Kindergarten families can expect:

- Literacy, mathematics, science and social studies instruction based on the Michigan State Standards
- Research-based programs including Bridges Math, Journeys Reading, and Handwriting without Tears
- Engagement in whole group, small group and individual activities to honor each child’s unique learning needs
- Opportunities for self-directed play and many hands-on experiences
- Developmentally appropriate routines and schedules established by nurturing, highly-qualified teachers to maximize student learning
- 21st Century classrooms and technology integrated into the instructional day
- Daily special classes including Art, Physical Education, Music, and Science STEM
- Open communication between our staff and your family

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Our Mission
Inspiring and empowering learners to achieve a lifetime of success

Our Vision
Chippewa Valley Schools–Setting the standard for educational excellence.
Welcome to Chippewa Valley!
Recognized as a leader in K-12 education, Chippewa Valley Schools prides itself on providing a safe, nurturing and engaging learning environment for all children. Our highly qualified staff is dedicated to inspiring and empowering learners to achieve a lifetime of success.

Your child is about to begin a new adventure designed to foster a love for learning. Children will become engaged and enthusiastic thinkers while also learning to share, play cooperatively, and build self-confidence. These experiences are the foundational building blocks for your child’s future.

We value the home and school connection and encourage you to become involved in your child’s education. Working together, we set the standard for educational excellence.

Families can help prepare their child for Kindergarten
Parents and teachers recognize that each child is unique and grows at his or her own particular rate. Families can help by encouraging children with:

**Developing Desirable Play Habits**
*Give your child opportunities to:*
- play with other children and older siblings
- make new friends
- recognize the importance of taking turns
- help make decisions in family activities

**Using the Restroom**
*Teach your child to:*
- use the restroom without help
- wear clothing that can be managed alone
- take care of his/her restroom needs
- flush the toilet and wash hands

**Putting on Clothes**
*Practice with your child:*
- putting on outdoor clothing, including boots and coats
- tying shoes
- working with buttons and zippers
- knowing and taking responsibility for his/her own items

**Following a Routine**
*Before school begins, establish a routine for:*
- Sleeping: 10-12 hours each night
- Eating: well-balanced, unhurried meals
- Studying: establish a time to read together each day and discuss the story or what was learned
- Talking: spend time talking together

Frequently Asked Questions

**How can I get involved?**
- From joining our wonderful Parent Teacher Organizations to working as a classroom volunteer, our schools encourage and welcome your involvement and participation. More information on opportunities will be provided at the start of the school year.

**Will there be recess?**
- Recess is an important time for children to interact with each other and develop social skills. Children participate in recess/active play each day.

**Will there be enough time to eat?**
- Students receive 30 minutes for lunch. To help your child adjust, it may be helpful to practice dining at home with a 30 minute window. Practice opening baggies, water bottles, juice boxes and other lunch containers. Lunch staff will be on hand to assist students as well.
- More information regarding purchasing lunch and an application for free/reduced lunch can be found on Chippewa’s website by clicking “School Lunch”

**Is Childcare Available?**
- Quality and caring staff provide before and after school care at all 12 elementary buildings for students in grades K-5.
- Childcare registration and rates can be found by visiting your school’s website.