KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Spring 2022 WoodCreek Elementary



Back (Left to Right): Mrs. Jenkins, Ms. Paek, Mr. Mosher, Mrs. Haack, Mrs. Ombrog Front (Left to Right): Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Salinas

WCE Kindergarten Team

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

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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
 - Join the Kindergarten Parent Facebook page to connect with other parents. Search for "WoodCreek Rangers Incoming Kindergarten 2022-2023"
- 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 2022-2023 school year.
- 4. Spirit Wear
 - Discounted styles on sale now
 - '22-'23 Styles' on sale in May for pre-orders
 - Order at myrangerpta.org
- 5. Get Involved and VOLUNTEER!
 - Email us at Volunteers@myrangerpta.org
 Dads can get involved with WATCH D.O.G.S.







Attendance Clerk Joanna Vasco



Registration Information

Joanna Vasco - Registrar/Attendance Clerk (281-234-0105) REGISTER FOR Kindergarten

- Pre-Registration for 2022-2023
 - Opens April 4th

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- All required documents will need to be uploaded before submitting the registration.
- Summer Registration Dates:
 - o June 7th July 22nd
 - Refer to Katy ISD website (www.katyisd.org) for details and directions
- 1st Day of School (August 17TH)
 - Registration starts 10am

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.



*PowerSchool online pre-registration for 2022-2023 will OPEN for PK-12 grade!

Privacy Codes

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

Registration Information cont.

• **REQUIRED Documents**:

-Birth Certificate/Passport (original) -Social Security card (must have the card/optional) -Immunization Records (must have doctor's signature) -Parent's Driver's License/Passport

-Proof of Residence

DOCUMENTS

*HUD closing statement/Lease agreement (MUST have signatures from buyer/seller) *Recent Utility Bill

(water, gas, or electric within the past 30 days) *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

Teacher Characteristics

<u>OPTIONAL:</u> Parent Recommendation for Teacher Characteristics for 2022-2023

DUE DATE: 12 noon, May 6, 2023

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:

- \checkmark Academic needs
- \checkmark Social needs
- \checkmark Recommendations by the administrators, counselor and/or special programs teachers
- \checkmark 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: <u>www.katyisd.org</u>



<- Click the image to go to the 2022-23 Vaccine Requirements Form

Contact school nurse with questions.



24 HOUR RULE

- If your child has a <u>FEVER (100° or above)</u>, <u>VOMITING</u>, or <u>DIARRHEA</u>, 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.



- 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





- 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,



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



Social Readiness

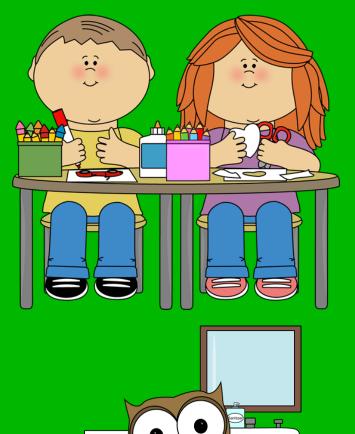
- Follows simple directions
- Communicates needs
- Knows how to share
- Takes turns
- Plays and gets along well with others





Physical Readiness

- Correctly holds and uses a pencil or crayon
- Correctly holds and cuts with scissors
- Correctly uses glue
- Eats independently
- Able to open and close all lunch containers independently
- Uses the restroom independently
- Puts on shoes and clothes independently



A Typical Day in Kindergarten

Arrival, Unpack, Daily Start Book		
Announcements		
COMMUNITY CIRCLE		
CALENDAR		
READER'S WORKSHOP		
SUNSHINE BREAK		
SPECIALS		
PHONICS/WORD WORK		
PICTURE TALKS		
HANDWRITING		
LUNCH		
RECESS		
FOCUSED POETRY		
WRITER'S WORKSHOP		
SCIENCE/SS		
IRT		
Snack		
MATH		
CLEAN UP/PACK UP		
DISMISSAL		

Specials

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- 50 minutes each day
- Daily rotation schedule
- One of the most popular times of the day





Recess/Snack

- 15 minutes of Snack & a Sunshine Break
- 20 minutes of Recess

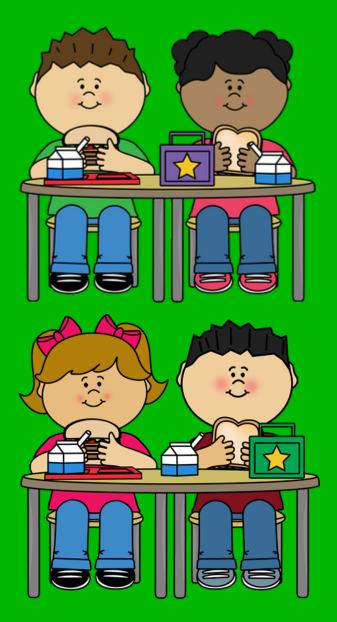






Lunch

- 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 <u>CLICK HERE to access Pay-N-Go</u>.
- We ask that you please <u>NOT</u> 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!



Librarian & Library Aide Lesley Baker & Kathy Caldwell



Library and Technology



- I-Pads in the classroom that reinforce and enrich literacy and math skills
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

- Weekly library visit scheduled
- Library lessons
- Book checkouts at least once a week



General Information



Put Names on EVERYTHING

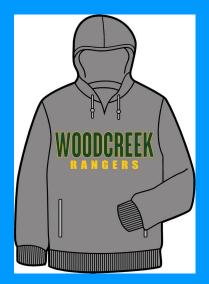
- Backpacks
- Lunch kits
- Snacks
- Coats
- Water bottles













Backpacks

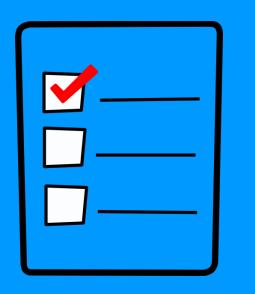
- Large enough to hold folders and a library book
- Easy to open and close
- No rolling backpacks PLEASE!





School Supplies

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





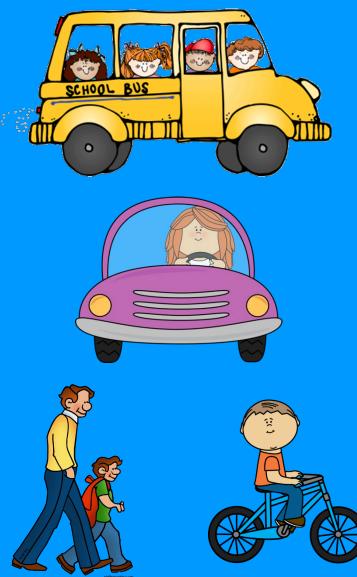
Dressing for School

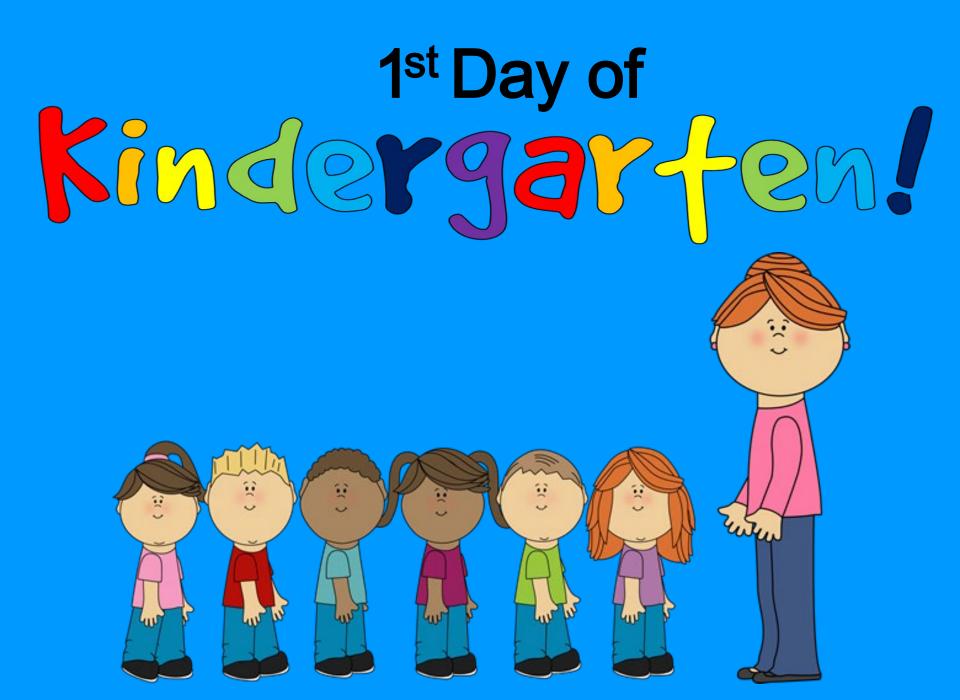
- Policy is listed on the KISD website
- Elastic pants/shorts are best at the beginning of the year
 ...remember potty time (3)
- Flip flops are strongly discouraged
- Ziploc baggie of extra clothes, including underwear and socks, for those "just in case" moments (kept in backpack)



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.





Things To Do: "Parents" THINGS TO DO

• School Hours (currently) 7:55 a.m.- 3:05 p.m.

*Students can start entering the classroom at 7:35 a.m.

- You can bring your child to school and walk him/her to class on the first day (3)
- Receive forms, review, complete, and return as soon as possible
- 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 : Opens April 4, 2022
- Meet the Teacher : TBD
- First Day : August 17th
- Curriculum Night : TBD

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

Important Final Reminders



- Please plan to attend Meet the Teacher I
- 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!





