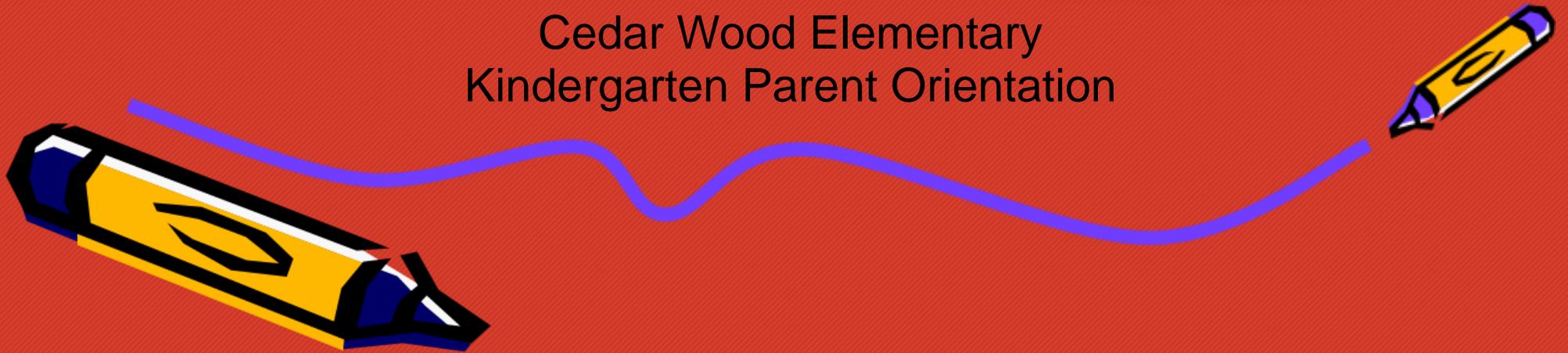


“Parents can position their child for academic success long before the first day of kindergarten. A vibrant life of learning begins at birth.”

Nancy Kerr, President of the National Reading Council

Cedar Wood Elementary
Kindergarten Parent Orientation



Your Hosts

- Dr. David Jones, Principal
- Mr. Daniel Natividad, Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Patti Olswang, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Amy Yardley, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Rhoda Onken, Office Assistant



Parent/Teacher/Association (PTA) provides essential volunteer and financial support to the school.

Join the PTA.

- You will connect with other families with similar goals and interests.
- You will be better informed
- You will continually hear of ways to be involved

PTA website: <http://www.cedarwoodpta.org/>



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Stacey Benjamin, PTA President-Elect

Stacey Hamilton, SeaPub Chair

Laura Gardner, SeaPub Chair

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Sea Pup Program

- Thursday, July 13th 10:30 - 12:30 Playground Playtime
- Thursday, July 27th 10:30 - 12:30 Playground Playtime
- Thursday, August 17th 10:30 - 12:30 Playground Playtime
- Wednesday, August 30th 4:30 - 6:30 Afternoon Picnic
- Monday, September 11th, Kinder Parent Coffee

Chairs: Stacy Hamilton and Laura Gardner

Enduring Influences

- Parents
- Family, Friends, Community
- Educators
- Media

Helping Your Family Be Ready

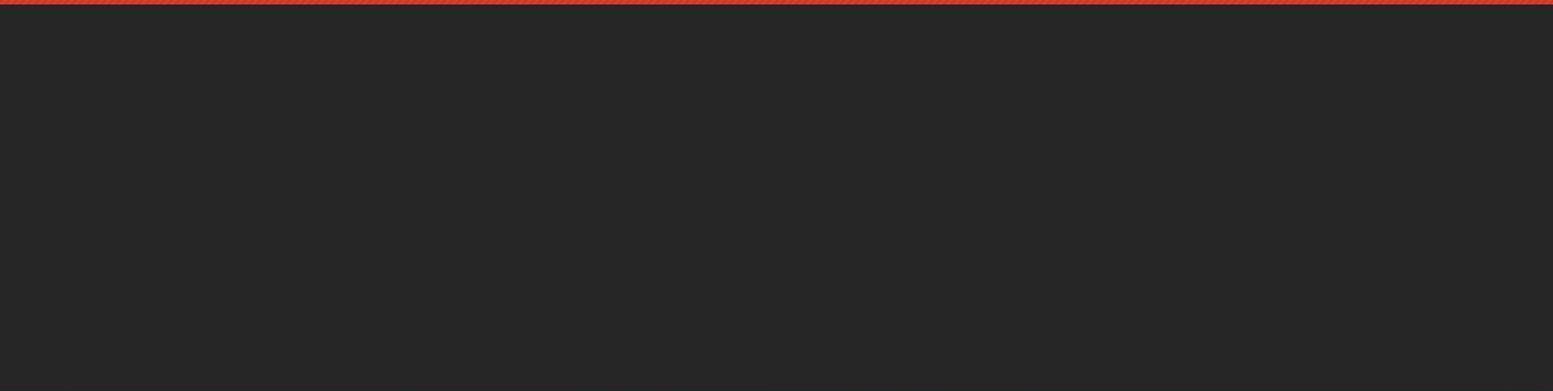
- Tonight: Kindergarten Orientation
- Next Tuesday at 6:30: Parent Academy
- Every Wednesday, starting July 5th
 - Running Club from 9:00 – 10:00
 - Open Library from 9:30 – 11:30
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Repeat of tonight: August 23rd at 6:30

And, those wonderful Sea Pup events!

Who is my child's teacher?

- Classroom assignment and WAKids appointment calls are made late August.
- *Come to Meet Your Teacher* the afternoon of September 5th
- WAKids family conferences take place the first three days of school. Students do not attend school on these days. You will be called in August with your conference time.
- School starts for kindergartners on September 11th

A Day in Kindergarten



How do children get to Cedar Wood?

- Walk
- Parents drive
- Bus for some neighborhoods

Arrival – Departure Times

Students should not arrive before 9:00 a.m. There is no supervision available.

School begins at 9:10. The tardy bell rings at 9:15 a.m.

Students are dismissed at 3:30.

Getting to and from school

- Start your transportation routine on the first day. Routine, routine, routine.
- At “Meet Your Teacher” the afternoon before the first day of school you will be given a name badge for your child. Attach the tag to his/her backpack.

If you drive your child to school

- Do not arrive until 9:00 a.m.
- Park. Hold your child's hand and walk together to the kindergarten gate.
- Say goodbye at the gate. Do not enter the playground. Your student will join his/her class in line and will be supervised by staff.
- Reverse these steps in the afternoon.

If your child will ride a bus

- Practice going to the bus stop near your home prior to the first day. Locate landmarks so that your child will recognize where to get off on the way home.
- Bus drivers are not permitted to let a kindergarten student off the bus after school unless there is an adult there to meet him/her. (If your kindergartner has an older sibling on the same bus you can make arrangements with the driver.)

Changes in Regular Dismissal



- Change of routine? Changes could include:
 - Being picked up instead of riding the bus
 - Going home with another child
 - Riding a different bus
 - Being picked up by another adult on your approved list
 - Leaving school early for an appointment
- Send a note to the teacher. If there is no note, your child will be sent home as usual.

Beginning of the Day

- Breakfast program is available, starting at 8:45
- Non-breakfast students line up in the kinder area starting at 9:00
- Students are walked into the classroom at 9:05
- They leave their coat & backpack in their locker

Calendar

- Students identify the day, month and year. They count the days of the school year.
- They chart the weather together.
- They practice patterning, counting, and adding on.

Mathematics

Standards focus on:

- Number sense
- Counting objects
- Patterns
- Forming groups
- Shapes
- Measurement & graphs
- Problem solving

Reading

Standards focus on:

- Learning how stories work
- Sounds of letters and words
- Being a part of a classroom discussion

Building on a child's sense that "I am a writer"

Standards focus on

- Describing format
- Narrative format
- Elements of writing
- Revising

- Writing in different modes:
 - Personal stories
 - Labels
 - Lists
 - Science journals

What are children doing?

- Reading

- Guided
- Shared
- Partner
- Independent
- Center activities

Writing modes:

- Personal stories
- Labels
- Lists
- Science journals

Building on a child's sense that "I am a scientist"

- Balls & Ramps
- Wood & Paper
- Animals 2x2

- Living and non-living things
- Asking questions
- Making observations
- Using tools to solve problems

Building on a child's sense that “I have successful social skills”

- Understanding of self
- Working in a group
- Classroom & school community
- Problem solving

Social and school readiness skills we target:

- Following routines
- Sharing and helping others
- Becoming a self-manager
- Recognizing feelings in self and others

Our Counselor and Guidance

Recess & Outdoor Play

- Making choices during less structured time
- Promoting physical activity
- Learning to play safely with others—taking turns, sharing, problem-solving

Specialist Programs

Music

Library

Computer/Technology Lab

Physical Education (PE)

Home/School Communication

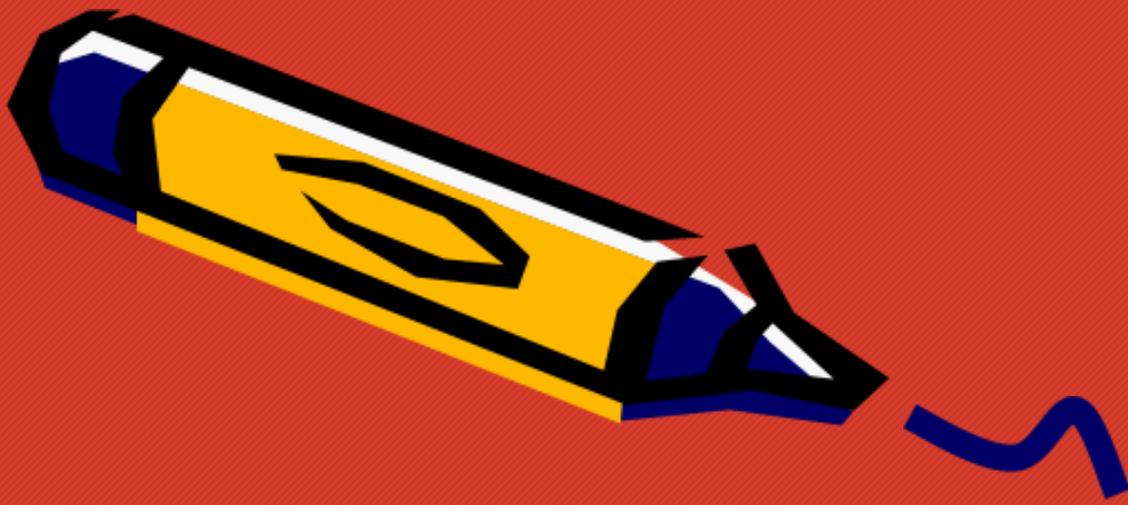
- If you have a question, contact your child's teacher. Teachers are available from 8:25 - 9:10 in the morning and also after school until 3:55.
- You may email a teacher—teachers check their messages at least once a day
 - Firstinitiallastname@everettsd.org

Plan Family Events Now So Your Child Attends Every Day

- Every day is packed with critical learning which can not be made up.

Next Steps:

- Attend Kinder Parent Academy on Tuesday
- Read *Welcome to Kindergarten*
- Attend Sea Pup events
- Start *Summer Reading Challenge June 23rd*
- Spend time on the kindergarten playground on the weekend
- Come to summer Running Club and open library
- Take the Campus Tour August 17th



Questions?

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