Welcome to Kindergarten! Bienvenidos

Kindergarten Orientation 2020





Agenda

- Introductions
- Distance Learning and technology information
- Attendance
- Sample Schedules
- WaKIDS Family Connections meetings
- Kindergarten learning goals and content
- School Meals
- Tips for Success
- Upcoming Events and Information



Helpful Tips

There is a lot of information coming at you! Here are some helpful tips:

- Take a deep breath, we're here to help!
- Grab a paper and pen to take notes
- Send us any questions you may have
- This PowerPoint presentation is available to view on our website anytime



Welcome to Emerson Elementary

Thank you for joining us today! Emerson Administrators

Principal/Directora

Assistant Principal/Subdirectora



Blythe Young





Kindergarten Teachers/ Maestras



Amanda Willoughby



Melissa Fox



Caroline Jenkins



Lisa Nguyen



Jamie Leque

Distance learning

Access to Technology: Canvas and SeeSaw as a learning platform (more information will be provided by teachers when school begins)

Attendance will be taken daily

Kindergarten Schedule: Structured full day, with a mix of live sessions, recorded sessions, and student work time

Progress monitoring: tracking progress and reporting procedures



Access to Technology

- Chromebook check out for each student
- Hotspots (for internet connection) available as needed
- Distribution date: September 10th 4-6pm
- Canvas will be used across grade levels, and Seesaw will be used for Kindergarten and First Graders
- Zoom accessible on chromebooks, and on any internet connected device



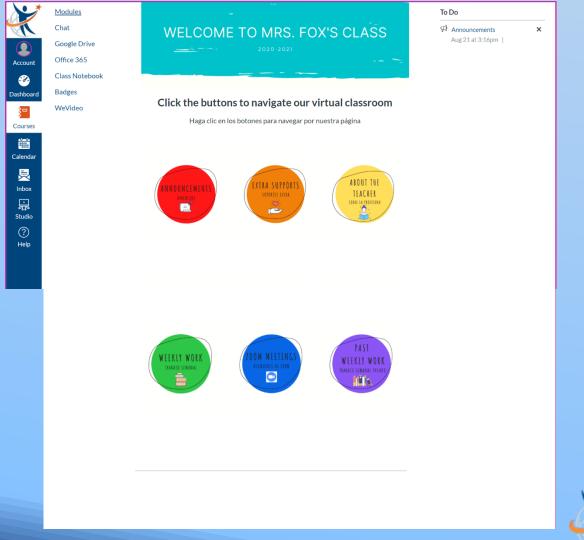
Staying engaged & connected

- Canvas is the virtual classroom platform for all grades K-12
 within Everett Public Schools
- Canvas provides a common hub for accessing information regarding:
 - Classroom home page
 - Classroom communications
 - Announcements
 - Calendar
 - Contact
 - Course content information
 - Parent support information
- Canvas includes teacher contact information and a built-in messaging feature
- Canvas app for phones and tablets





Kindergarten Canvas Page





Technology access & support

- Teachers are available to help with some technology needs
- Tech support is handled through the district website:
 - https://www.everettsd.org/Page/32723
- Parent University: Available to view beginning Sept 2nd
 - https://www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21



Daily Attendance

Attendance is taken daily, in regards to participation within the previous 24 hour window

- Zoom meetings
- Class assignments
- Emails and messages

Communication with your teacher is key!



Kindergarten Schedule

Schedules are still being finalized, but here is a **sample** of what your kindergartner's day could look like:

Overview of Kindergarten Schedule
Morning: Live Instruction
Morning: Independent work time built in
Lunch and Recess break
Specialist: P.E., Library, Art, Music and Technology
Morning or Afternoon, as needed: Small group time (Live)
Plan Do Reflect: Intentional play
Afternoon: Teacher office hours



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Estimated Time	Sample Activity
9:10-9:30	Gather materials, class and school announcements
9:30 (live via zoom)	Class meeting, calendar, live instruction
10:30-12:10 (independent)	Independent work on Canvas and Seesaw: students work on assignments posted by teacher *Scheduled small group instruction (live via zoom) *Work on various kindergarten websites and games
12:10-12:55	Lunch and recess
12:55-1:35	Specialists: Library, Technology, P.E., Music, and Art
1:40-2:10	Finish assignments posted by teacher, as needed Time for online programs such as Imagine Learning English. *Scheduled small group instruction (live via zoom)
2:10-2:25	Recess/break
2:25-3:30	Student led play time (known as Plan-Do-Reflect) *Scheduled small group instruction (live via zoom) *Office hours for support and check ins (live via zoom)

Kindergarten Schedule: Small Groups

There are built in times throughout the day for independent work, and live small group instruction

*Scheduled small group instruction (live via zoom):

- Teachers will work with families to schedule your day and time to best fit your needs, within the given time frames
- Small group instruction will occur once per week, or as needed
- When your group is not meeting, you will have independent work time

Kindergarten Schedule: Independent Work

Students will access their independent work through Canvas and Seesaw

- Some assignments will be done online
 - Watch a video, hear verbal directions, respond via voice, video, or by manipulating an online worksheet
- Many assignments will be done with hands on materials, and turned in via picture or video.
 - Writing in provided journal
 - Handwriting book
 - Assigned page in provided packet
 - Crayons, pencils, manipulatives, etc.



Kindergarten Progress Monitoring

Monitoring progress throughout the year:

- Class zoom meetings
- Small group instruction meetings
- Turned in assignments
- Communication from you!

Progress Reports are provided twice per year: January and June



First day of School

Kindergarten students' first day of school will be September 14, 2020. El primer día para los estudiantes de Kinder será el 14 de septiembre de 2020.





Family Connection Meetings Reuniones de conexión familiar

- September 9th, 10th and 11th – Family Connection Meetings will be conducted via Zoom
- 9, 10 y 11 de septiembre Las Reuniones de Conexión Familiar se llevarán a cabo a través de Zoom
- Appointments will be scheduled by your student's teacher via email
- Las citas serán programadas por el maestro de su estudiante por correo electrónico







Family Connection: Purpose

Conexión Familiar: Propósito

- To welcome families
- To begin building strong relationships
- To learn from families about children
- To answer any questions you may have

- Para dar la bienvenida a las familias
- Para comenzar a construir relaciones sólidas
- Para aprender de las familias sobre los niños
- Para responder a cualquier pregunta que pueda tener





Supporting Learning at Home

Tips for Success:

- Set up a work-space
 - Supplies within reach
 - Quiet, with few distractions
 - Consider background view and noises
- Take breaks often
- Stick to a daily or weekly routine
- Communicate questions and concerns with your teacher as they occur
- Focus on their progress as their success
- Keep them playing!



21st century skills

- Citizenship
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Growth mindset





Social skills

- Following routines
- Sharing and turn taking
- Helping others
- Recognizing feelings
- Understanding emotions
- Managing self
- Problem solving
- Interacting with children and adults
- Taking on challenging tasks





Social Skills in the Online Environment

Developing kindergarten social skills in the online environment may be challenging, but it isn't impossible!

Many skills will be challenged and strengthened during class zooms, small group zooms, and independent work times.

Consider alternative ways to support students:

- Reach out to families and set up virtual play dates
 - Recess
 - Plan Do Reflect
 - Personal time
- Family Game night
- Play with siblings
- Independent Play





Plan-Do-Reflect

Learning through intentional choice, action and reflection

Students

- Plan a self-selected project based on interests
- Construct meaning
- Interact with peers
- Process new information
- Evaluate own learning
- Managing self
- Inspire others to try new ideas
- Become an expert

Teachers

- Provide a rich learning
 environment
- Observe and support students
- Ensure students do the hard work
- Coach for risk taking
- Listen, interact and question to extend students' thinking
- Validate students as experts









Math

- Shapes
- Numbers
- Counting
- Sorting
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Measuring
- Problem solving





Literacy: Oral language

- Listening and understanding
- Learning and using new words
- Retelling familiar stories
- Expressing thoughts, feelings and ideas
- Taking turns in classroom conversations





Writing: Learning how stories work

Telling about a memory

- Who was there?
- What happened?
- Where did it happen?
- What did you say?
- How did you feel?

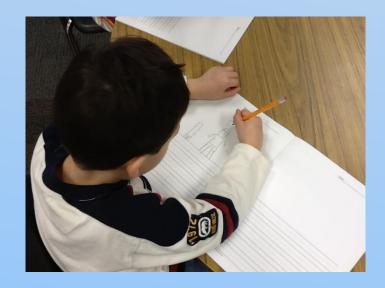






Literacy: Beginning to write

- Telling and drawing one's own stories
- Sounding out and writing letters and words
- Using writing in a variety of ways
 - o Labeling
 - Expressing opinions
 - Creating lists
 - o Journaling





Literacy: Beginning to read

- Shared reading
- Guided reading
- Independent reading
- Letters, sounds, rhyming, and beginning sight words







Science

Learn about

- Life science: animals
- Physical science: balls and ramps

Participate in STEM engineering challenges

- Ask questions
- Observe
- Gather information
- o Design
- o **Test**
- Compare possible solutions







Specialists/Especialistas





School meals

- Meal service will be provided at designated drive-through locations
- Free Meals applications are distributed at the beginning of the year and available on the district website





Before the first day

- Develop a home and bedtime routine
- Help your child learn their student ID
 number for computer log-on



- Set up your work space and gather needed supplies and materials
- Remember that attitude is everything! Help spread that positivity to your child.



Family involvement

- Support your child's learning in all areas
- Make attendance a priority
- Participate in school and family events
- Participate in WaKIDS family conference and parent-teacher conferences
- Help with class projects/work
- Join PTA





Supply List and Materials to Distribute

Kindergarten Supply List for Home

Provided by Families Crayola crayons – any size

pencil box (hard cover) 2 pack erasers 1 pair of fiskar scissors fine tip dry erase markers (preferably black) headphones

glue sticks

plain paper and/or construction paper (to write on during daily activities)

Optional:

markers colored pencils watercolors tape

Many supplies can be picked up at Emerson

Provided by Teachers white boards cubes (10) counters (10) other math manipulatives dry erase sleeve ten frame and number line hundreds chart colors of the world crayons dry erase marker name tag playdough pencil handwriting book writing book work packets (phonics, math, fine motor) name writing practice

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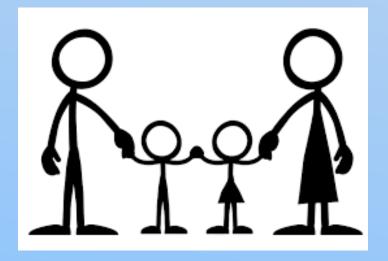
Upcoming events

- Parent University: Available to view beginning September 2nd
- Car Parade: September 8th from 4:30-6:00 pm – Teachers will drive through Emerson neighborhoods
- Family Connection meetings: September 9-11th

 By appointment, via zoom
- Kindergarten Material Distribution (Drive Thru): September 10th 4-6pm
- First day of Kindergarten: September 14th
- Curriculum Night: September 24th



Questions?/¿Preguntas?



Bring your questions to your WaKIDS Family Connections Meeting. We are here to support!

