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Getting Ready for Kindergarten

If you have a child turning five years of age on or before December 1, you have probably received a call from the Grand Island Central School District asking you to register your child. If you have not received this call and have a child eligible for kindergarten, please call the District Office at 773-8800 so that your child can be registered. Sending your child to kindergarten is a big step, but a very exciting time in your lives. Once your child is registered for kindergarten the clock begins to tick and there are several dates which become very important for you.

April 19, 2012 - Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night

This is an evening designed with parents in mind. Teachers from Charlotte Sidway Elementary School will share helpful information about coming to school. The hour long presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m at Charlotte Sidway Elementary School. This is especially helpful if you have questions about what you can do to help prepare your child before coming school.

May 15, 2012 - Kindergarten Orientation

This event is for both you and your child. The afternoon begins when the doors open at 1:30 p.m. Presentations for parents in the large gym and activities for children in the classrooms will begin promptly at 2 p.m. The afternoon concludes with a short bus ride for you and your child. You will have an opportunity to meet several faculty and staff and have any questions you may have answered.

May 29 – June 7, 2012 - Kindergarten Screening

Screening is by appointment and may be scheduled once you have registered your child. Screening takes approximately an hour to complete. Your child will spend about 20 minutes with three different professionals. He/she will see one of our reading specialists for an assessment of his/her readiness skills. Your child will also meet with a speech therapist and a school nurse. It is important that you have record of your child's physical exam and immunizations by that time.

If you have any questions regarding your child coming to kindergarten, please do not hesitate to call Charlotte Sidway Elementary School at 773-8870. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Sidway!

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