

Eastside Elementary School (KINDERGARTEN)

Kindergarten Phase-In Information:

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Attendance:

Kindergarten students may not sign out early without it counting against their attendance record, even during phase-in. **It is ALL DAY kindergarten all year long.** We will send you a letter this summer.

Snacks:

Kindergarten students eat snack at 1:00 daily. We will send home a snack calendar letting you know when it is your week to send snacks for the whole class. We need items that can be put in a trail mix. (Examples: boxes of cereal, Goldfish or animal crackers, pretzels, etc.)

Supplies: (Please Bring On Registration Day–Mon., **August 6th (7:45-9:45am)**)

ALL Kindergarten Students Bring the Following Supplies	
Liquid hand sanitizer (2-3 small or 1 large) Baby Wipes and/or Clorox Wipes 4 Expo Markers (black) 3 boxes of Kleenex/Puffs tissues 6 Elmer's Glue Sticks 1 bottle white Elmer's School Glue 2 or 3 packs of Crayola Classic Crayons (24 pack) 2 boxes of Crayola markers (10 CLASSIC colors), not Neon 1 Crayola watercolor paints (8 colors) (about \$2 at Wal-mart) 1 backpack -NO WHEELS (regular size to fit folders/binders - NOT SMALL)	2 Pencil Zipper Pouches Paper Towels or Napkins for daily snack Band-aids (1 or 2 boxes-Latex Free) Slide-lock Hefty or Great Value Freezer Bags (quart size) Either Hefty Jumbo slide-lock bags -or- Slide-lock Freezer Bags (gallon)



Wish List (These are items you may help provide for your child's classroom only if you wish.)

Wide Masking Tape (We use a lot.)	Extra Expo Markers (black)
Paper or Foam Plates	Most Needed: Cardstock (white, pastel, or bright color packs)

Memory Book & Kindergarten Shirt:

It will be **\$25** for a kindergarten shirt and memory book. The memory book is a collection of photos, art, and work created by your child. You will receive your child's special book at the end of the school year. The kindergarten shirts will match and be worn on special occasions, such as field trips. Your child may take his/her shirt home at the end of the year if it is paid for. **Please bring \$25 to registration in August.**

Welcome to Eastside School (Kindergarten News)

It's almost time to begin our new adventure! Excitement is building, and we can hardly wait! Here are a few things you and your child should know about our first days of school. Please be sure to read all information carefully and keep this letter for future reference.

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Open House (in August)—We will send out letters this summer letting parents know when Open House & kindergarten phase-in days are. You may come to Open House instead of Registration Day morning if you prefer. You may register your child on either day.

County-wide Registration Day—Monday, **August 6th (7:45-9:45am) BUSES WILL NOT RUN.**

All kindergarten students must be registered by this day. Kindergarten screening is not registration for kindergarteners. At registration time, you will be asked to check registration forms for changes. We may possibly have online registration again this year. You will receive more info later on.

You must fill out a yellow card. You will list everyone that is allowed to sign your child out of school on the yellow card. Please include yourself, even if you are the parent signing the bottom.

Dismissal- Warren County kindergarten students have ALL Day Kindergarten. Kindergarten students may not be signed out early without it counting against their attendance record. Kindergarten students will have a short afternoon nap/rest time from August-December. Kindergarten car riders are ready for pick-up at 2:40 down by the glass doors near the gym. Parents must park and walk up to the gated area to get their child(ren).

If you forgot to bring **the following items to kindergarten screening**, please be sure to bring them to registration in August. All kindergarten students must have complete and updated shot records/health records in order to attend kindergarten. Please bring them with you to kindergarten screening and again on registration day if there are any changes. Your child will not be allowed to attend school without them.

1. Copy of your child's birth certificate
2. Copy of your child's social security card
3. Copy of your child's insurance card
4. Completed immunization and physical record signed by their doctor
5. Proof of address (Example: a current utility bill)

Your child's teacher will be _____.

Your child's phase-in schedule: **(Your child's teacher will call & let you know phase-in days.)**

Your child's 1st day is _____.

Your child's 2nd day is _____.

All students come on _____.

Again, let us say we are excited about the upcoming year! Thanks for sharing your child with us. We will send you a letter this summer to the address you provided on the information sheet at kindergarten screening to let you know who your child's teacher will be and what phase-in days your child will come. Kindergarten students begin in small groups during the first few weeks of school, so your student will not come but on certain days at the beginning of the year.

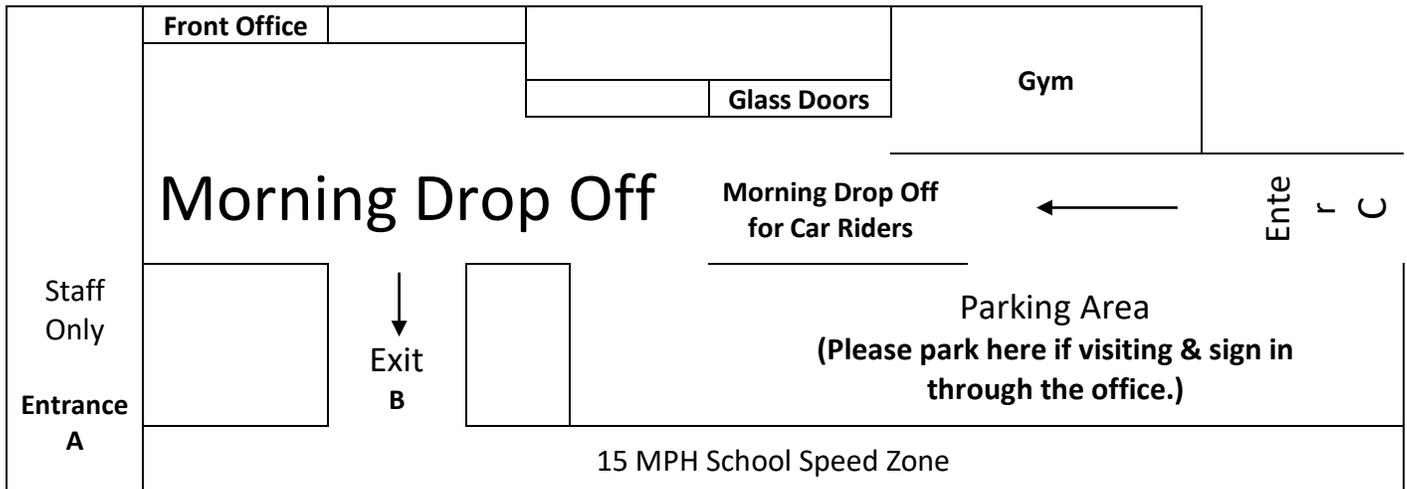
Thank you, Mrs. Melody, Mrs. Kristi & Mrs. Neoma

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Things to Remember

1. Please put your child's name on clothing items, backpacks and lunch boxes.
2. **Any money should be sent in an envelope with your child's name, teacher's name, and how the money is to be used.**
3. You must fill out the Household Information Survey, because all students will receive FREE breakfast & lunch. This information will be kept private.
4. Microwaves are not available to heat lunches. Please send items that do not need heating.
5. Our class eats lunch at 10:30. Because of eating so early, we will be having snack about 1:00. We will be asking parents to send snacks for the class (examples: Goldfish, Animal Crackers, Graham Crackers, cereal, things easy to add to trail mix). You will receive a snack calendar.
6. Your child may receive a lunch number at the beginning of the school year. Please help your child practice his/her lunch number.
7. **BREAKFAST**: Please have your child in the gym between 7:00 & 7:15 if they will be eating breakfast. Since we pick students up in the gym and walk them to class each day at 7:30, it would be better to be here by 7:00 to give them time to eat.
8. We will pick the kindergarten children up in the bus room and walk them to class daily. Please try to have your child in the gym no later than 7:30 if they're not eating breakfast. We escort students from the gym each morning at that time. If arriving after 7:50, you will need to bring your child in through the office, because they will need a tardy slip. Please try to be on time each day.
8. Please stop at the office to receive a visitor's pass any time you are visiting at school. When signing out your child, be sure to go by the office first. The secretary will call for your child after you have signed the sign-out sheet. **Kindergarten will be all day. Any time you sign your child out, it will count against his/her attendance record.**
9. Money for the memory book may be paid with cash or check. If you plan on writing a check, please make it out to Eastside Elementary. It should be paid on registration day or your child's 1st phase-in day, so we can purchase supplies, begin work on the memory books & place our shirt orders.
10. Besides the school supplies on the supply list, your child will need a seasonally appropriate **change of clothes**, a **nap/rest mat**, a **backpack (No roller backpacks or small ones please. The backpack needs to be large enough for a binder, library book, etc.)**.
11. Tennis shoes are recommended daily, but they will be required on gym days. We will be sending a weekly letter after phase-in with our classroom schedules.

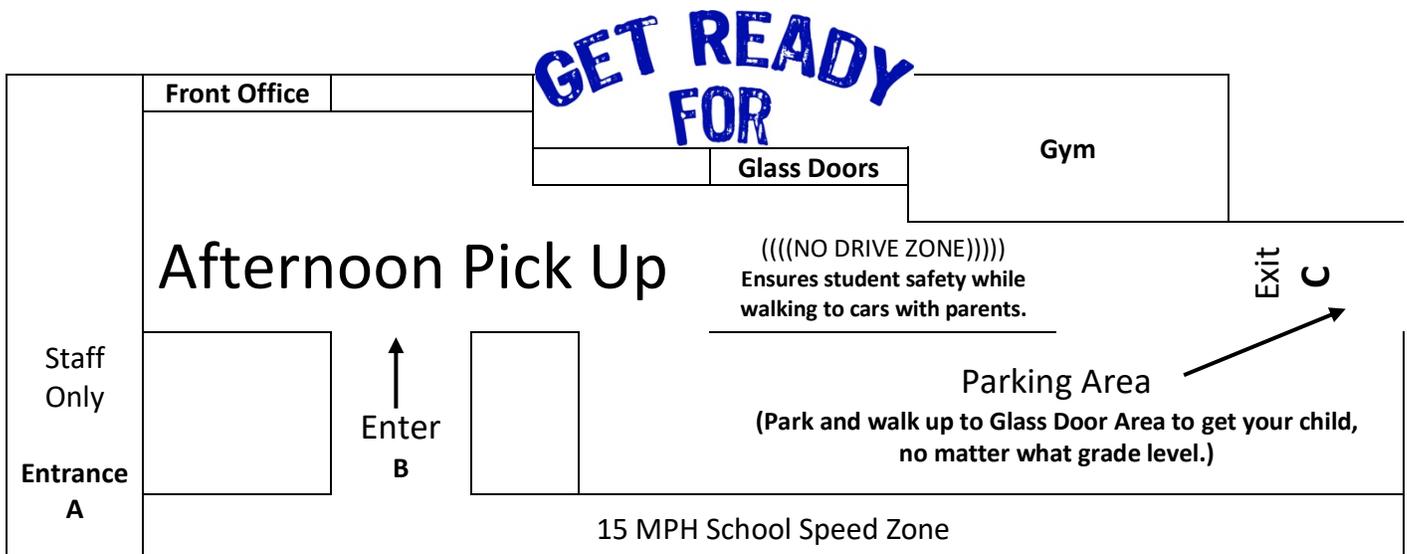
Thanks,
Eastside Kindergarten Teachers



In order to improve parking lot safety & to alleviate traffic congestion, we are asking that you please follow the traffic flow pattern as outlined on the maps. K-8 students that are being brought to school will enter through the gym lobby glass doors. These doors will be open until 7:45 each morning for student arrival. Pre-K student parents need to follow the same traffic pattern and just continue on to the Pre-K drop-off area.

Please remember to have students at school by 7:40. Students will be tardy if they arrive in their classroom after 7:45. The office doors will open at 7:45, and tardy notes will be issued there.

In the afternoons, please park in the parking lot in front of the gym and walk up to the gate to get your child. Your child cannot walk to the vehicle without a parent. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



Kindergarten 2018-2019

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KINDERGARTEN is an exciting & critical time in your child's development & growth.

Here's what teachers want parents to know:

- Your child's teacher wants to be your partner.
- The expectations of what children need to know when they enter kindergarten are closer to what used to be expected in 1st grade and 2nd grade.
- Try to read with your child at least once a day. Books are the gateway to building vocabulary, learning about print, and developing listening and early literacy skills. When you read, talk about the book.
- Your child needs to have opportunities to use pencils, crayons, markers, glue, etc.
- Homework is an opportunity for talking, sharing, and listening.
- Television and video games use up valuable playtime & social experiences.
Please limit screen time.

BE PREPARED

- Help your child learn to write his/her name using a capital letter at the front and the rest lower-case. (Ex: **Amanda** - not AMANDA)
- Have your child retell a story you have read and/or draw a picture to tell about it.
- You may want to use flash cards to build fluency & word recognition.
- Practice counting household items with your child, like beans, cereal, macaroni, coins, etc.
- **Teach self-help strategies:** tying shoes, buttoning/zipping pants, cleanliness, etc.
- Identify the value & names of coins with your child. (penny = 1 cent, etc)
- **Use everyday moments to read with your child.** (road signs, posters, grocery labels)
- Use magnetic or foam ABCs & 123s to learn numbers, letters & sounds and to create words.

HELP YOUR CHILD ACHIEVE

- Enthusiasm Toward Learning
- Solid Oral-Language Skills
- The Ability to Listen
- Strong Fine-Motor Skills
- The Ability to Play Well with Others
- The Desire to Be Independent
- Basic Letter and Number Recognition

Important words to know (Part of kindergarten curriculum)

1 st 9 weeks		2 nd 9 weeks		3 rd 9 weeks		4 th 9 weeks	
Read & Spell	Read	Read & Spell	Read	Read & Spell	Read	Read & Spell	Read
I	we	for	purple	you	said	yes	when
the	like	and	green	was	he	run	they
a	my	but	yellow	of	has	will	who
to	go	cut	pink	on	from		here
do	love	into	brown	off	this		with
us	two	can	black	up	what		where
it	too	had	blue	let	me		
at		ran	white	get	look		
am		him	orange	tell	come		
an		did	gray	well	little		
in		sit	red				
if		got	see				
us		not	play				
		hot	have				
		big	are				

Learning Activity Ideas for Summer

Literacy Ideas & Activities

Make a Writing Kit for your child to practice writing:

Thin Markers Colored Pencils Plain White Paper Tape Envelopes
Colored copy paper Stapler (for making books) Index Cards Notepads Pens
Magna Doodle Dry Erase Board

Pipe Cleaner Letters

Use pipe cleaners (a.k.a. chenille stems) to form letters by bending them.

Shaving Cream

Put a small amount of shaving cream on the table or on a tray. Spread it out and draw letters and numbers in the shaving cream with your finger. You may want to use a smock, but if it gets on clothes, it fades away after a few minutes. When it is time to clean up, rub the shaving cream until it disappears, then wash the table or tray.

Letter Memory Game

Place 2-4 letter magnets (or cards with the letters written on them) on a tray. Cover them up with a cloth and take one away. Uncover the cloth, and ask your child which one is missing. You can also have your child write the letter on a piece of paper or dry erase board.

Name

Write your child's name on a piece of construction paper in large letters. Glue on yarn, beans or glitter. (ALWAYS, use an uppercase letter for the first letter of a name, but write the rest in lowercase letters.)

Letter Sound Basket

Give your child a basket and ask him or her to collect objects from around the house that begin with a particular letter.

Mystery Sound Bag

Place 3 or 4 objects that begin with a particular letter in a bag. For example, bowl, ball, block, book for the letter B. Have your child pull the items out one at the time and identify the beginning letter.

Erase-the- Rhyme

Draw a picture on a dry erase board and ask your child to erase things that rhyme. For example, draw a house, and ask your child to erase what rhymes with hoof (roof), floor (door), ball (wall), bindow (window). Or, draw a cat, and ask your child to erase what rhymes with pail (tail), tie (eye), dose (nose), south (mouth), lead (head), etc.

Math

Candy Math

Have your child use colored candy, such as Gummi candy, M & M's, Skittles, Runts, jelly beans, etc. Use them for sorting, counting, patterning activities.

Block Game

Use a numbered game die or spinner and some blocks. Take turns rolling the die, and taking the correct number of blocks from the pile. Build a tower with the blocks. After all the blocks are gone, compare the towers to see whose is the tallest.

Number Basketball

Write numbers on pieces of paper and place them on the floor. Place a trash can nearby. Call out a number for your child to find, crumble up and toss into the trash can.

Money Toss

Toss five pennies onto the table or floor.' Count how many heads and tails.

Counting Books

Make counting books with stickers. Choose stickers that will appeal to your child (Barbie, Harry Potter, trains, horses, etc.) Staple pieces of paper together and label each page with a number. Have your child stick the correct amount of stickers on each page of the book.

Path Games

Path games are great for counting practice, because a child rolls the dice or spins a spinner and counts how many spaces to move. You can buy them or make your own path games with stickers.

Card Games

You can use playing cards in several ways:

Have your child match two of the same numbers,

Have your child put the numbers in sequential order,

Play war (Two players take the top card from their own pile and compare them. The player with the highest number wins that round and collects both cards.)

Number Writing Rhymes:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

0	Round and round and round we go When we get home We have a zero.	1	Start at the top And down we run That's the way we make a one.
2	Around and back On the railroad track Two, two, two!	3	Around a tree Around a tree That's the way we make a three.
4	Down and over And down some more That's the way we make a four.	5	Down and around With a flag on high That's the way we make a five.
6	Around to a loop Number six rolls a hoop.	7	Across the sky And down from heaven That's the way we make a seven.
8	Make an "S" and do not wait When we get home We have an eight.	9	Make a loop And then a line That's the way we make a nine.

Websites For Students & Parents:

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
www.literacycenter.net
www.hubbardscupboard.org/recipes.html
<https://www.getepic.com/>

www.starfall.com

www.janbrett.com
www.enchantedlearning.com
<http://kinderwebgames.com/index.html>

Websites For Parents:

<http://www.highlightsparents.com>
<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/activities/>

Science

Make a Science Kit:

Prism	Magnets	Seashells	Rock Collection	Magnifying Glass
Binoculars	Kaleidoscopes	Nature Walk	Bug Box/ Critter Cage	

Go on a **nature walk** in your neighborhood or in the woods. Collect small sticks, rocks, leaves, wildflowers. You can use them later to make a nature collage or look at them through a magnifying glass.

Pond Nature Trip

Give your child a "pond study kit": magnifying glass, clear cup (for a water sample), plastic bags (for plant and dirt samples), craft sticks, plastic spoons, etc. Take a trip to a pond and let your child explore. Take a bag of bread crumbs for the ducks.

Magnets

Let your child experiment with various objects and classify them as magnetic or non-magnetic. You can use a paper clip, screw, penny, pen cap, cork, crayon, etc.

Chemical Reaction

Let your child experiment with baking soda and vinegar to make a chemical reaction. Put baking soda in a paper cup and vinegar in another cup. Add amounts of one ingredient to the other and watch what happens.

More Chemistry

You can also set out several ingredients and let your child experiment with the different textures (and reactions) the ingredients make. For solids, you can have cups of flour, baking soda, salt, sand, corn meal. For liquids, you can set out cups of water, oil, liquid soap, bubble bath. Add drops of food coloring for added fun.

Simple Machines: Ramps

Provide your child with blocks and small boards or cardboard to make ramps. Children can experiment with by rolling or sliding different objects down the ramps: blocks, boxes, cars, marbles, droplets of water, rocks.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thanks for all your help! We really appreciate it and look forward to becoming your partner in educating your child!

Whether you realize it or not, you are your child's first teacher and have the ability to instill a love of learning in your child.

Kindergarten has changed greatly from what we, as adults, experienced through our own first experiences in the kindergarten classroom.

Young children are so eager to learn and can absorb knowledge very rapidly.
Successful kindergarteners will become life-long successful learners.

Thank you,
Mrs. Melody, Mrs. Kristi & Mrs. Neoma