Welcome to Kindergarten 2023-24

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS®

Welcome to XX Elementary

Thank you for coming!

Introductions:

- Administration
- Teachers
- Specialists

- PTA / Natural Leaders members if present

Everett Ready

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

- Monday, August 21 – Thursday, August 24
- Half-day: 3 hours / day - xx am to xx am/pm
- Transportation provided for qualified students
  (if student is enrolled and registered for Everett Ready before August)
- Family meeting on August xx from xx to xx

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Build relationships with teachers & peers

Become familiar with the school campus

Learn school routines

Explore classroom materials

Feel safe & confident

WaKIDS' Three Components

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, September 6, 2023

First day of school for kindergarten
Monday, September 11, 2023

Family Connection Meetings

Wednesday, September 6 to **Friday, September 8**

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

WaKIDS

WaKIDS Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

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

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

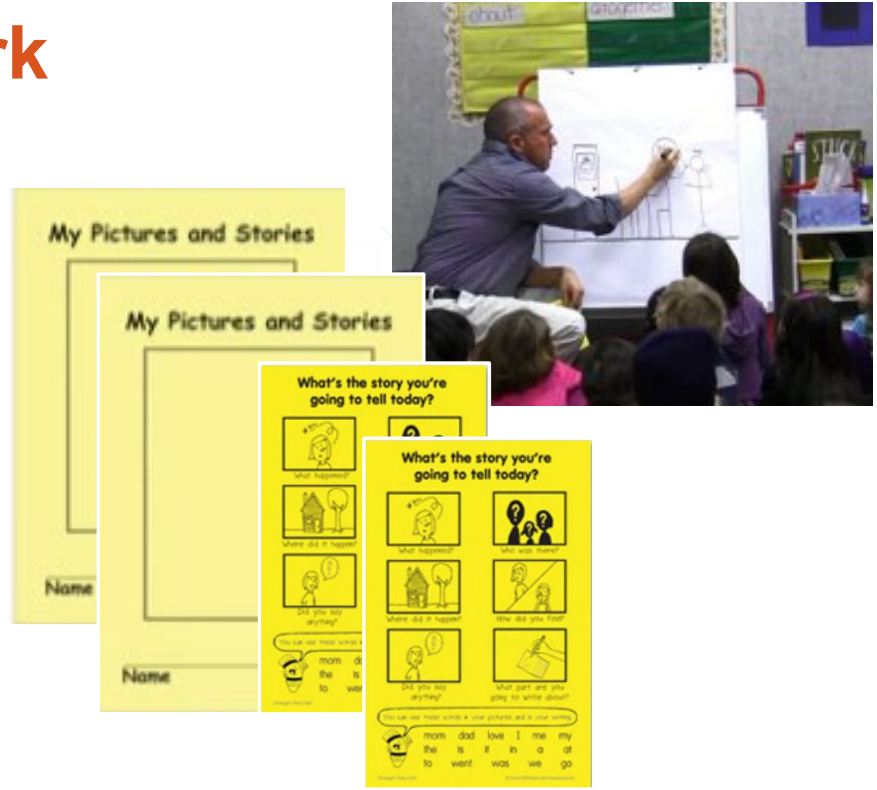
Reading Foundational Skills

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

Learning how stories work

Telling about a memory

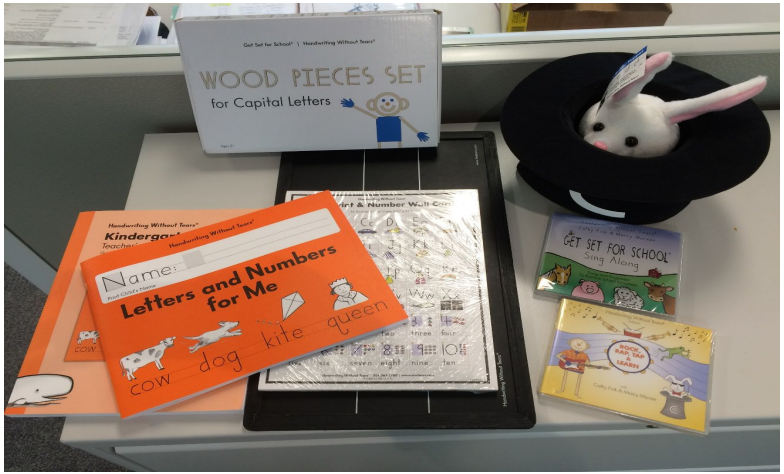
- What happened?
- Who was there?
- Where did it happen?
- How did you feel?
- What did you say?



Handwriting Without Tears

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

Current Students (Preschool / Transitional Kindergarten)

If you have a student currently attending an EPS early learning program: ECEAP Preschool, Developmental Preschool, or Transitional Kindergarten, they are already EPS students so don't need to re-enroll. Just complete and return the following three documents that have been provided by your student's teacher:

- Everett Ready Registration Form
- Kindergarten Questionnaire
- Kindergarten Transportation

Thank you!

Immunization Status & Health History

IMPORTANT

- Make sure that your child's **vaccination** is completed before their 1st day of school attendance:
  - Everett Ready - August 21
    or
  - 1st day of school - September 11
- Complete / submit the '**Annual Health History**' by mid-July, at the
  - has a life-threatening condition / a medical plan
    and
  - will be attending Everett Ready.

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 2023-2024 school year.

- **YMCA** – visit https://ymca-snoco.org/programs/child-care/school-age-care/
- **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 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

Family Involvement

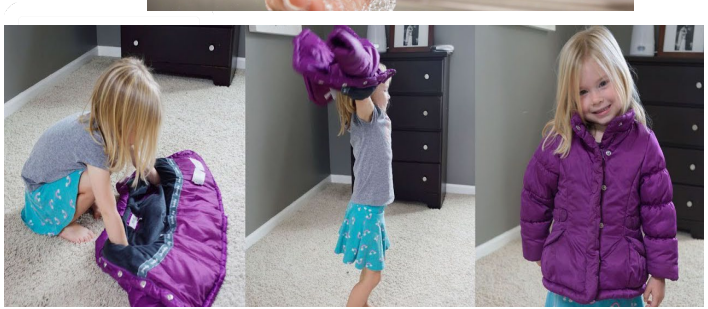
Ways to support your child's learning

- 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

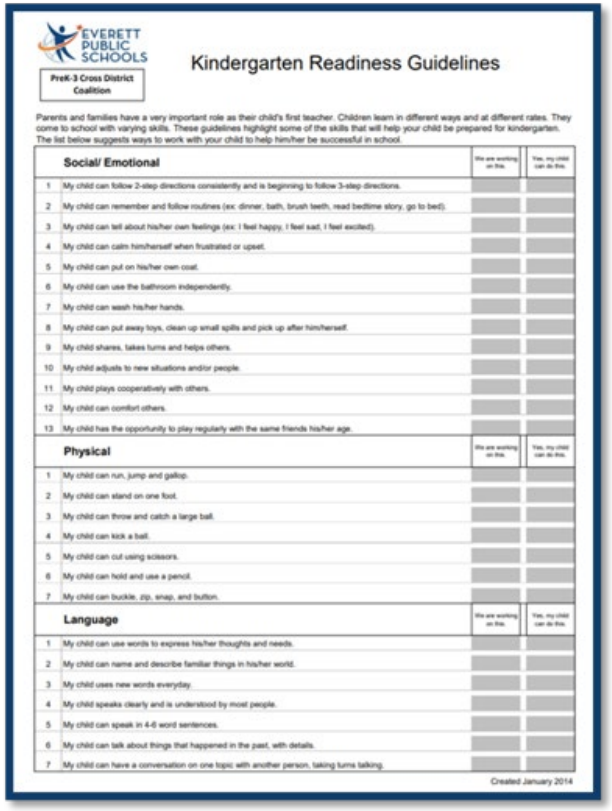
Being involved in your student's school sends a positive message about the importance of education!

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



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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

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

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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. The activity list below suggests some fun ways to work with your child this summer to help him/her be more ready for school. They can complete the bucket list more than once!! Have fun!

Social/ Emotional

1. Play Simon Says Outside. Give two sets of directions each turn (ex: simon says clap your hands and jump)
2. Follow directions and get ready for bed on time (ex: dinner, bath, brush teeth, read bedtime story, go to bed)
3. Emotion game. Act out different emotions and see if your family can guess. Have them act out emotions too! Can you guess?
4. Find a spot in your house that is safe when you get frustrated or sad. What will you do there to help calm down?
5. Getting dressed and ready for a trip to the park all by yourself!
6. Tell a family member all the things you can do by yourself (get a snack, brush your teeth, get dressed)
7. Do a random act of kindness. How did it make you feel?
8. Clean your room or play area.
9. Do a chore to help your family at home!
10. Take an outing to a new place you have never been.
11. Share a toy with a friend or sibling.
12. Plan and carry out a random act of kindness.
13. Playdate with a friend outside.

Physical

1. Play an outside family game.
2. Use sidewalk chalk to create a line obstacle course. Draw straight, curvy and zig zag lines 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 junk mail ads 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. Practice zips, snaps, and buttons as you are ready 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? (cloudy like, sounds like, feels like?)
4. Draw a picture of your favorite animal. Tell a family member as many details as you can about your animal.
5. Tell 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 when they were a kindergartener!
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 21 to Thursday, August 24
  - 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

Additional Support

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

- Your School Principal (NAME?)
- Special Services - 425-385-5250

Communications

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.

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT UNIVERSITY 2020-2021

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)

PTA / Natural Leaders

ECEAP – Early Learning Programs for your Younger Child

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 & Learn – Early Learning Programs for your Younger Child

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, Everett Public Library, Sequoia High School Gym.

Visit website www.everettsd.org/playandlearn for more information.

THANK YOU!

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