

Sharon Public Schools
Sharon, MA
2010-2011 Kindergarten Programs: Half-Day, Full Day

During the 2010-2011 year, each elementary school will have both Full Day and Half Day Kindergarten classes. To help parents determine their preference, each program is briefly described below. The goal is to provide learning experiences to develop skills and knowledge that are appropriate for all children, whether your child is at school for half-day or full day. For more information, please come to your neighborhood school's Orientation Night or call or email your school's administration.

Half Day

Sections: Classes will be standard, heterogeneous mixes of children.

Placement: Principals create classes supported by information provided by parents and preschools.

Daily Routine: A day consists of a 2 hour 45 minute session. A typical day begins with a morning meeting, which encompasses calendar, math and language arts experiences. Themes are used to teach students in an interdisciplinary way with a variety of activities. Facets of math, literacy, science, social studies, art, and music are represented in tasks and projects everyday. Through centers, children experience a variety of activities that they choose and direct themselves. Centers will be explained and children will move into child-selected and teacher-initiated activities. Half-day students have 3 specials per week (PE, Library, Art or Music). For Morning K, pick-up occurs at 11:15 (Heights) or 11:45 (Cottage, East). Mid-day bus run will just be K students.

Staff: Each Half Day class will be staffed by one full time teacher. When the class size exceeds 17, there will be an assistant for the classroom.

Class Size: The class sizes approximate the class sizes in each school (guideline: not exceeding 22).

Tuition: None

Entry: Sections will be determined by registrations. We make our best effort to accommodate all families' wishes but will cap sections at 22 and this may mean either afternoon and morning sections in one building or children moving over to another building just for Kindergarten to maintain small class size across the district.

Extended Day: For both half or full day students. The Community Education After School Care Program runs from the end of the full school day until 6pm at either Cottage or Heights. East students take a bus to Cottage. Community Ed handles tuition and registration for this program. 781-784-1574.

Information Nights: Cottage- Jan. 12 at 7:00PM, East- Jan 14at 7:00PM, Heights- Jan. 12 at 7:15PM.

Registration: Cottage- Jan. 21 3:30-7:30, East- Jan. 19 3:30-5:30 (A-L), 5:30-7:30 (M-Z), Heights- Jan. 19 3:30-7:00 (A-L), Jan. 20 3:30-7:00 (M-Z)

Contact for questions: Cottage- 781-784-1580, East- 781-784-1551, Heights- 781-784-1595

SPS Web Site- www.sharon.k12.ma.us

Full Day

Sections: Classes will be standard, heterogeneous mixes of children.

Placement: Principals create classes supported by information provided by parents and preschools.

Daily Routine: A day consists of 6 hours and 15 minutes. A typical day begins with a morning meeting, which encompasses calendar, math and language arts experiences. Themes are used to teach students in an interdisciplinary way with a variety of activities. Facets of math, literacy, science, social studies, art, and music are represented in tasks and projects everyday. Through centers, children experience a variety of activities that they choose and direct themselves. Centers will be explained and children will move into child-selected and teacher-initiated activities. In the late morning, children will go to recess and then will have lunch in the cafeteria. A short rest time will begin the school year, slowly to be replaced by silent-reading/quiet time. The afternoon will be a similar centers-based time, starting the year with more free-play activities and moving into more academic activities as the year progresses. Full day students have a special each day (PE, Library, Art, Music).

Staff: Each Full Day class will be staffed by one full time teacher. When the class size exceeds 17, there will be an assistant for the classroom.

Class Size: The class sizes approximate the class sizes in each school (guideline: not exceeding 22).

Tuition: The cost of the program will be \$3,885. A deposit is required and different payment options are offered. Other special arrangements are available upon written request. Families on Free or Reduced lunch are eligible for free or reduced tuition.

Entry: Sections will be determined by requests after registration. We make our best effort to accommodate all families' wishes but will cap sections at 22. This may require children to move to another building just for Kindergarten to maintain small class size across the district. It also may mean that some students may not be able to attend full day because the sections are full.