Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at North Salem Elementary School! Kindergarten is an exciting year for both you and your child! I feel so blessed to be able to share this time with you! I will work to make this year a year filled with fun opportunities for learning and growth. Be prepared for your little one to come home tired at the beginning of the school year. It takes them a little while to adjust to their new schedule.

This will be my thirteenth year of teaching, my ninth at North Salem. In my professional teaching career I have taught grade three, grade one, and both half and full day Kindergarten. I graduated from the University of Delaware with my Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary and Special Education, recently earned a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and am currently working on a second Master’s Degree in Reading and Writing. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband, twelve year old daughter, Lark, nine year old son, Brecken, and one year old Whippet puppy, named Nala. We love to go hiking and camping, and to spend time on Lake Winnipesaukee!

I will spend the next several weeks getting to know your child personally and academically so that I can plan activities and lessons that build on his or her individual strengths and unique talents. Above all, I hope to encourage your student to love learning and have confidence in his or her abilities. Communication is essential to a positive school experience. I welcome your input and invite you to participate in your child’s kindergarten year!

Fondly,
Maegan Johnson
Hello! My name is Ashley Roy and I will be the classroom assistant within your child's classroom this year. This is my fourth year at North Salem and my second year in kindergarten. I live in Manchester with my roommate and her cat Bevo. I enjoy spending my time at my seasonal campground and with my family. I look forward to watching your children learn and grow throughout the year!

Ashley Roy

Parent Information

There are many items but please read through this important information!

**ABSENCES:** In the event that your child must be absent from school, please notify the school as soon as possible by calling the office at 893-7062 and send a note stating the reason for the absence upon your child's return to school.

**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast is available for purchase in the cafeteria each morning. In addition to the traditional breakfast program, students are now able to purchase breakfast bags once they have arrived in their classrooms. These bags contain their choice of a bagel, cereal bar, or muffin, as well as milk/ juice and fruit. Breakfast bags will be delivered prior to snack time. More information will be sent home.

**SNACKS:** Please send in one healthy snack that your child can handle on his/her own each day. We will have a ten minute snack time to help us maintain our energy. You may also want to consider sending your child to school with a water bottle, especially in the hot weather. Please note that if your child's snack requires a spoon or fork, please send one in his/her lunchbag.
**LUNCH:** The lunch process can be confusing for your kindergartener. Please remind your child each morning whether he/she will be having lunch from home or one of the lunch choices in the cafeteria. A monthly lunch calendar will come home, but you may also check the School District website for a lunch menu: [http://sau57.org/food-service/food-service-menus](http://sau57.org/food-service/food-service-menus)
To add money to your child's lunch account go to: [http://www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

**DISMISSAL:** Dismissal time is 3:00. If your child will have a change in schedule for dismissal at the end of the day, please be sure to send a note to school with your child, indicating the change. If your child is to be picked up, please be certain to note the person with whom your child will go. If you have an unexpected change in dismissal during the course of the school day, please do not send an email or leave a voice-mail for me. I often do not have the opportunity during the day to check messages, and therefore may not know about the change in dismissal. Please call the main office, and they will get the message delivered to me.

**BIRTHDAYS:** As stated in the North Salem Family Handbook:
“We realize that a birthday is a special day in a child’s life. However, because of our Wellness Policy and an increasing number and variety of food allergies please do NOT send in food items for the class as a way to celebrate. If you wish to acknowledge your child’s birthday, please consider the following options”:
- Donate a classroom book or recess game
- A small grab bag for each student in the class
- Birthday pencils, sticks, or school supply

**TOYS:** Please remind your child that their toys and games should remain at home unless they are requested for a specific activity.

**HOME-SCHOOL FOLDERS:** Each child has received a home-school folder for use throughout the year. Your child will bring this folder home each day and it should be returned each morning. Both completed work and notices will go home in this folder, so please be sure to empty it each night. In addition, please send any notes or forms to school in this folder. Items are less likely to be lost on the way to school (hopefully) if they are always placed in one spot.
SPECIALS: Your child will have the following specials schedule-
Monday- Music
Tuesday- Library (Please remind your child to bring in his/her book, as they are only able to take out a new book if one is returned.)
Wednesday- PE (Please remind your child to wear/bring sneakers and to wear comfortable clothing. They will not have an opportunity to change)
Thursday- Art
Friday- No Special

EXTRA CLOTHING:
Please pack an extra set of clothing to remain in the classroom throughout the year, in case of an accident or discomfort due to wet weather. Please place all items (including underpants and socks) in a plastic bag and label it with your child's name.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please send me a note, email, or give me a call. I believe that communication with parents is essential to student success, and I value your input about your child. You can reach me at 893-7062 ext. 4126 or maegan.johnson@sau57.org. Please do know that I have access to email more frequently than voicemail.

In order to expedite the process of building a class database of email addresses, please send an email to me at: maegan.johnson@sau57.org as soon as possible from any and all email addresses where you would like information sent. When sending the email, please include both your child's name and your name in the subject line.