

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Spring
2025

WoodCreek
Elementary

WCE Principal and AP's



(Left to Right): Mrs. Graham, Mr. Mosher, and Mrs. Guevara

WCE Admin. Team



(Left to Right): Mrs. Haack, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Graham, Mr. Mosher, Mrs. Salinas, Mr. Youngblood

WCE Kindergarten Team



Left to Right: Ms. Setna, Mrs. Intrau, Mrs. Cayton, Ms. McCombs, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Kallmeyer, Ms. Dillard

WCE PTA

2024-2025 Executive Board



Top 5 List from WCE PTA

1. Get Connected to WCE PTA:

- Visit www.myrangerpta.org
- Register your family on our website
- Find us on Facebook @ [WoodCreek Elementary PTA](#) or on Instagram @ [myrangerpta](#)
- Join the Kindergarten Parent Facebook page to connect with other parents. Search for "[WoodCreek Rangers Incoming Kindergarten 2025-2026](#)"



2. Order School Supplies Through PTA

- Ordering info coming in May at www.myrangerpta.org
- Each supply pack includes a PTA membership

3. Join PTA!

- Visit myrangerpta.org after July 1st to purchase your membership for the 2025-2026 school year.



4. Spirit Wear

- Discounted styles on sale now (Cash, Check, or Credit Card)
- '25-'26 Styles on sale in May for pre-orders
- Order at myrangerpta.org

5. Online Auction

- Starts April 3 and closes on April 16
- Items for next year will be included



6. Get Involved and VOLUNTEER!

- Email us at President@myrangerpta.org with any questions
- Dads can get involved with WATCH D.O.G.S.

Registrar



Claudia Hoffmann

Registration Information

- **Claudia Hoffmann** – Registrar
(281-234-0105)
- **Pre-Registration for 2025-2026**
 - o March 31st 2025
 - o All required documents will need to be uploaded before submitting the registration.
- **Summer Registration Dates:**
 - o Refer to Katy ISD website (www.katyisd.org) for details and directions
- **1st Day of School (Wednesday, August 13th)**



Registration Information cont.



- To qualify for kindergarten, the child must reside in Katy ISD and be five years old on or before September 1st of the current school year.
- Click the image below to go to our [PowerSchool Online Registration](#) website to begin the registration process.



Registration Information cont.

- REQUIRED Documents:

- Official Birth Certificate/Passport of student

- Social Security card (optional)

- Immunization Records

- <https://tinyurl.com/myvaccines>

- Government-issued identification card/Passport of the Parent's registering the student

- Proof of Residence:

- *Utility Bill (light, water or gas) dated within the past 30 days showing the parent/guardian's name and street address.

- *HUD closing statement/Lease agreement (MUST have signatures from buyer/seller)

- *Sales Contract & Loan Approval Letter

- **If a lease agreement or purchasing paperwork is provided at the time of registration, a utility bill must be provided within 30 days of occupancy



Privacy Codes

Please be aware that your child's privacy code will default to "N". You **MUST** change it to "Y" or "O" if you want your student's picture or name to be included in various publications.

3. What are the privacy code options from which a parent/guardian can choose?

There are three privacy codes from which a parent/guardian may choose: Y - Yes, O - Other, and N - No. Please refer to the chart for the implications of each code.

Privacy Code Selections and Implications	"Y" Yes	"O" Other	"N" No
School-Confined Publications	YES	YES	NO
Programs for Performances	YES	YES	NO
Yearbook	YES	YES	NO
Professional School Group or Class Photos*	YES	YES	NO
Officially-designated vendors for school-related purposes	YES	YES	NO
The Public: Anyone making a public information request	YES	NO	NO
News Releases	YES	NO	NO
School Directories	YES	NO	NO
School Publications (Available to Public)	YES	NO	NO
District/Campus Webpage	YES	NO	NO
Photographs	YES	NO	NO
Social Media Platforms	YES	NO	NO

Teacher Characteristics

Completing the Teacher Characteristics form is optional.

Click the link below to access the:

[Parent Recommendation for Teacher Characteristics for 2025-2026](#)

DUE DATE: 12:00 PM, May 2, 2025

Recommendations on this form are taken into consideration when making the class lists. Due to various circumstances, the **recommendations are not guaranteed**. Some areas of consideration include:

- ✓ Academic needs
- ✓ Social needs
- ✓ Recommendations by the administrators, counselor and/or special programs teachers
- ✓ Maintaining an equal balance among all classes

Due to the professional manner in which classes are developed, **WoodCreek Elementary does not allow requests for specific teachers**. All recommendations will be reviewed and considered when formulating class lists. Any recommendation directly or indirectly requesting a specific teacher (i.e. "her name rhymes with...") will NOT be considered.

School Nurse & Nurse's Aide Katie Porter & Erica Niemi



Immunizations & Health

- **Katie Porter**
WCE School Nurse
(281-234-0088)
- Immunizations
- Medications at school
- Health Services for students



IMMUNIZATIONS

- Texas Department of Health requires all school age children to be up to date on immunizations. Children are excluded from school until the required immunizations are obtained and a copy is given to the school nurse. Immunization requirements can be found at: www.katyisd.org



<- Click the image to go to the
2025-26 Vaccine Requirements Form

- Contact school nurse with questions.



24 HOUR RULE

- If your child has a FEVER (100° or above), 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.



MEDICATIONS



- Children may not carry medicine with them at school - not even cough drops. If your child needs medicine at school, send a note completed by a parent or the physician plus the medicine in its original container. You or your child can drop it off in the clinic before going to class.
- Three times a day medications are not given at school. All doses can be given at home. This was determined by Pediatricians in the area and is a District Policy.
- The official form can be found at the Katy ISD website.



Click the image to go to the
Medication Administration Form



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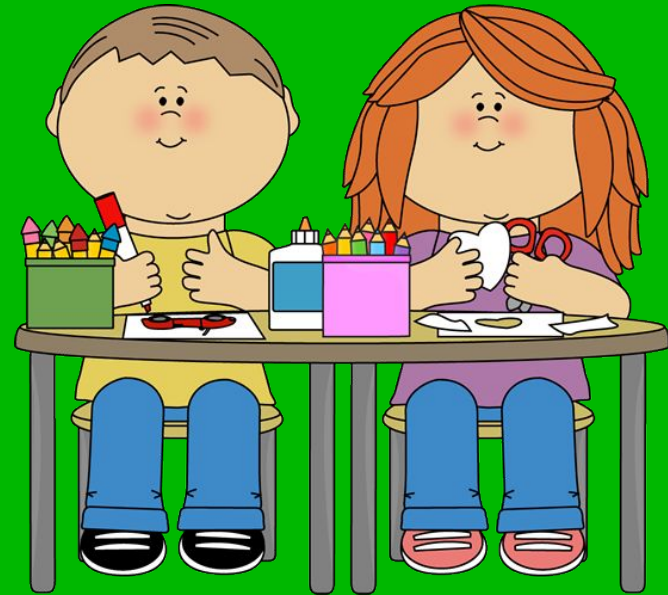
- Vision and hearing screenings will be done in the fall.
- During online registration, there will be a place for you to provide phone numbers where you can be reached as well as local emergency contacts who can be reached if you are unavailable.
 - It is vital that the phone numbers are accurate.
 - Please give the phone numbers an order as to who should be called first, second, etc.
 - Please fill out the Health Inventory. If your child has a condition you need to speak to the nurse about, please call or come by at the beginning of the school year.

Welcome to Kindergarten!



Physical Readiness

- Uses the restroom independently
- Independently puts on clothes and footwear
- Eats independently
- Able to open and close all lunch containers independently



Social Readiness

- Follows one and two step directions
- Communicates needs
- Knows how to share
- Takes turns
- Plays and gets along well with others
- Is respectful to adults and peers



So nice to meet you

School Readiness

- Knows basic personal facts
- Writes first name
- Identifies colors
- Draws and colors
- Identifies some letter names and sounds
- Counts to 10 using 1-1 correspondence
- Recognizes numerals 0-10
- Identifies basic 2D shapes



A Typical Day in Kindergarten



Kindergarten Daily Schedule



7:25-7:50	Arrival, Unpack, Daily Start Book
7:50-8:00	Announcements
8:00-8:10	Community Circle
8:10-8:20	Calendar
8:20-8:40	Structured Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics
8:40-9:05	Sunshine Break
9:05-9:30	ELA Small Groups
9:35-9:55	Structured Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics
9:55-10:40	Kindergarten Lunch
10:40-11:00	Recess
11:05-11:25	Social Studies
11:25-11:55	Building Background Knowledge, Reading and Vocabulary
11:55-12:15	Grammar and Conventions/Writer's Workshop
12:20-1:05	Specials
1:10-1:20	Handwriting
1:20-1:45	Science
1:50-2:00	Math Mini-Lesson
2:00-2:35	Math Small Groups
2:35-3:05	Clean Up/Pack Up/Dismissal

Specials

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- 45 minutes each day
- Daily rotation schedule



Recess

- 15 minute Sunshine Break
- 20 minutes of Recess (After Lunch)



Lunch

- 30 minutes each day
- Current Price: \$2.25/tray
- Children can either bring a lunch from home or purchase a school lunch.
- I.D. badges are used to purchase lunches.
- Cafeteria monitors and volunteers are in the cafeteria each day.
- Prepayment is encouraged! Please [CLICK HERE to access Pay-N-Go.](#)
- We ask that you please **NOT** come to eat lunch with your child for the first 2 weeks of school as they transition into a new routine and environment. Midday separation is extra challenging in the beginning!



Library Clerk & Librarian Emilie Watson & Erin Durham

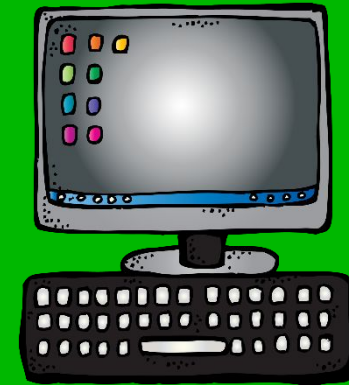


Library and Technology



- Chromebooks/iPads in the classroom that reinforce and enrich literacy and math skills

- Weekly library checkout (1 book for Kindergarten)
- Library lessons - once every 3 weeks
- Teachers can send students 2 students at a time for library books after the first 9 weeks of school.



Library – Reading Programs

- TREK K-2:
 - Students in K-2 can read books (from home or school) to earn reading tags/spirit sticks.
 - Students who complete 5 TREK logs are invited to the TREK party at the end of the school year (party is in May - during the school day).
 - The TREK reading packet will be sent home in student folders in October.

Feel free to email Erin Durham (school librarian) with any questions.

erinadurham@katyisd.org

Library - Birthday Book Club



- Students can pay \$20 (via Pay N' Go app) to donate a brand new book to the library.
- A book plate with the student's name and birth date is placed in the new book.
- Students in the Birthday Book Club appear on the morning announcements and are allowed to be the 1st to check out the book.

School IDs/ Backpack Tags (RFID tags)

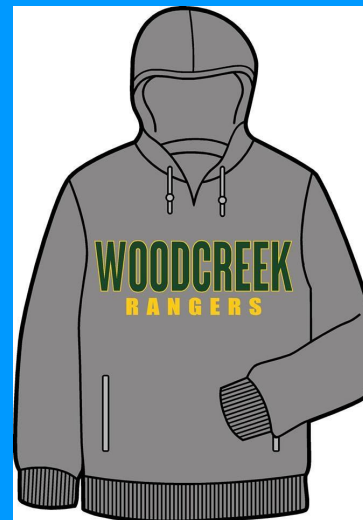
1. All Rangers are required to wear a school ID during the school day AND have a student RFID tag on their backpack. Katy ISD provides both - free of charge - at the beginning of each school year.
2. However, if a school ID or RFID backpack tag is lost, a new one has to be purchased. The classroom teacher will inform the library to print a new ID/RFID tag. The parent will receive an email from Pay-N-Go to remit payment.
 - school ID bundle (school ID and clear sleeve) \$3
 - RFID backpack tag \$1

General Information



Put Names on EVERYTHING

- Backpacks
- Lunch kits
- Snacks
- Coats
- Water bottles



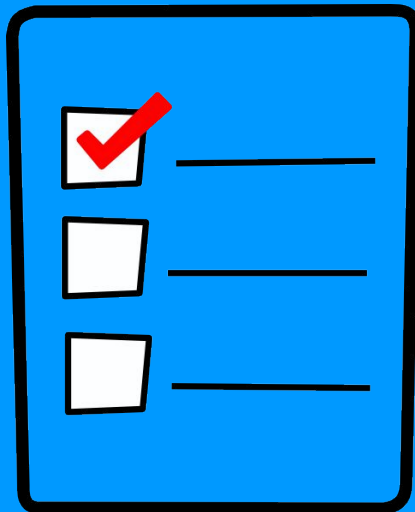
Backpacks

- Large enough to hold folders and a library book
- Easy to open and close
- No rolling backpacks PLEASE!



School Supplies

- Follow recommended school supply list to purchase supplies (highly recommended to purchase PTA school supplies)
- Please DO NOT label supplies with your child's name
- Supplies will be used as community supplies
- Pre-ordered supplies will be delivered to classrooms before school starts



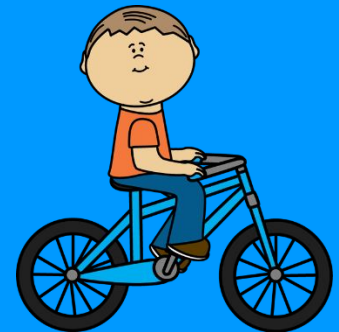
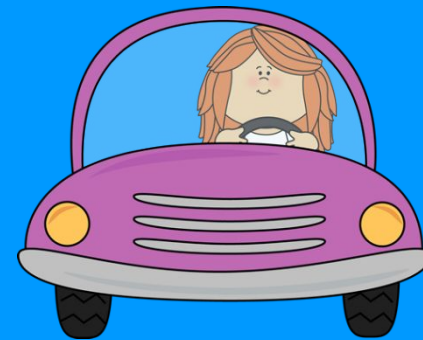
Dressing for School

- Policy is listed on the KISD website
- Elastic pants/shorts are best at the beginning of the year
...remember potty time 😊
- Flip flops are strongly discouraged
- Ziploc baggie of extra clothes, including underwear and socks, for those "just in case" moments (kept in backpack)

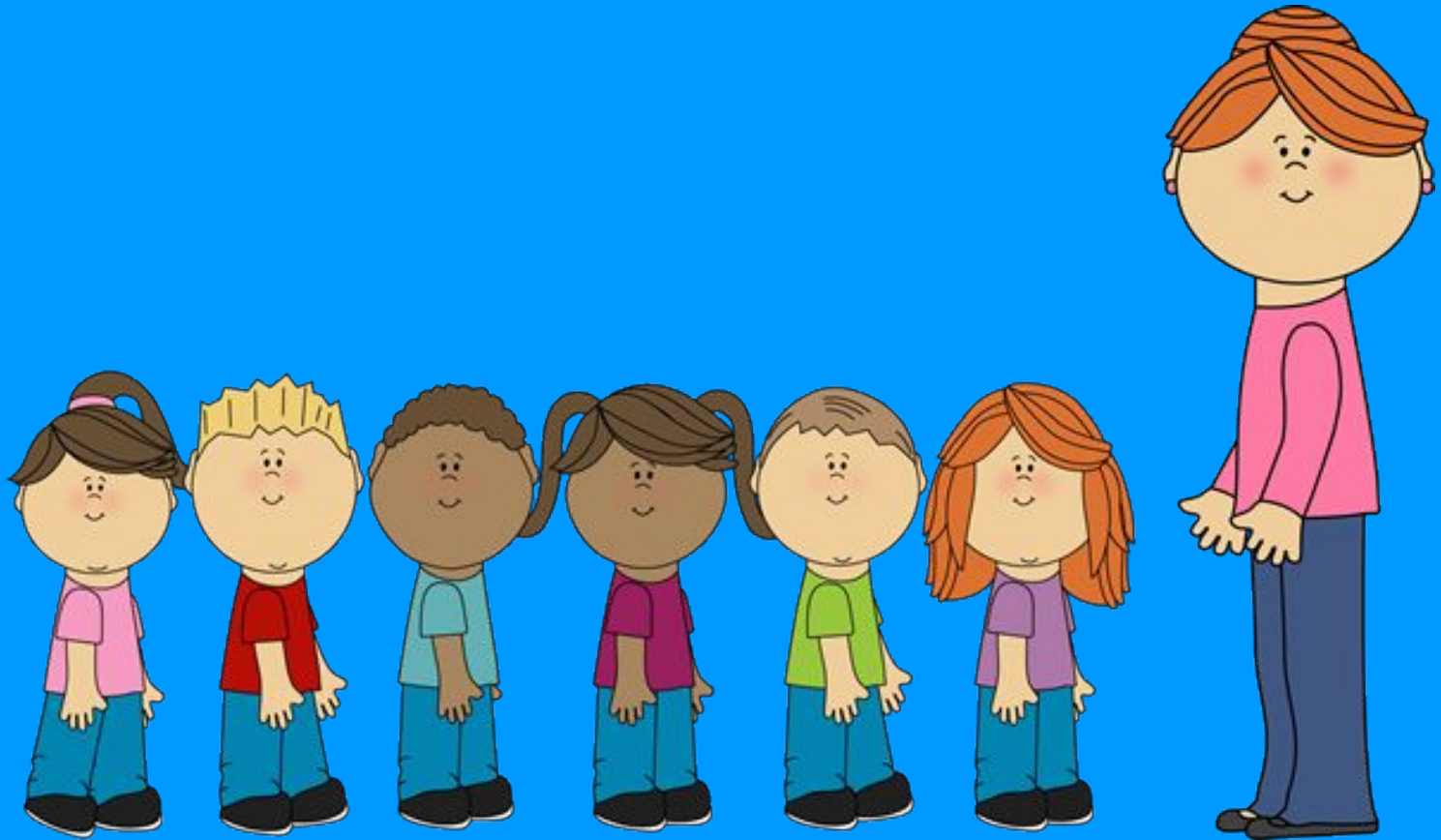


Transportation

- How will your child go home on the first day and rest of the year?
 - Bus
 - Car (Parent Pick-Up)
 - Hiker/Biker
 - Daycare
- Try to keep the mode of transportation consistent day to day.
- Please decide your child's method of transportation home prior to Meet the Teacher.



1st Day of
Kindergarten!



Things To Know: "Parents"



- School Hours (currently) 7:50 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
 - *Students can start entering the classroom at 7:25 a.m.
- You can bring your child to school and walk him/her to class on the first day 😊
- Confirm method of transportation going home
- Make sure your child has lunch money (\$2.25 -current price) or a packed lunch from home
- Quickly and cheerfully exit! 😊



Dates to Remember

- Registration : March 31, 2025
- Meet the Teacher : TBD
- First Day : August 13, 2025
- Curriculum Night : TBD

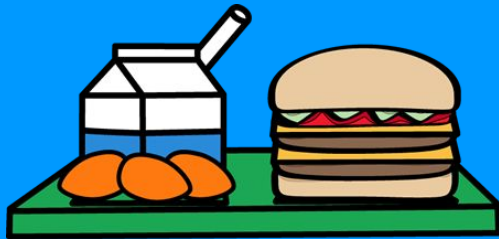
(Topics to be covered: Kindergarten Curriculum, Behavior Expectations, BYOD, Canvas, & much more!)



Final Reminders



- Please plan to attend Meet the Teacher 😊
- Send your child daily with a:
 - backpack
 - lunch (unless he/she is purchasing a school lunch)
 - water (easy open/close top)
 - snack (packed separately from lunch)



We are looking forward
to a **FABULOUS** year!



Questions?

