

Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting

May 2, 2019





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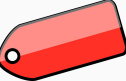
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Kindergarten procedures - the nuts and bolts

- First bell rings at 8:15 a.m.
- School begins at 8:20 a.m. (second bell) and ends at 3:19 p.m.
- Woodcliff - before school and after school child care
- Lunch time is split between eating in the lunchroom and having recess outside. All Kindergartners eat first and then transition outside for recess.
- Velcro shoes are our friend! Our Kindergartners do best with velcro shoes for gym class and every day.
- Accidents happen. Keep an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack. It's less disruptive to their schedule if we can help them at school.

Kindergarten procedures - the nuts and bolts

- Label all clothing and backpacks. 
- Each student is expected (and able) to hang their own coat and backpack as well as take winter boots off and put their shoes/slippers on.
- Healthy snacks are appreciated
- We ❤️ volunteers! ALL volunteers need to complete an online volunteer consent form.

Kindergarten procedures - the nuts and bolts

- Skyward and lunch account information will be made available to parents with the August 1 email blast.
- **Skyward** is the name of the student information system we use in East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Skyward is used for entering absence/appointment requests, emergency contact information, medical concerns, including allergies, and accessing report cards.
- Lunch is available at school. Each parent should visit ***mypaymentsplus.com*** to set up an account to easily add money and track purchases. To set up an account, please go to Skyward to find your child's six digit EGR student ID. You will add 00 in front of the EGR student ID to create an eight digit number for ***mypaymentsplus.com***

2019-2020 Back-to-School Dates

The EGRPS elementary schools will be providing back-to-school information to our families through electronic email communications.

- Thursday, August 1 - Email Communication: Online Registration Process
- Monday, August 5 - Email Communication: Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year
- Wednesday, August 7 - Email Communication: Class Placement Information
- Friday, August 9 - Class Lists Posted
- Monday, August 19- First Day of School - Half Day (Students Released at 11:24 AM)
- Friday, August 23- No School for Students K-12
- Friday, August 30- No School for Students K-12
- Monday, September 2- Labor Day, No School for Students K-12

A day in the life of a Kindergartner...

Sample Morning Lessons

- Sign In, Lunch Count, etc.
- Calendar, Pledge
- Poetry/Songs
- Reading Workshop
- Literacy Centers
- Writing Workshop
- Handwriting

Sample Afternoon Lessons

- Read Aloud
- Math/Math Centers
- Science
- Social Studies
- Small Group Activities
- Choice Time

A day in the life of a Kindergartner...

Weekly Schedule

- Specials
 - ◆ Physical Education, Art, Music
 - ◆ One ½ Day Per Week
- Spanish
 - ◆ 20 minutes, 4 days/week
- Other
 - ◆ Reading Buddies
 - ◆ Learning Commons (Library)
 - ◆ Computer Lab

Field Trips & Curricular Enhancements

- Enrich classroom lessons through real world experiences
- Parent Chaperones/Drivers & Volunteers
- Instructional Kitchen

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Daily Schedule

8:15	First Bell
8:20	School Starts
10:10-10:25	Morning Recess
11:24-12:10	Lunch/Recess
2:05-2:20	Afternoon Recess
3:19	Dismissal


Lunch Schedule

First Lunch Shift - 11:24 - 11:47


→ Kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grade students eat lunch while 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students have recess

Second Lunch Shift - 11:47 - 12:10

→ 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students eat lunch while kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grade students have recess



In the morning I came—
school starts today!
Would the teacher be nice?
Would they still get to play?



Fruit were eaten
and then we finished when
the school bus arrived
with eyes sparkling bright



First Day of School!

What to expect

- Stay Positive!
- They are in a safe, loving and nurturing environment
- Kiss and Go
- Nervous
- Excited
- Tired
- Cherish this moment!

What to pack

- Backpack
- Snack
- Lunch (2nd day) - Big learning process
- Change of clothes
- Open House (August)
- Please leave special items at home