



Welcome to
Kindergarten Orientation
2019-2020

Bryant Elementary



Dr. William Rhodes
Principal





Welcome to Bryant

- Principal: Dr. William Rhodes
- Assistant Principal: Lindsay O'Leary
- Instructional Coaches:
 - Math/Science - Kathryn Hindt
 - Language Arts/Social Studies - Whitney La Rocca
- Counselor: Penny Flores
- Nurse: Christilynn Price-Osbourne
- ADA/Registrar: Michelle Martinez
- PTA President: Flora Rodgers



Meet the Kinder Team

- Lori Cabrera
- Cara Cook
- Amanda Fait
- Jennifer Morgan
- Abigail Tomme



Flora Rogers
Bryant PTA



Michelle Martinez
ADA/Registrar



Office Information

- Office Times
 - Monday - Friday
 - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Contact
 - Office: 281-234-4300
 - Fax: 281-644-1965
 - Email: michellemartinez@katyisd.org



Attendance

- Always notify the front office if your child is absent. Either by phone (281-234-4300) or our registrar, Michelle Martinez (michellemartinez@katyisd.org)
- Call In before 2:30pm/send note
- Report child's name, teacher, grade, and reason for absence



Absences

- Excused vs Unexcused
 - www.KatyISD.org
 - FEA Regulations
- Compulsory Attendance
 - State of Texas
- When your child is leaving early, always send a note with **date, time, and who is picking the child up**. You will fill out emergency contacts for your child. These contacts are used in case we can not reach you; however, the contacts listed are NEVER eligible to pick up your child unless you have sent a note with their name.



Tardies

- All students should be in class by 8:20am
- If your student is brought in after 8:20am, parents/guardians must come inside with student to fill out a tardy slip. Students are not to be sent inside without a parent/guardian.



Registration

- Pre-Registration: Kinder & New 1st
April 18th, 2019
9am-11am & 1pm-3pm
- Summer Registration:
Dates & Times TBD



Penny Flores
Counselor

Email: penelopewflores@katyisd.org



As the school counselor, I am here to help support your children socially, emotionally, and academically.

For students, I provide individual, small group, and classroom guidance lessons based on a variety of things including: Core Essentials, Referrals (Parent and/or Teacher), Age-Appropriate Lessons (reporting versus tattling, how to make friends, how to get along with friends, etc.), or in Crisis situations.

For parents, I can provide consultations specific to your child's specific needs, and I can supply reference materials.

HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED
is my goal!



Christilynn Osbourne,

RN, BSN, CVRN-BC

Nurse

Email: ChristilynnJOSbourne@KATYISD.ORG



24 Hour Rule

- If your child has fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, Katy ISD guidelines state that he or she must stay home for 24 hours. To give your child time to recuperate and to protect classmates and teachers, the child must be symptom free without the aid of medications for a 24-hour day before returning to school.
- An oral temperature of 100 with a thermometer is considered a fever.
- Doctor's notes CANNOT override 24-hour rule.



Sick Children

- We would LOVE it if all students could attend school EVERYDAY.
- However, as you know, a person can be sick without a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- If your child has very frequent cough with thick yellow or green mucus, wheezing, crusty or pus-like discharge from the eye, or rash of unknown origin, We recommend and sometimes require doctor release with treatment to be in school.



Infectious Diseases

- Please call Nurse Osbourne if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious condition such as:
 - strep throat
 - chickenpox
 - pink eye
 - lice
 - impetigo
 - ringworm
 - flu
 - vomiting and/or diarrhea



Medicine

- Children may not carry medicine with them at school-not even cough drops.
- If your child needs medicine at school, a KATY ISD approved form is needed. This must be filled out by a parent and/or the physician with the medicine in its original container. You or your child can drop it off in the clinic before going to class.
 - Controlled substances such as some medications for ADD/ADHD always have to be delivered by an adult.
 - The form is located on katyisd.org search medication or from our clinic.
- If you believe your child needs medication at school, please see me tonight or ASAP.



Chronic Conditions

- Children are wonderfully resilient.
- We are here to help them manage health conditions.
- If your child has been diagnosed with food-borne allergies (or any allergy with anaphylaxis), asthma, diabetes, heart-disorders, ADD/ADHD, anxiety, congenital disorders, etc., please see me.



Clothing

- Please pack an extra set of clothing, including underwear and socks, in a plastic bag for your little one that is seasonally changed out. Leave it in his/her backpack. It is comforting to have your own clothes in case of an accident. We keep virtually no extra clothing in clinic.
- Flat, closed-toe shoes with velcro or that lace up are much safer than sandals and flip flops in helping prevent injuries.
- Policy is listed on the KISD website.

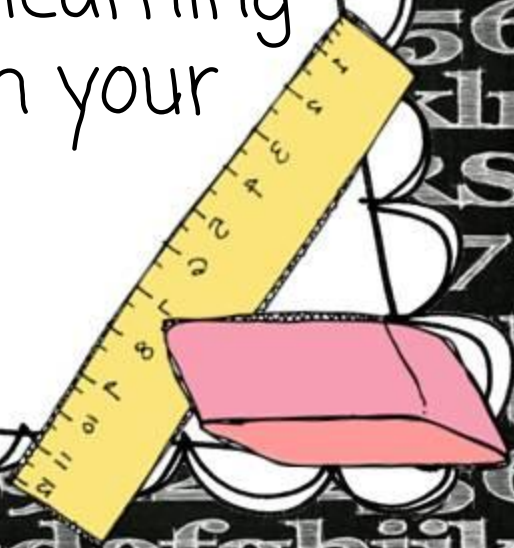


Exciting New Experiences

Kindergarten marks the beginning of exciting new experiences for your child.

- Interaction with new people
- New settings and activities
- More structure and focus on learning

Please spend time speaking with your child about these opportunities!



Home Access Center (HAC)

- Parents will use HAC to view their child's homeroom teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Letters for HAC login information will be mailed to Kindergarten parents.
- www.katyisd.org



HomeAccess
C E N T E R



Katy On the Go

- www.katyisd.org



Stay Connected with our NEW

KATY *OnTheGo*

Mobile Application



"IS my child ready?"

- Personal and Social Readiness
- Fine and Gross Motor Readiness
- Communication Readiness
- Basic Cognitive Readiness

These are areas which would be beneficial for your student. We will continue to develop these skills throughout the year.



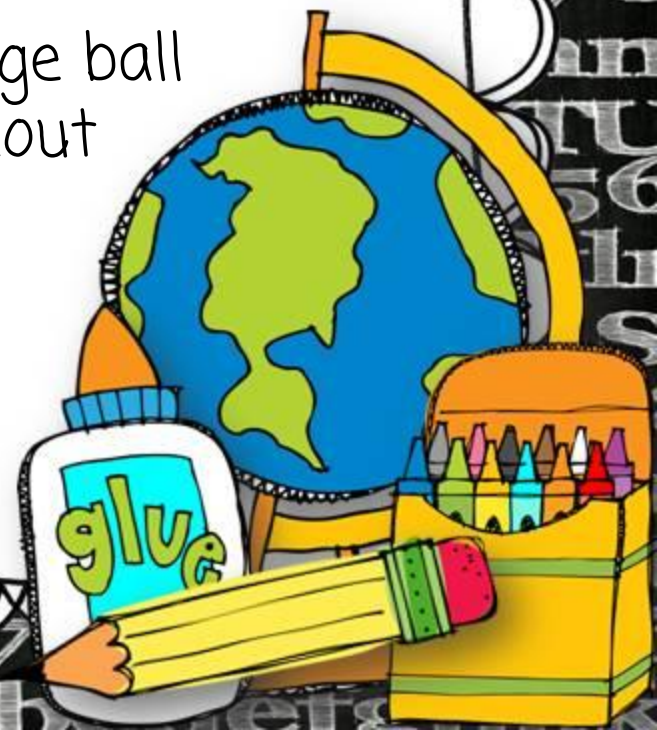
Personal and Social Readiness

- Separates from parent(s)
- Functions without a nap
- Uses the restroom independently
- Responds appropriately to adult authority
- Follows simple directions
- Demonstrates self-control
- Gets along well and shares with others
- Takes turns
- Shows an interest in learning and coming to school



Fine and Gross Motor Readiness

- Uses crayons, scissors, and glue
- Attempts to hold and write with a pencil
- Traces basic shapes
- Can cut various lines
- Throws, catches, or bounces a large ball
- Can put on shoes and coats without help
- Dresses self
(buttons/snaps/zippers)



Communication Readiness

- Speaks clearly and communicates needs
- Uses phrases and complete sentences
- Can say his or her full name, address, and phone number (including area code)
- Knows parents' first and last names
- Follows spoken directions and rules
- Listens without interrupting



Basic Cognitive Readiness

- Identifies basic colors
- Identifies basic shapes
- Identifies numbers 1-10
- Counts to 20
- Shows an interest in books and learning to read
- Identifies most letter names and sounds
- Begins to write name in print
- Colors



A Typical Day in Kindergarten

- Kindergarten is a fun, busy, learning filled experience!
- Expect your kids to be happy, well educated, and a bit tired from all of their learning!



Tentative Schedule

- Unpack/Morning Tubs
- Announcements
- Community Circle
- Calendar/Morning Message/Interactive Writing
- Shared Reading/Read Aloud/Focus Poem
- Reading Workshop
- Read Aloud
- Extended Learning Time
- Lunch
- Recess #1
- Writing Workshop
- Word Study
- Specials
- Math Workshop
- Recess #2
- Science/Social Studies
- Snack/Developmental Centers
- Pack Up/Dismissal



Lunch

- Children get their own trays using ID badges or are welcome to bring their lunch from home.
- Students manage lunch independently - easy open containers are preferred.
- We have 30 minutes for lunch each day.
- Prepay using Meal Pay Plus (www.katyisd.org Parent tab) program is highly encouraged (once you have student ID number).
- Parents are asked to hold off on visits for the first two weeks of school.





Recess

- We have two recess times during the day
- Play is important
- Tennis shoes are the best
- Please be cognisant of the weather





Specials

- Art
- Music
- PE
- Daily rotating schedule
- 50 minutes each day
- Tennis shoes are required for PE





Library and Computer

- Library time is scheduled.
- Children will check out books once per week.
- Students will get to visit the computer lab throughout the year.





Developmental Centers

- Time to practice social skills, motor skills, and creativity
- Items such as dramatic play, blocks, art, puzzles, games, and computer





Snack Time

- Children bring a healthy snack and water bottle from home each day.
- All snacks need to be ready to eat.
- Snack time is approximately 10 minutes daily.





Transportation

- Children can walk, ride a bike, ride the bus, go to a Daycare, attend YMCA, or ride home in a car.
- Always send a signed note if method of transportation changes.
- Please try to keep the mode of transportation consistent from day to day... Children can get stressed and confused when it changes.
- All families are assigned a dismissal number.
- Bus routes can be found on the Katy ISD website beginning in August.
 - District Website/Parents/Bus Routes
- Walkers must be picked up by their guardian, unless written permission is given by the guardian to walk with a sibling.





IS your child bus ready?

- Knows first and last name
- Knows parents first and last name
- Understands to talk with the driver if unsure of his/her bus stop
- Has an adult waiting at the bus stop



Preparing for the New School Year

- Talk about going to school in positive terms
- Encourage your child to ask questions and share their feelings with you
- Drive by the school in advance
- Begin bedtime routines several days in advance
- Reinforce healthy habits such as hand washing
- Encourage your child to be polite and state feelings



On the Big Day

- Arrive on time, but not too early.
- Leave cheerfully. Don't linger.
- Keep a positive attitude. If you look forward to the first day of school, your child probably will too.
- Students will
 - Learn routines and expectations
 - Get acquainted with friends and teachers
 - Tour the school



Name

- Please put names on:
 - Backpacks
 - Lunch Kits
 - Snacks
 - Coats
 - Water Bottles



Backpacks

- Large enough to hold folder, library books, and change of clothes
- Easy to open and close
- Please no rolling backpacks



Ways to Get Involved

- Volunteer to help at school
- Join the PTA
- Attend school events, parent conferences, and meetings
- Contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns
- Follow us on social media
 - Twitter @bryantelem #bengalpride
 - Facebook: Robert and Felice Bryant Elementary

Meet the Teacher

- Confirm your child's method of transportation
- Bring school supplies
 - No specialized supplies (Hello Kitty, Superman, etc.) - Many rooms use community supplies
 - Please do not label supplies with your child's name

Thank you for coming!

Visit the Kindergarten site for more information
and a copy of this presentation:

<https://tinyurl.com/BryantKinder>



We are looking forward
to the BES(t) year!