



Welcome to Kindergarten 2022-23





Thank you for coming!

Introductions:
Administration
Teachers





Kindergarten begins with Everett Ready

- Monday, August 22 – Friday, August 26 at Jefferson
- Half-day: 3 hours per day, 9:10 am – 12:10 pm
- Transportation provided for qualified students
- Welcome meeting on August 22nd at 9:15am
- Family Meeting on August 26th at 11:30am

- Build relationships with teachers and peers
- Become familiar with the school campus
- Learn school routines
- Explore classroom materials
- Feel safe and confident





Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

The Three Components

Family Connection Meeting – welcomes families into the Washington K-12 system as partners in their child's education through a family conference with your child's teacher.

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
 - September 7, 8, & 9
 - First full day of kindergarten is **September 12**
- 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

21st Century Skills



- Citizenship
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Growth Mindset



A Day in Kindergarten



Kindergarten Schedule

- Late start schools 9:15 am to 3:30 pm



Specialists include Physical Education, Library, Music, or Art

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| <input type="radio"/> Morning Welcome Circle |
| <input type="radio"/> Social Emotional Learning |
| <input type="radio"/> Literacy - Reading & Writing |
| <input type="radio"/> Lunch & Recess |
| <input type="radio"/> Math |
| <input type="radio"/> Plan-Do-Reflect |
| <input type="radio"/> Recess |
| <input type="radio"/> Specialist |
| <input type="radio"/> Science |
| <input type="radio"/> Closing Circle |

Plan – Do – Reflect (PDR)



A model of play-based learning

- **Plan** – Choice with intention
- **Do** – Develops competent thinkers, decision makers, and 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
- Literacy-based materials encourage reading & writing
- Enhances communication & collaboration
- Develops character & citizenship

Second Step – Social Emotional Learning



The Second Step™ curriculum promotes self-regulation which is 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 helps children get along better with teachers and their peers.

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



Illustrative Mathematics



The big ideas in kindergarten 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





Learn about...

- Life science
- Physical science

Apply...

- Next Generation Science Standards practices and crosscutting concepts

Participate in STEM engineering challenges

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





Reading Foundational Skills

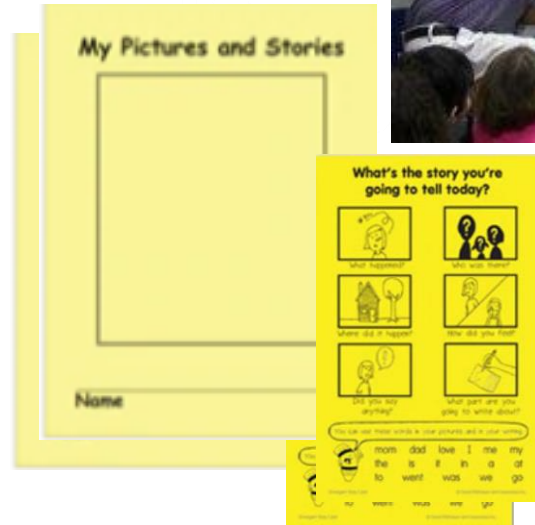
- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Heart words
- Shared reading
- Small flexible groups
- Independent practice





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





Bus Transportation

- Provided for students that reside outside a one-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



Food and Nutrition Services



Students can bring:

- breakfast or purchase school breakfast
- lunch or purchase school lunch

Families can set up an account for school breakfast/lunch



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

Free and reduced meals are available.

To get more information or apply, visit our district website. Links to all forms may be found on our Food & Nutrition Website: www.everettsd.org/menus



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



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



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.

	Yes, my child can do this.	Yes, my child can do this.
Social/Emotional		
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 (ex: dinner, bath, brush teeth, read bedtime story, go to bed).		
3. My child can tell about his/her own feelings (ex: 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.		
Physical		
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.		
Language		
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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These guidelines, available in multiple languages, highlight some of the skills that will help your child prepare for kindergarten.

www.everettsd.org/kindergarten

Summer Activity Kit



- Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines
- Summer Bucket list to support Kindergarten readiness
- Important K Dates To Remember!
- “Kindergarten Here I Come”
- Bookmark (reading and math strategies)



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 for 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! Please fill.</p>	
Social/Emotional	
1	Play Simon Says! (Include five actions of something each number, when you stop your hands and jump)
2	Follow directions and get ready for bed (brush teeth, change, brush teeth, read bed time story, go to bed)
3	Emotions game: Act out different emotions and ask if your family can guess. How many can act out emotions that do you guess?
4	Find a spot in your house that is safe when you get frightened or sad. What will you do there to help calm down?
5	Being stressed and ready for a trip to the park all by yourself!
6	Tell a family member all the things you can do for yourself (get a snack, brush your teeth, get dressed)
7	Be a helper, act of kindness (how didn't make you feel?)
8	Care your teeth or play with
9	Be a cheer for your family or friend
10	Take or bring to school good you have never seen
11	Draw a story with a friend or sibling
12	Put and carry out a basket full of vegetables
13	Include writing things on page
Physical	
1	Play an outside family game
2	Use sidewalk chalk to create a line (sidewalk dance). Order alphabet, carry one egg, 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 you can use 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	Stretch (egg, apple, one butterfly as you go needs for kindergarten)
Language	
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? (clouds, hot, sunny, hot, rain, etc.)
4	Draw a picture of your favorite insect. Tell a family member or many details or you can about your insect
5	Get 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

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



- Plan to attend **Everett Ready**
 - Monday, August 22 to Friday, August 26
 - 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
- Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures





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

- Elizabeth Kelley - 425-385-7490
- Special Services - 425-385-5250





STAY CONNECTED



Blackboard Connect keeps you updated through phone call, text messages and email. When you register with your school, make sure you enter up to date contact information and you will receive emergency messages, absences, school and district information and more.



District App combines content from the parent alert system, district website, district social media sites and the parent and student portals to provide a one-stop-shop for information. Push notifications are used in emergencies. Download the free Everett Public Schools mobile app, available in the online iTunes and Google Play app stores.



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)





Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program serving 3 and 4 year old students and located at six elementary schools across Everett Public Schools: Cedar Wood, Jackson, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake.

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

- Preschool education
- Family services
- Health & nutrition services



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 at Mill Creek City Hall North on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:00 (*families can attend one of the two sessions*).

Visit website www.everettsd.org/playandlearn for more information, registration, and virtual English and Spanish circle time videos.





THANK YOU!

