

KINDER CAMP

2023

Welcome to Kinder Camp! Kinder Camp is unique to Henry. It is kindergarten orientation. Your child will be getting to know the school, the staff, the students, and the expectations at Henry. The Henry Community will also be getting to know your child.

Students will be sorted into a color group. Both color groups will spend time with both teachers each day. Your child's color group may change throughout the first 7 days. Your child will be permanently assigned to a teacher and classroom Monday, August 14th. Notices will be sent home on Friday, August 12th notifying you of your child's official teacher for the school year.

The beginning of school is an exciting time for children and parents. We are glad to be sharing this year with you and are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. Parents of young children are often concerned about how their child will find their classroom, the bathroom, the office, the cafeteria, etc. They worry about how their child will interact with other children. Parents want their child to feel good about coming to school and SO DO WE!!! Here are some hints to help all of us through the first few weeks of school.

1. We will pick up all children on the North-**EAST** side of the school, inside the wall of the kindergarten playground. Students will line up under the classroom windows, at 7:42 a.m. when the bell rings. A colored cone will be placed by the backdoor of each kindergarten classroom indicating the beginning of the color group's line. If possible, please walk your child up to their color group line and stay with him or her until we have greeted all the parents and children. You will be informed of your child's beginning color group on **Meet the Teacher Day**, 8/1/23, 9-10:30 AM. It will also be posted each morning on the windows where we line up. Students will be given name tags for the color group they are assigned to for the day. Please check the color group roster for changes each morning.
2. Please do not worry. We promise that we will take care of your child and that he/she will be safe. We know it is difficult for some parents and children to say goodbye, but it will be okay. **We will be asking parents to remain outside the building while we take the students into the classroom.** There are two reasons for this: first, we need time with the children to establish routines and teach them about our classroom and school. Experience has shown us that a child focuses attention on the parent that is in the room instead of on what we are doing in class. Second, children need assurance from their parents that school is a safe place to be. If you seem afraid or uneasy about leaving your child at school, they will sense this and act accordingly. Yes, some children might cry. It is not unusual for children in kindergarten or even 1st grade to cry as parents leave. Please be strong! It has been our experience that as soon as the parents are out of sight, the child stops crying. If your child starts to cry, give them a big hug, say you love them and you will be back at the end of the day. We will also be there with hugs and lots of encouragement throughout the day. During Kinder Camp we have extra helpers to assist us!

3. All students are eligible for FREE breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. **If your child brings a lunch box, please be sure to label it with your child's name.** Should it get misplaced, it is much easier to find the correct owner.
4. Except for a backpack, please do not bring in requested school supplies until August 14th when students have been assigned to an official class and teacher. We will gladly accept all donations then. Thank you!!
5. Please make sure your child is well-rested. 5 and 6-year-old children should be asleep between 7pm and 8pm to be ready for a full day of kindergarten. Research shows a brain that is not well rested cannot learn at its full potential. We will begin our year with a daily afternoon rest time that will be reduced/stopped as students mature through the year.
6. Student's need to be able to put on and take off their own shoes, this includes tying them if you choose to buy shoes with laces.
7. All students need a change of clothes in their backpack. Even children who have never had bathroom accidents before might have one while adjusting to kindergarten.
8. We will provide snack each day during kinder camp. Going forward, we ask that you donate \$20 for the entire school year, and we will buy snack, or send in one class size snack per month.
9. More information will come home soon explaining schedules, discipline, and so on. Because there are often a lot of notes, paperwork, and other important information coming to and from school, **your child needs a backpack large enough to put a 9 x 12-inch folder and a book in.** **Write his/her name on/in the backpack.** Please read **EVERYTHING** that comes home or is emailed to you, and we will read everything you send back to school or email us. Please make sure there are no wheels on the backpack. They will not fit into the cubbies with them.
10. Henry's dismissal time is at 1:55pm (or 12:55pm on Wednesdays). Dismissal can begin a few minutes early. For safety reasons, no one will be allowed to enter the school grounds at dismissal. Henry dismisses students in a drive through style. If you walk to pick up your child(ren), you will need to wait outside the playground gate towards the northwest corner of the school. Students will be called to come out when you arrive. All children from one family will be dismissed together. Students who attend Henry's Afterschool Care, ride buses or daycare vans will be escorted by a staff member. If there is a change in pick up plans during the year, it is **VERY** important that you let us know.

We hope these suggestions will help all of us have a wonderful Kinder Camp and kindergarten experience. We look forward to meeting you on Meet Your Teacher Day. Please plan to meet both Henry Kindergarten Teachers at meet the teacher. During this time, you will find out your child's starting color group, tour our rooms, pick up dismissal directions, and be asked to complete a short parent survey. Feel free to share any important information with either kindergarten teacher. We will pass along any needed information to each other.

Sincerely,
Katie Sherman (Room 2)
Robyn Soberg (Room 6)

Kindergarten Supplies 2023-2024

Once Kinder Camp is over and your child has been assigned a teacher, 8/14/22, please contribute the following supplies for daily use in our kindergarten classrooms.



Supplies do not need to be labeled and will be used as whole class supplies, unless otherwise noted. Kindly note that we have requested specific brands for some items, through many years of experience, we have found that these brands hold up better and last longer.

- Backpack- big enough to fit a 9 x 12 folder or book. No wheels.
- Family Size box of tissues
- Elmer's brand glue sticks
- Black Expo Dry Erase markers
- Crayola Crayons, 24 pack or more.
- Crayola **Bold Tip/ Broad Line** markers, 10 pack or more.
- Hand Sanitizer, 32oz pump bottle, any brand
- Headphones, labeled with your child's name, no ear buds.
- Refillable water bottle, labeled with your child's name.
- One class snack per month (no nuts), or \$20 for the year, please put this in an envelope labeled snack.

Optional Wish List:

- One ream of white copy paper
- One ream of colored cardstock
- One Container of Disinfecting wipes, any brand
- \$5 gift card to Walgreens for photo printing

Any additional supplies can be kept at home to use for homework.

*Thank
You!*

Henry Elementary

SAVE THE DATE

- 8/01/23: Meet the Teacher 9- 10:30 am
- 8/03/23: First Day of School
- 8/22/23: Open House 5:00pm
- 8/23/23: NO SCHOOL, Professional Learning Day
- 9/4/23: NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- 9/13/23: Picture Day
- 9/20/23- 9/22/23: Parent Teacher Conference,
Early Release at 11 am

mark  your **Calendar**

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

Event	Month	Day	Key
Independence Day	July	4	B
New Teacher & Principal Induction	July	25-28	I
First Day for Teachers & Planning	July/August	31-2	G
First Day for Students	August	3	S
Prof. Learning Day Staff (No School)	August	23	L
Labor Day	September	4	B
Parent/Teacher Conferences (grades K-8)	September	20-22	C
Parent/Teacher Conferences (grades 9-12)	September	22	C
Grading Day	October	6	G
Fall Break	October	9-13	B
Prof. Learning Day Staff (No School)	October	25	L
Veteran's Day	November	10	B
Thanksgiving Break	November	23-24	B
Grading Day	December	22	G
Winter Break	Dec/Jan	25-5	B
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January	15	B
Prof. Learning Day Staff (No School)	January	24	L
Parent/Teacher Conferences (grades K-8)	February	8-9	C
Parent/Teacher Conferences (grades 9-12)	February	9	C
Rodeo Break	February	22-23	B
Grading Day	March	8	G
Spring Break	March	11-15	B
Prof. Learning Day Staff (No School)	March	20	L
Spring Holiday	March	29	B
Graduation Day	May	22	S
Graduation Day	May	23	S
Last Day for Students	May	23	S
Last Day for Teachers	May	24	G
Memorial Day	May	27	B

Every Wednesday students will be released one (1) hour early.

Parent/Teacher Conference are 1/2 days.

Testing Windows

PSAT/Explore/Plan - TBD

State Testing Dates - TBD

Key	
I	New Teachers & Principal Induction
G	Grading and Planning Day (No School)
S	First & Last Day for Students
B	Break (No School)
T	State Testing Windows
C	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day
L	Professional Learning Day Staff (No School)

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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DECEMBER 2023						
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MARCH 2024						
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AUGUST 2023						
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FEBRUARY 2024						
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OCTOBER 2023						
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JANUARY 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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First Quarter: 44 days
 Second Quarter: 45 days
 Third Quarter: 40 days
 Fourth Quarter: 47 days
 First Semester: 89 days
 Second Semester: 87 days
 Total: 176 days