

A note for our new kindergarten families:

Welcome to the Cedar Wood community! You have chosen well—the families surrounding this school share a common commitment to partnering with their children’s school to support and encourage their children’s growth.

The school was constructed 24 years ago, and it continues to proudly serve children in this neighborhood. Hopefully, through a combination of our school website and the Everett Public Schools resources you can find the information that you need prior to starting your child in school.

In addition to the reading, math, writing, science, and social studies instruction your student will receive in the classroom, kindergarteners will attend four specialist classes each week. These are music, physical education, technology lab, and library. Science instruction is part of the classroom curriculum each week. It is inquiry-based, and sequenced throughout the elementary school years to ensure that the science standards are thoroughly addressed and mastered by the end of fifth grade. Basic scientific skills such as observation, note taking, hypotheses, problem solving, and fact checking are introduced in kindergarten as students move through three major areas of inquiry during the school year. There is more information about the science topics which are addressed at each grade level on the district website. Science is very hands on and inquiry based in our district.

If you were to walk into a kindergarten classroom you would find children seated at table groups with 4 to 6 students at each table. However, students change location frequently during the instructional day. At times the teacher will seat the students on the carpet in a common instructional area. At other times students may be working in stations around the room. And, there are times where students are working with partners or individually at their tables.

As a public school, Cedar Wood Elementary seeks to develop the skills in each child which lead to a successful and productive adult life. A full-time school counselor provides classroom guidance lessons at all grade levels, teaching children successful work habits, social skills, problem solving techniques, and to identify and build upon their individual strengths and capabilities. We recognize that self-worth comes from children trying hard and eventually succeeding, rather than from easy gains. We encourage and expect students to be responsible, honest, and caring for their fellow classmates. Finally, we know that children are most successful when schools and parents are working very closely together. For that reason, we highly value close partnerships and continual communication with the parents of the children in the school. Parents who are available are encouraged to volunteer in the school.

If you have other questions, please contact us. We know that many details and unknowns are present when sending your child to public school for the first time. While it may all be new to you, there are ready answers available either through Cedar Wood or through our district central administration.

Again, we welcome you and your child to Cedar Wood. We look forward to getting to know you!