



Welcome to Kindergarten 2025-2026



Welcome to Penny Creek Elementary



Thank you for coming!

Introductions:

- Marti Shefveland – Principal
- Stephanie Kirkpatrick – Assistant Principal
- Melissa Smith and Kathleen Tinsley – Everett Ready Teachers
- Katie McCarthy, Peyton Blankenburg, Shannon Osmonson, Nicole Hong – PCE Kinder Teachers
- Specialists:
 - Susan Wood – PE
 - Kim Woodrum – Library
 - Jessica Johnson – Music
 - Sarah Rogers – Art
 - Jeanne Medalia - STEM





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

Monday, August 18 – Thursday, August 21

Build
relationships
with teachers
& peers

Become
familiar with
the school
campus

Learn school
routines

Explore
classroom
materials

Feel safe
& confident





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.

Welcome to Kindergarten



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

First day of school for kindergarten
Tuesday, September 2, 2025



Family Connection Meetings
Wednesday, August 27 to Friday, August 29

Your student's teacher will contact you in late August to schedule your one-on-one meeting



21st 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



Specialists may include:

Physical Education, Library, Music, Art, or STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Plan – Do – Reflect (PDR)



A model of play-based learning

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.



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

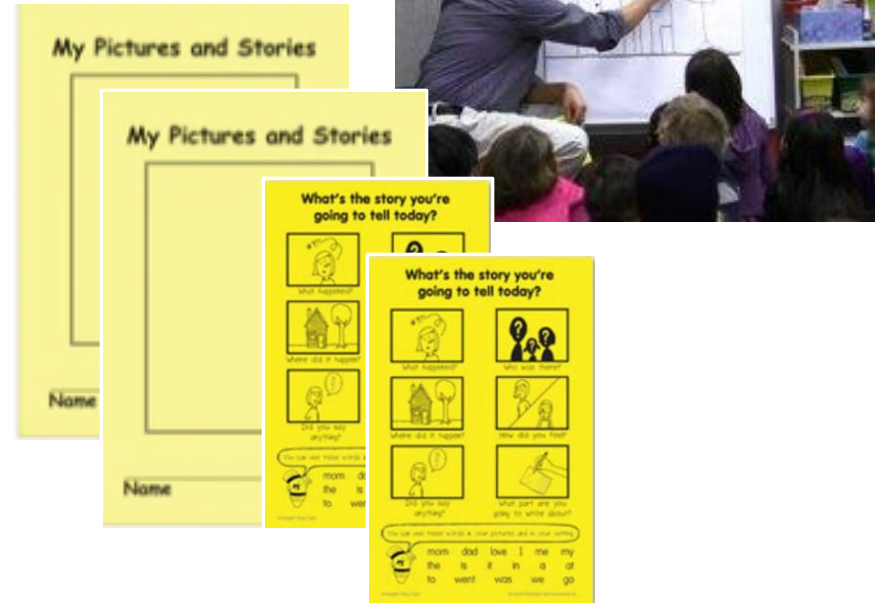
- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Sight words
- Shared reading
- Small flexible groups
- Independent practice





Learning how stories work Telling about a memory

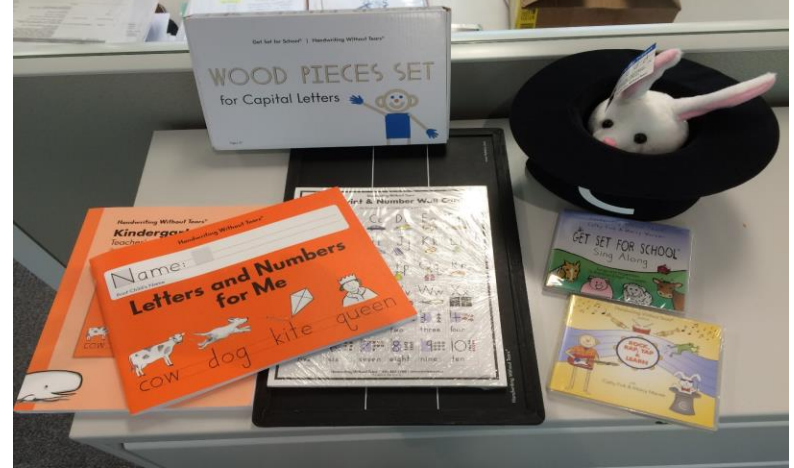
- What happened?
- Who was there?
- Where did it happen?
- How did you feel?
- What did you say?





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



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 for before and after school care.

Once your student is enrolled, contact your neighborhood school to find out what options are available for the 2025-2026 school year.

- **YMCA** – visit <https://snoco.recliquecore.com/programs/1044/school-age-care/?locations=-1>
- **Boys & Girls** – visit <https://bgcsc.org/clubs/everett-club/childcare/>



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

Food and Nutrition Services



Students:

- ❑ may bring breakfast and/or lunch from home
- ❑ may get either a hot or cold meal at school [no cost to families]

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.



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

Family Involvement



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!

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.

Social/ Emotional	We are working on this	Yes, my child can do this
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	We are working on this	Yes, my child can do this
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	We are working on this	Yes, my child can do this
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



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

- Marti Shefveland – 425-385-7200
- Special Services - 425-385-5250





STAY CONNECTED

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)





ParentVUE is your one-stop online portal to stay informed and involved in your student's academic journey. With real-time updates and easy access to key information, ParentVUE helps you support your student every step of the way.



ParentVue: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/43339>



THANK YOU!



