



**RIVERBEND
SCHOOL**

Welcome to Riverbend!

A Guide for Primary Students

This social story is a valuable resource designed to help children navigate and understand social situations. By simplifying interactions into clear, relatable narratives with straightforward language and visuals, it teaches appropriate behaviors and responses. Social stories not only ease anxiety about new or unfamiliar experiences but also help boost a child's confidence in social settings. Read this social story with your child(ren) before the first day of school to familiarize them with the people and places of Riverbend!



Welcome to Riverbend School!

For Parents: The Children's House (built in 2014) was designed specifically for Riverbend students to create the ideal prepared environment. With both indoor and outdoor learning areas for each classroom, these spaces provide an abundance of natural light and are purposely spacious to accommodate flexibility for teachers to tailor workspaces.

I am going to be a primary student!

There are four primary classrooms:

- Elm
- Oak
- Maple
- Birch



Primary Teachers



Ms. Angela



Ms. Elisabet



Ms. Sarah



Ms. Becca



Ms. Liv



Ms. Suz



Ms. Dianne



Ms. Gabriella

Morning Drop Off



In the morning, a teacher helps me from my car and we walk into school.

I walk down the hall to my classroom.



I put my backpack, coat, and shoes into my cubby.

I put my indoor shoes on and bring my snack, lunch, and water bottle into the classroom with me.



I am ready to share a wonderful day!



For parents: Mixed-age classrooms are a cornerstone of Montessori learning, where children of different ages learn together. Younger students benefit from older peers' guidance, while older children reinforce their knowledge by mentoring. This approach fosters collaboration, leadership, and a supportive community, allowing each child to progress at their own pace.

Primary Classroom examples of work.



For parents: In Montessori, "work" refers to the purposeful activities children choose and engage in as part of their learning. Montessori work is hands-on and driven by a child's interests, helping them develop concentration, independence, and a love for learning. Through this self-directed work, children explore concepts at their own pace, gaining skills and confidence as they go.

Primary Classroom examples of work.



I have special classes during the week.
At Riverbend, we call them “Essentials”.



Nature



Physical
Education



Spanish

My Essentialist teachers.

Nature



Ms. Janey

Physical Education



Coach K

Spanish



Ms. Vanessa

Additional Essentialist teachers (kindergarten only).

Music

Art

Design Lab

Foundations



Mr. Seth

Mr. Evan

Mr. Q

Ms. Kristin

Additional Essentialist classes (kindergarten only).

Music



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Forest Friday (kindergarten only).



For parents: Forest Fridays is a weekly program for Kindergarten Primary students where students spend a three-hour block in nature study. The experience begins with lunch as a community of learners, a lesson focus, and then ample time for guided and free outdoor exploration. This area of study is a key element of Riverbend's culminating year in the Children's House.

At school, there are lots of people who can help!



Ms. Janet

Director of
Children's House



Ms. Brooke

Head of School



Ms. Kristin

Children's House
Learning
Specialist



Ms. Lisa

School Nurse



Ms. Lauren

Administrative
Assistant

At recess, I love to play with other kids!



At lunch, I eat with my friends!



I sit at the table to eat my lunch.

I raise my hand if I need help.

It is fun to eat with my friends!

After lunch...



Half Day Friends leave school after lunch with their grownup.

Full Day Primary 1 & 2 (3 and 4 yr olds) friends stay at school to rest and have a short work cycle and snack when they wake up.

Primary 3 (Kindergarteners) friends go to Essentialist classes then return to the classroom for a short work cycle.

Goodbye friends, see you tomorrow!



At the end of the day, I pack up my things to go home. I put my outdoor shoes, coat and backpack on.

My teacher will bring me to my car where my grownup is waiting for me or to my After School teacher!

I will love being a Riverbend student!



I am so proud of myself for getting to my classroom, exploring new work, and making new friends!

Questions?

Please contact us:

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday)

Main Number: (508) 655-7333

We can't wait to see you!



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