

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Windsor Elementary School

WELCOME

Introductions

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REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN

- Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to enter kindergarten.

- Health Requirements (all forms available on the website)
 - Physical and Vaccinations Due: First day of school
 - Vision Exam Due: October 15th
 - Dental Exam Due: throughout the year/SBLHC

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 7:30 School Opens
 - Students may enter the south east gym door
 - Breakfast is available
- 8:00 School Begins
- 11:00 Kindergarten Lunch
- 3:03 End of School Day
 - Bus students dismissed to busses
 - Town/Car riders dismissed to gym
 - Car riders are announced at the side of the building
 - Town students dismissed at second bell

ATTENDANCE

- Call or email the school by 8:30 a.m.
 - (217)459-2447
 - hendricksonm@windsorcusd.org

- If a call is not received for a student absence, a school official will call to check in.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

- Buses enter/exit the circle drive
- Cars are to line up around the east parking lot
 - Students will be called as cars arrive next to the gym door
 - Circle drive will not be open for cars
 - Please arrive on time to pick up students
 - For safety of all, please do not park, just follow the line

VISITORS

- Enter through front door by ringing bell
- Must sign in:
 - Name
 - Date
 - time
- If visitor is entering the building a name tag must be worn

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- Listen to local radio or television stations
- Notice will be sent out via email, call, and text notifications
- Closings will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
						
FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	HOSPITAL STAY OR ER VISIT
Temperature of 99.5 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever-free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, ibuprofen)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours AND at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school.	Released by medical provider to return to school.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

Math Skills

- Recognize that addition means putting two groups of numbers together (5+4) and that subtraction means taking away from one group (5-4)
- Add and subtract numbers 1 through 10
- Use objects to show how to break up numbers less than or equal to 10 in different ways (ex: 6 apples = two groups of 3 apples, or 6 apples = a group of 4 apples and a group of 2 apples.)
- Use objects or draw pictures to help show addition and subtraction
- Know numbers from 1-30
- Recognize different patterns (ex: blue square, red square, blue square; should know what comes next)
- Recognize more shapes and master previous knowledge of shapes (square, circle, sphere, star, rhombus)

Reading and Comprehension Skills

- Recognize upper and lower case letters
- Know, identify, and increase sight word vocabulary.
- Know the alphabet and basic features of letters and words.
- Decoding or sounding new words out (being able to use letter sounds and patterns to recognize and pronounce written words)
- Rhyming more words (ex: frog and clog)
- Tell the difference between fiction and non-fiction.
- Recall sequence of events in a story (first, second, third, ending, etc.)

Writing/Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil, marker, or crayon correctly.
- Use scissors correctly.
- Write upper and lower case letters.
- Write their name
- Use letters and shapes to detect different objects
- Create simple words and sentences
- Write in complete sentences

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Social Studies Skills

Social Studies is a subject that is gradually introduced to children in kindergarten. They will learn about past history and events that took place in America. Your child will be able to:

- Understand what history is and know some stories, events, and people in history
- Know important people in United States history (George Washington)
- Understand broad categories of time (past, present, and future)
- Know basic cultures and their traditions
- Know people and events honored in commemorative holidays
- Recognize American symbols (the flag, the eagle, the Statue of Liberty)
- Understand that there are other instruments used to locate places (maps, globes)

Science Skills

Science is another subject that is introduced to children in kindergarten. Science teaches about the universe and the natural world through experiments. Your child should be able to:

- Do easy, hands-on experiments
- Know the four seasons and their different climates
- Know the importance of the sun and what it provides the Earth with
- Know the difference between living and non-living things (a plant vs. a teddy bear)
- Recognize how we impact the Earth in terms of recycling and pollution

Social Skills

- Participate in group activities
- Share and communicate appropriately with other students
- Respect their peers
- Raise their hand before being called on
- Seek help with assignments when needed
- Show eagerness and willingness to learn
- Sit for a longer period of time (15-20 minutes)

THANK YOU!

I look forward to greeting your child for Kindergarten! Under normal circumstances, we could have met, discussed requirements, and visited rooms. But these circumstances do not diminish the excitement of entering Kindergarten. Thank you for taking the time to email me and read through this document. I hope you are able to print off the needed documents and have them when we are able to register.

Mrs. April Drake

WES Principal