

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School

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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

You will receive a phone call or an email with an appointment date for our Kindergarten screening after we receive your [online registration form](#). This assessment is designed to give us an initial understanding of your child's developmental level and learning style.

The screening takes about 45 minutes to one hour and it includes a hearing and vision screening, fine motor activities (such as drawing a person and writing his/her name) and opportunities for your child to demonstrate his or her literacy and math skills. In addition, a speech screening will be conducted by one of our speech/language pathologists. These assessments are designed to be fun and hold your child's interest.

When you and your child arrive for this appointment, we ask that you be prepared to leave your child in the lobby. A team member will meet your child and walk them to the Kindergarten room. It has been demonstrated that the test results are more valid when children go through the screening process unaccompanied by parents. You are invited to wait in a designated area where we request that you complete a parent questionnaire, giving us important background knowledge about your child. Within two weeks of your child's screening, you will receive a letter from the kindergarten team indicating your child's teacher for the coming school year.

If you have any questions regarding our kindergarten program, please attend our **Kindergarten Parent Information Night (date and time TBA)** or call the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School office at 464-1110. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team

[Additional Kindergarten Registration forms to be completed and brought to screening](#)