



Preparation &
Planning



Execution &
Delivery

Ridgewood Public Schools

Planning for Full Day Kindergarten

February 27, 2017

+ What is Kindergarten?

“Kindergarten is the place for young children to learn. It must be ready for them so that their learning is unhampered and they can try out new skills without fear of mistakes. Kindergarten is a time of growth, experimentation, and a budding understanding of the world and their place in it.”

New Jersey Department of Education

- Have You Heard the Truth About Kindergarten: A Guide to Understanding Kindergarten



Professional Development



- Professional Development Day ~ 5/12 ~ Cindy Middendorf
 - 30 + years as teacher
 - Author of various texts focused on Kindergarten and differentiation
 - National Honor Roll of Outstanding American Teachers
- Visitation to Kindergarten
 - Paramus, Parkway School
- Upcoming plans for 17-18:
 - Professional Development
 - Specific K Meetings



+

Furniture

- We have researched and developed a list of items that each classroom needs to facilitate learning and play
- Many options: Determining what best supports our goals (learning through play)
- Our next step is to work with the district administrators to determine a final budget line for the purchase of these learning materials





Classroom Libraries

Leveled Readers

A variety of ~ 400 Leveled Readers

Mentor Texts

Caps for Sale (Slobodkina)

Corduroy (Freeman)

Fishy Tales (DK Reader)

A Cat's Day (Fowler)

Goodbye Zoo (Egan)

Frog and Toad Together

(Lobel)

Signs (Canizares)

All About Pets: Dogs (Frost)

Star Books

The Little Red Hen

The Three Bears

Harry the Dirty Dog

Chrysanthemum

The Three Little Pigs

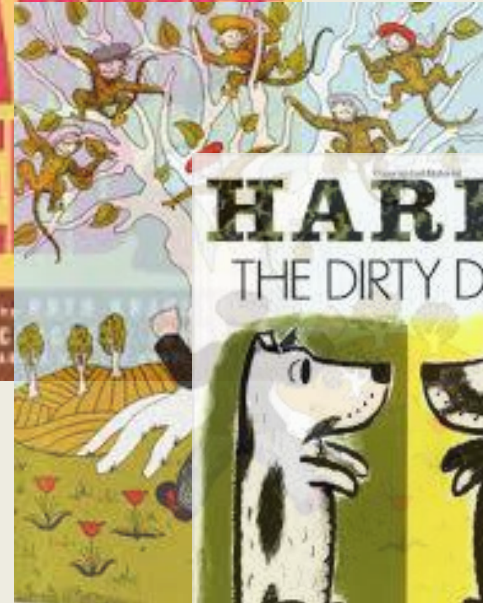
The Carrot Seed

Miss Bindergarten

The Gingerbread Boy

Snowy Day

Peter's Chair



+

Next Steps

- Determine final building needs/staffing as registrations are completed
- Work collaboratively as a team to outfit classrooms and purchase items
- Participate in and foster ongoing Professional Development for our Kindergarten teachers

