



# Welcome to Kindergarten 2025-2026

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## Vietnamese:

BẢN DỊCH VÀ PHIÊN DỊCH ĐƯỢC CUNG CẤP CHỈ CHO SỰ THUẬN TIỆN CỦA GIA ĐÌNH VÀ KHÁCH CỦA CHÚNG TÔI.  
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# Welcome to Jefferson Elementary



## Thank you for coming!

### Introductions

Principal: Steve Hopkins  
Assistant Principal: Ally Nichol  
ML Coach: Mackenzie Perkins

Teachers:  
Sarah Adams  
Lisa Hanson  
Lindsey Wright  
Melissa Fox  
Andrea Rosen





At EPS, Kindergarten begins with **Everett Ready** a transition-into-kindergarten program

- **Monday, August 18 to Thursday, August 21**
- Half-day: **3 hours / day** - 9:10 am to 12:10 pm
- Transportation provided for qualified students  
(If student is enrolled and **registered** to attend Everett Ready by **August 1**)
- Family meeting on August 18

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For more information: [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready)

# Welcome to Kindergarten



First day of school (grades 1 to 12) – Wednesday, August 27, 2025



**Family Connection Meetings for K Families**  
**Wednesday, August 27 to Friday, August 29, 2025**

Your student's teacher will contact you to schedule your family meeting

First day of attendance for kindergarteners  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**



visit [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) to view 2024-2025 calendar





### Family Connection Meeting

- Welcomes you into the Washington K-12 system as partners in your child's education through a family conference with your child's teacher.
- The meetings take place during the first 3 school days when grades 1-12 students are starting school.
- This is an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher, share information about your child, and ask questions.

### Whole-Child Assessment

Helps kindergarten teachers learn about the skills and strengths of the children in their classrooms so they can meet the needs of each child.

### Early Learning Collaboration

Aligns practices of early learning professionals and kindergarten teachers to support smooth transitions for children.



## Family Connection Meetings

- Take place during the first 3 school days
  - August 27 - 29
  - First full day of kindergarten is **September 2nd**
- Individual meeting with teacher, student, and family will be scheduled in August
- Opportunities to:
  - Get to know the teacher
  - Share information about your child
  - Ask questions



**WaKIDS**

Washington  
Kindergarten Inventory  
of Developing Skills



[Welcome to  
WaKIDS  
\(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills



# A Day in Kindergarten



Morning Welcome Circle

Social Emotional Learning

Literacy - Reading & Writing

*Lunch & Recess*

Math

Plan-Do-Reflect

*Recess*

Specialist

Science

Closing Circle

Student Hours: 9:10-3:30



Specialists include:  
Physical Education, Library, Music, Art

# Plan – Do – Reflect (PDR)

A model of play-based learning through choice

## PLAN

Choice with intention

## DO

Develops competent thinkers, decision makers, & problem solvers

## REFLECT

Remembering & reflecting with analysis

- Enhances creativity, critical thinking & problem-solving
- Contributes to the development of self-regulation & social skills
  - Promotes physical well-being & coordination
    - Encourages reading & writing
  - Enhances communication & collaboration
    - Develops character & citizenship



# Second Step™ – Social Emotional Learning



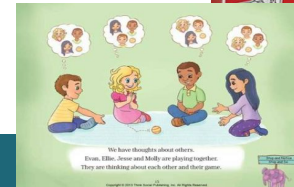
The Second Step™ curriculum promotes self-regulation: the ability to monitor and manage emotions, thoughts, and behaviors.

Helps children focus their attention on learning when they might be distracted by others, upset by a problem, or excited about an upcoming event.

Increases the ability to self-regulate and helps children get along better, engage with teachers and their peers, and promoting positive social goals and values.

It's a key to school readiness that supports children's ability to be successful in both academic and social situations.

**We Thinkers** provides lessons on collaborating with peers.



# Illustrative Mathematics



The big ideas in kindergarten math include; representing and comparing whole numbers, initially with sets of objects; understanding and applying addition and subtraction; and describing shapes and space. More time in kindergarten is devoted to numbers than to other topics.

The mathematical work for kindergarten is partitioned into 8 units:

1. Math in Our World
2. Numbers 1–10
3. Flat Shapes All Around Us
4. Understanding Addition and Subtraction
5. Composing and Decomposing Numbers to 10
6. Numbers 0-20
7. Solid Shapes All Around Us
8. Putting It All Together





# Science



## Learn about...

- Life science: Animals 2x2
- Physical science: Balls and Ramps
  - Ask questions
  - Observe
  - Gather information
  - Record and report findings



## Apply...

- Next Generation Science Standards practices and crosscutting concepts

**Participate in STEM engineering challenges**





# Heart Words



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## Reading Foundational Skills

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Heart words
- Shared reading
- Small flexible groups
- Independent practice





## Learning how stories work Telling about a memory

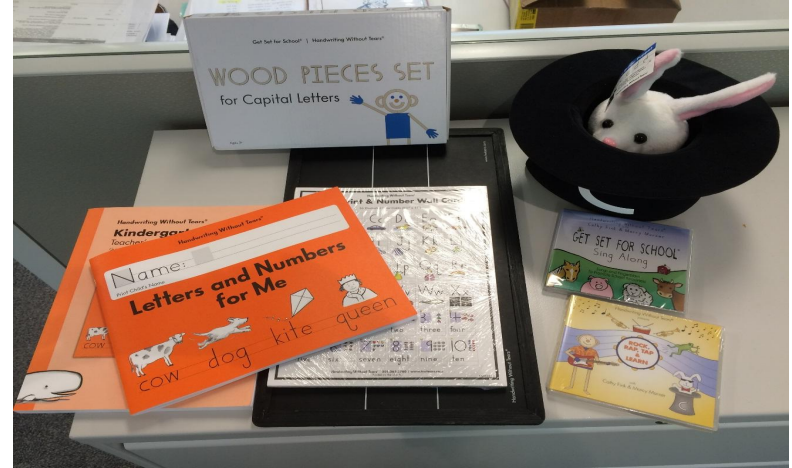
- What happened?
- Who was there?
- Where did it happen?
- How did you feel?
- What did you say?





## Fine Motor Development

- Pencil grip
- Correct letter and number formation
- Letter proportion and spacing
- Building stamina for writing



# Multilingual Learner (ML) Program



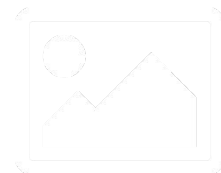
- The program provides structured language acquisition instructions to students whose native language is not English and qualified Native American students
- Students are assessed measuring their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Scores indicate if support is required
- ML services are available at all our schools





## IMPORTANT

- Make sure that your child's **vaccination** is completed before their 1<sup>st</sup> day of school attendance:
  - Everett Ready - August 19
  - or
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of school - Sept. 2nd
- Complete / submit the '**Annual Health History**' by mid-July, at the latest, if your child:
  - has a life-threatening condition / a medical plan
  - and**
  - will be attending Everett Ready.





# Transportation



## Bus Transportation

- ❑ Provided for students that reside outside a half-mile radius of the school
- ❑ Designated bus stops located along routes in central locations
- ❑ Routes are available on the district website prior to the start of school
- ❑ Route information is communicated to families via automated phone call and email prior to start of school
- ❑ All students have assigned seats with kindergartners in front of bus



For additional information and forms: [www.everettsd.org/busroutes](http://www.everettsd.org/busroutes)  
[www.everettsd.org/transportation](http://www.everettsd.org/transportation)

# Food and Nutrition Services



## Students:

- ☐ may bring breakfast and/or lunch from home
- ☐ may purchase\* either a hot or cold meal at school



**Families** can set up an online account for school meals\*

**School meals** are prepared to be free of these allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish and pork. If your student has other allergies, you can submit a *Special Dietary Accommodation Request* form.

*\*Free and reduced meals are available. Meals provided at Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) sites are offered at no charge to families.*

For additional information and forms: <https://www.everettsd.org/foodservices>



## Ways to support your child's learning

- Make attendance a priority
- Come to school and family events
- Participate in WaKIDS family meeting and parent teacher conferences
- Help with class projects/work
- Volunteer
- Join PTA or Natural Leaders



*Being involved in your student's school sends a positive message about the importance of education!*

# Attendance



Attendance in K is critical to build academic and social, emotional skills.

- Just 2 days a month (18 days a year) can put a child on track to be significantly behind for years.
- One missed day has the effect of 2 missed days of content because of the need to catch up.
- Illnesses happen, especially with a new school environment, for guidance on when to keep kids home - <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/9177>

If your child is going to be absent, please call/email:

→ 425-385-7405

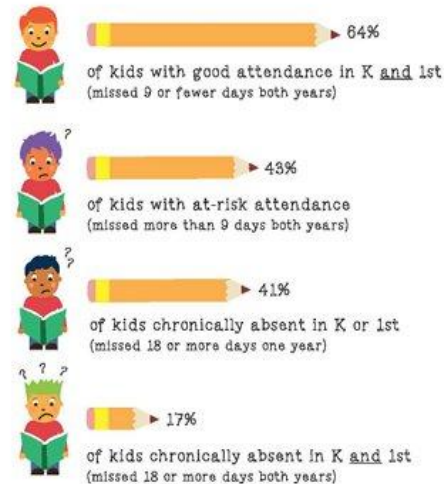
✉ JFEattendance@everettsd.org

## Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

# Additional Suggestions



- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.



- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.



- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.



- Develop some backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

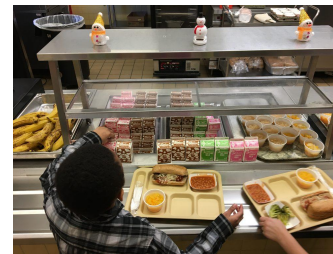


- As much as possible avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

# Creating Independence



- Independently use the bathroom
- Put on, zip, and button coat
- Blow own nose
- Wash hands
- Open food & lunch containers
- Clean up small spills
- Put away materials
- Ask for help





# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



- Plan to attend **Everett Ready**
  - **Monday, August 18 to Thursday, August 21** (3 hours in the morning)
  - [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready)
- Develop a home and bedtime routine
- Help your child learn their personal information (first and last name)
- Get supplies ready and labeled (listed on school's website)
- Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures

# Summer Activity Kit



- Summer Bucket list to support Kindergarten readiness
- Important K Dates To Remember!
- “Kindergarten Here I Come”
- Bookmark (reading and math strategies)
- Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines
  - Jefferson Library Summer Hours - Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 starting July 2nd



Summer Bucket List to support kindergarten readiness	
<p>Parents and families have a very important role in their child's first teacher. Children learn in different ways and at different rates. They come to school with varying skills. The activities below supports some fun ways to work with your child this summer to help them be more ready for school. They can complete the bucket list more than once if they wish.</p>	
<p><b>Social/Emotional</b></p>	
1	Play Beach Toys Outside: Give two sets of beach toys each number, when you clap your hands and jump!
2	Follow directions and get ready for bed: bedtime, dinner, bath, brush teeth, read bedtime story, go to bed!
3	Emotion Game: Act out different emotions and ask if your family can guess. Have them act out emotions too! Do you guess?
4	Find a light in your house that is safe when you get frightened or sad. What will you do then to help calm down?
5	Being dressed and ready for a trip to the park or to school!
6	Tell a family member all the things you can do by yourself! Get a snack, brush your teeth, get dressed!
7	Be a helpful act of kindness: How can you help?
8	Care your teeth or play with!
9	Be a cheerleader for your family or friend!
10	Take a picture of something you love and share it!
11	Share a story with a friend or sibling.
12	Put on and carry out a mission list of tasks!
13	Practice writing things on paper.
<p><b>Physical</b></p>	
1	Play an outside family game.
2	Use sidewalk chalk to create a line dance: dance. Create an eight count and go! Try to follow down the sidewalk.
3	Play a game with a ball where you need to throw, catch and kick the ball.
4	Play catch with a friend or family member. How many times can you catch the ball in a row without dropping it?
5	Use magazines, newspaper or your imagination to find things you like. Cut out the pictures and glue them to make a collage.
6	Use sidewalk chalk to draw your favorite things.
7	Answer questions, songs, and riddles as you go through the summer.
<p><b>Language</b></p>	
1	Act out your favorite story.
2	Play I Spy during a nature walk with an adult! Give them 5 clues to see if they can guess what you spy!
3	Talk about the weather: How many words can you use to describe it? (sunny, hot, cloudy, etc.)
4	Draw a picture of your favorite book. Tell a family member as many details as you can about your story.
5	Ask a family member that does not live with you and tell them about your kindergarten summer bucket list.
6	Ask a family member to tell you a story about what they were a kindergarten!
7	Tell a family member a story about something funny that happened to you.

# Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines



**EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
PreK-3 Cross District Coalition

## Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher. Children learn in different ways and at different rates. They come to school with varying skills. These guidelines highlight some of the skills that will help your child be prepared for kindergarten. The list below suggests ways to work with your child to help him/her be successful in school.

	Has she mastered this skill?	Yes, my child can do this.
<b>Social/Emotional</b>		
1. My child can follow 2-step directions consistently and is beginning to follow 3-step directions.		
2. My child can remember and follow routines (e.g., dinner, bath, brush teeth, read bedtime story, go to bed).		
3. My child can tell about his/her own feelings (e.g., I feel happy, I feel sad, I feel excited).		
4. My child can calm him/herself when frustrated or upset.		
5. My child can put on his/her own coat.		
6. My child can use the bathroom independently.		
7. My child can wash his/her hands.		
8. My child can put away toys, clean up small spills and pick up after him/herself.		
9. My child shares, takes turns and helps others.		
10. My child adjusts to new situations and/or people.		
11. My child plays cooperatively with others.		
12. My child can comfort others.		
13. My child has the opportunity to play regularly with the same friends his/her age.		
<b>Physical</b>		
1. My child can run, jump and gallop.		
2. My child can stand on one foot.		
3. My child can throw and catch a large ball.		
4. My child can kick a ball.		
5. My child can cut using scissors.		
6. My child can hold and use a pencil.		
7. My child can buckle, zip, snap, and button.		
<b>Language</b>		
1. My child can use words to express his/her thoughts and needs.		
2. My child can name and describe familiar things in his/her world.		
3. My child uses new words everyday.		
4. My child speaks clearly and is understood by most people.		
5. My child can speak in 4-6 word sentences.		
6. My child can talk about things that happened in the past, with details.		
7. My child can have a conversation on one topic with another person, taking turns talking.		

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Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher.

These guidelines, available in multiple languages, highlight some of the skills that will help your child prepare for kindergarten.

[www.everettsd.org/kindergarten](http://www.everettsd.org/kindergarten)

# Kindergarten School Supplies



Students are asked to bring the following supplies at the start of school year:

Posted on the Everett Public Schools website

Lists available in office after August 11th





If you have concerns about your child's development or readiness for kindergarten, please contact:

- Steve Hopkins - 425-385-7400
- Special Services - 425-385-5250





## STAY CONNECTED



**ParentSquare** keeps you updated through an app, text, email, and voice messages. You will receive an email in August from ParentSquare to activate your account. We encourage you to also download the app. This is the best way to stay engaged with your student's teacher and school. This is how you will receive emergency messages, absences, school and district information, and more.

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**Social media** is a great way to keep informed about school and district events and happenings. The district and schools have various social media accounts. Visit our social media directory on the website to find the ones you want to follow. (Departments/Communication/Social Media Directory)

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## Monique Webber, Jefferson PTA President



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# Natural Leaders



Multicultural families plan events for the JFE community:

- Volunteer Application Support
- Multilingual Literacy Night
- Multicultural Night
- Monthly Feedback/Planning Meetings

Natural Leaders receive training at the district level:

- High School/Middle School Registration
- Food and Nutrition
- Special Services
- Career and Technical Programs
- and More!





Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program serving 3 and 4 year old students and located at seven locations across EPS: Cedar Wood, Jackson, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, Silver Lake and Silver Firs Elementary Schools.



ECEAP supports student learning and the whole family through these services:

- Preschool education
- Family services
- Health & nutrition services

[www.everettsd.org/eceap](http://www.everettsd.org/eceap)

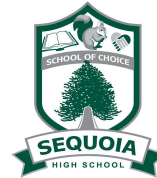




**Play and Learn** is a school-year program for children birth through 5 years and their parents or caregivers. Together they engage in play-based learning that enhances brain development and supports school readiness.

Play and learn is currently serving families Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 12:00 at Mill Creek City Hall North, Evergreen Branch of the Everett Public Library, Sequoia High School Gym and Lively Environmental Center.

Visit website [www.everettsd.org/playandlearn](http://www.everettsd.org/playandlearn) for more information.





# THANK YOU!

