Welcome to Kindergarten!

Everett Public Schools
2023
Welcome to Lowell Elementary

Thank you for joining us today!

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

- **Monday, August 21 – Thursday, August 24**
- **Half-day: 3 hours / day - 8:30 am to 11:30 am/pm**
- **Transportation provided for qualified students**
  (if student is enrolled and registered for Everett Ready before August 8th)

**Build relationships with teachers & peers**

**Become familiar with the school campus**

**Learn school routines**

**Explore classroom materials**

**Feel safe & confident**
First day of school

Kindergarten students’ first day of school will be Monday, September 11, 2023.
Families first

- September 6th, 7th and 8th – Family Connection Meetings
- Appointments will be scheduled with families in August
- You will find out your child’s teacher at the end of August
Family Connection: Purpose

• To welcome families
• To begin building strong relationships
• To learn from families about children
Pathway to Success:

Families and teachers partnering to get to know you and your child

Family connection

Teachers identifying children’s strengths to target support where it’s needed most

Whole child assessment

Kindergarten teachers and early learning providers sharing information to help children succeed

Early learning Collaboration

Creating a pathway toward your child’s success in school

The Result

Creating a pathway toward your child’s success in school
How do children get to school?

- Walk
- Car
- Bus
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
www.everettsd.org/transportation
Arrival

**Bus:** Staff meet students and direct them to breakfast or line-up

**Walking:** Students go to breakfast or line-up

**Car drop-off:** Staff direct students to breakfast or line up around the south end of the building after they are dropped off by the leopard mural

Students use the main entrance only if they are arriving late.
Dismissal

**Bus:** Teachers walk students to their buses

**Walking:** Teachers walk students to meet families on the grass near the bus area

**Car pick-up:** Staff walk students to the pick-up area to wait for their vehicle (south end of the building along View Drive, by the leopard mural)

- You can help us by making a dashboard sign with your child’s name and the letter K
Before/After School Care

EPS partners with the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club to provide before and after school care at many of our schools.

There are also community childcare programs that transport students to and from some schools.

Lowell has a YMCA before and after school program on site.


- Boys & Girls – visit [https://bgcsc.org/clubs/everett-club/childcare/](https://bgcsc.org/clubs/everett-club/childcare/)
Immunization Status & Health History

**IMPORTANT**

- Make sure that your child’s **vaccination** is completed before their 1\textsuperscript{st} day of school attendance:
  - Everett Ready - August 21
    - or
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} day of school - September 11

- 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.
School Schedule Info

8:10: Student arrival begins (go to breakfast in the cafeteria, or line up in the covered play area)

8:30: Teachers pick up students from the covered play area

8:35: Students are considered tardy after this, and must enter through the office

Dismissal times:
• 2:50 Monday-Thursday
• 1:35 Friday
• 12:20 on early release days (see district calendar)
A Day in Kindergarten

**Specialists include:**
Physical Education, Library, Music, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

**Activities:**
- Morning Welcome Circle
- Social Emotional Learning
- Literacy - Reading & Writing
- Lunch & Recess
- Math
- Plan-Do-Reflect
- Recess
- Specialist
- Science
- Closing Circle
Beginning of the day

- Welcome students
- Coats & backpacks away
- Morning routines
21st Century Skills

- Citizenship
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Growth Mindset
Social Skills and Second Step

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

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.
## Plan-Do-Reflect

**Learning through intentional choice, action and reflection**

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| - 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 | - 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 |

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**Image Description**

- **Left Column**: Images of children engaged in activities, indicating hands-on learning and project-based education.
- **Right Column**: Images of a classroom setting, emphasizing collaborative and supportive learning environments.
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
Literacy: Oral language

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

• What happened?
• Who was there?
• Where did it happen?
• How did you feel?
• What did you say?
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
  o Expressing opinions
  o Creating lists
  o Journaling
Literacy: Beginning to read

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

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
Recess

- Physical activity
- Time to play with other children
- Learning to cooperate, take turns and solve problems
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.
Specialists

Music
Specialists

Library
Specialists

PE
Specialists

STEM
Our School

Main office

Cafeteria

Health room
Nutrition

• Breakfast and lunch are available every day and will be free for every child this year!

• Snacks vary by school & teacher

• Students will be given a lunch card to scan with their student ID # when getting breakfast/lunch.
Lunch

- Hot and cold meal options are offered every day
- Each school has a salad bar that offers a variety of fruits and vegetables

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.
Supporting your child’s success
Creating independence

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

• Support your child’s learning in all areas
• Make attendance a priority
• Come to school and family events
• Participate in WaKIDS family conference and parent-teacher conferences
• Help with class projects/work
• Volunteer
• Join PTA or Natural Leaders
Before the first day

- Plan to attend **Everett Ready**
  - Monday, August 21 to Thursday, August 24
  - [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready)
- Develop a home and bedtime routine
- Help your child learn their personal information
- Get supplies ready and labeled
- Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up
School supply list

Bring to September teacher/parent meeting

• 1 box of Crayola crayons (24)
• 10 glue sticks
• 1 large box of tissues
• 1 package of baby wipes
• 1 box colored pencils or colored markers
• 1 pair of Friskar scissors
• 1 package of yellow #2 pencils
• 1 plain 2 pocket folder
• Backpack
• 1 box of either quart, gallon or sandwich sized bags
• 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (unscented)
• 1 package of dry erase markers
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)
Additional support

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

  • Elizabeth Kelley, Principal
  • Victoria Dowdy, Assistant Principal
  • Special Services
    o 425-385-5250
  • Early Learning Department
    o 425-385-4024
    o 425-385-4068
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)
ECEAP: Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

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
Questions?
Thank you