus tag is sent to every kindergartner at the end of the summer. The tag will contain transportation information as well as class placement. **Please send your child to school wearing the pass tag for the first month of school.**



Bus Rules and Expectations

Riding a bus to school is an exciting adventure, but one that comes with responsibility. Proper bus behavior is expected at all times:

- Remain seated at all times
- Buckle your seat belt
- Use quiet, inside voices
- Keep your hands and belongings to yourself
- Use kind words and actions
- Do not bring toys or eat on the bus

Written warnings are issued for improper bus behavior. If behavior does not improve, bus privileges will be suspended.

Transportation Concerns

Parents should inform the District Transportation Office at 673-2032 of any serious problems. Telephone complaints should be followed up in writing.

Weekly Adventures

- Art - Once a week for 40 minutes. Drawing, painting, creating with hands and eyes.
- Music - Once a week for 40 minutes. Singing, reading music, playing instruments, and dancing.
- Physical Education - Three times a week for 120 total minutes. Building strong bodies through exercise, games, and fun!



- Library - Once a week for 40 minutes. A book is like a garden carried in the pocket. - Chinese Proverb

- Computer - Once a week for 40 minutes. Learning skills for the 21st Century.
- Lunch - Everyday for 20 minutes. Nutritious and delicious!
- Recess - Everyday for 20 minutes. Fun, friends and fresh air!



Kindergarten Calendar

Here are just a few of the wonderful experiences waiting for you and your child at Jefferson Primary.



<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Meet the Teacher Night	September 17th, 7 p.m.
Harvest Festival	October 22nd
Halloween Parade	October 31st
Holiday Boutique	December 10th & 11th
Winter Songfest	December 17th, 10 a.m.
Bingo Night	January 30th
Pasta Night	March 6th
Dad's Night	March 27th
Lip Sync	May 8th
Field Day	June 4th
Community Day	June 6th

