Welcome to Kindergarten 2023-24
Welcome to Penny Creek Elementary

Introductions

Administration:
Ms. Shefveland, Principal
Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Assistant Principal

6 Kindergarten Teachers: Mrs. Blankenburg, Mrs. Hong, Mrs. Kyser, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. McCarthy, & Mrs. Osmonson
Kindergarten begins with Everett Ready

- Monday, August 21 – Thursday, August 24
- On site here at Penny Creek
- 9:15am-12:15pm
- Transportation provided for qualified students
- Small snack provided
Kindergarten begins with Everett Ready

Why come to Everett Ready?

- Build relationships with teachers and peers
- Become familiar with the school campus
- Learn school routines
- Small groups rotate through stations
- Whole group welcome & goodbye each day
Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

Family Connection Meeting – welcomes families into the Washington K-12 system as partners in their child’s education through a 20-30 minute family conference with your child's teacher.

• PLEASE bring your child to this meeting😊

Whole-Child Assessment – during the first 2 months of school, helps kindergarten teachers learn about the skills the children in their classrooms are coming to school with so they can meet the needs of each child. **Domains assessed:** social-emotional, literacy, math, language, cognitive & physical
Family Connection Meetings

• Take place during the first 3 school days
  • September 6, 7, & 8
  • First full day of kindergarten is September 11

• Individual meeting with teacher, student, and family will be scheduled in late August

• WHY?
  • Get to know the teacher, student sees classroom
  • Share information about your child
  • Bring in your child’s school supplies
Parent-Teacher Communication

- After WaKIDS conferences, there are 2 more opportunities to formally conference with your child’s teacher during the school year: November 13-17 and March 25-29 - early release days, 20 minute conferences in afternoons

- For day to day communication, your assigned teacher will let you know the best way to contact her, typically email is the most convenient

- Individual teachers will send out weekly or monthly newsletters to keep you up to date on curriculum, themes, important dates, etc
Penny Creek PRIDE

Behavior Expectations:
• Be a PROBLEM SOLVER
• Show RESPECT
• Be IN CONTROL and SAFE
• DO YOUR BEST
• Show EVERYBODY CARES
A Day in Kindergarten

Penny Creek School Hours
• 9:10 am to 3:30 pm

Specialists include Physical Education, Library, Music, Art & STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)
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 what went well
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.

Kindergarten is more than just academics. It’s also about learning how to get along with others and how to manage oneself in a group setting.
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
• Read with child, monthly homework ideas
• Join PTA or Natural Leaders
Kindergarten Readiness: Creating Independence

- Independently use the bathroom
- Put on, zip, and button coat
- Wash hands
- Open food & lunch containers
- Clean up small spills
- Put away materials
- Ask for help
- Waits turn in group setting
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)
Getting Ready for Kindergarten

- Plan to attend **Everett Ready**
  - Monday, August 21 to Thursday, August 24
  - [www.everettssd.org/everettready](http://www.everettssd.org/everettready)
- Help your child learn their personal information (first and last name) and 6 digit student number
- Get supplies ready to drop off at WaKIDS meeting
- Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures
- Label coats, lunchboxes, and water bottles
- Standard sized backpacks big enough to fit folders
Bus Transportation

- Provided for students that reside outside a one-mile radius of the school
- 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.

If your student is purchasing a school lunch, knowing his/her 6 digit student number will be helpful.
Additional Support

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

• Ms. Shefveland (Principal)  425-385-7200
• District Special Services  425-385-5250
THANK YOU!