

KINDERGARTEN BEGINNERS DAY

Welcome to the Hawk Ridge Family!



A Place Where Children Soar

Agenda

- Welcome
- First Week of School Information
- A Day in Kindergarten
- Preparing for Kindergarten

First Week of School Information

School Information

- **School Hours**
 - 7:45am-2:45pm (Students may enter the building beginning at 7:15am.)
- **Breakfast** is provided beginning at 7:15am. This is a free service to all students.
- Families will receive **information in the mail** approximately two weeks before the beginning of school about:
 - Open House Date and Time
 - School Supply List (can also be found on HRES website)
 - Bus Information
 - Staggered Entry Date

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

Each child will be assigned to come **ONE** of the following days:

- Monday, August 28th
- Tuesday, August 29th
- Wednesday, August 30th

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- Thursday, August 31st is
OPEN HOUSE AND MEET YOUR TEACHER (time TBD)
 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st is the first day for all students to
come to KINDERGARTEN

[CMS 2023-2024 Calendar](#)

Independence Mindset!

We have a separate entrance for Kinders during Staggered Entry (to the right when facing main entrance)

Parents are welcome to escort Kinders on their staggered entry day to the sign in table.

Students will walk to class ***independently*** beginning on **Friday, 9/1** (beyond the front lobby).

We will have 'hawk signs' marking the way where students should turn to get to the kindergarten hallway, as well as staff and student monitors and helpers.



Carpool

- The carpool line begins at 7:15 a.m.
- Staff members monitor the carpool line.
- Each family that utilizes car transportation receives a carpool tag for PM pickup. This tag can be picked up at our Open House in August.
- Students are dismissed at 2:45 p.m. for carpool and should be picked up by 3:00 p.m. **Staggered entry pick-up is at 2:00 p.m.**

Bus Transportation

- Bus transportation is provided for all registered students.
- Bus stops are assigned by the transportation department.
- You will be notified of your child's bus stop when you receive your back to school packet in August. A name tag indicating your child's bus number and bus stop will be provided for you.
- Kindergarten students are typically assigned to the front seats for safety reasons. Upon request, siblings can be seated together.
- Students are greeted & dismissed from buses by a staff member each morning and afternoon.
- Kindergarten students are closely monitored as they transition to and from the bus lot.

Visiting the School

School Sign-In Procedures

- Anytime an adult visits the school, they must sign into Lobby Guard using a current Photo ID.
- School sign-in procedures ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Walking Students to Class

- A family member is allowed to escort a student to the sign-in table during Staggered Entry week and to their assigned classroom the day of Open House, but students must walk themselves to class beginning the first day of school. This includes walking themselves to breakfast.
- Staff is positioned throughout the school to monitor students.

Visiting the Classroom

- Anytime you wish to visit the classroom, you must schedule a meeting with the teacher in advance.

Class/School Visits & Conferences

Visits

- ◆ Must be a registered volunteer - www.cmsvolunteers.com
- ◆ Must sign in at the front office.
- ◆ Classroom visits must be pre-arranged with teacher or administrator.

Conferences

- ◆ Conferences must be scheduled in advance.

Early dismissal ends at 2pm

- ◆ Must have photo ID and be listed on the family information sheet to sign student out.

School Communication

- Each child will have an **agenda** that will go between home and school every day.
- A '**Tuesday Folder**' comes home each week with important information about school events, as well as finished student work.
- Other school communication includes: Weekly ConnectEd email, a weekly Kindergarten newsletter, & Principal weekly newsletter and phone blasts

School Website: [Hawk Ridge Elementary School](#)

Immunization

- All children attending school in North Carolina must provide proof of up to date immunizations. Immunization record must be brought to school when child is enrolled.
- A Kindergarten physical is also required and must be signed by a medical provider. The physical must be no more than 12 months prior to the date of school entry.
- North Carolina law **requires** all principals to exclude children from school who have not completed this series within 30 days of enrollment.

Need Immunizations/Shots?

- Available at your doctor's office or clinic and at both Health Department Locations.
- Call **704-336-6500** for Health Department appointment.
- Bring Immunization Record



Chronic Illness

If your child requires medications or procedures at school, please notify the school nurse or staff now so planning can begin now.

Examples: Diabetes, Asthma, Severe Allergies, Seizures, or Dietary restrictions.

Illness at School

- Schools are limited in their ability to care for your sick child.
- Children will need to go home if sick at school (vomiting, fever, injuries and infections.)
- Please provide emergency phone numbers to school and update as numbers change. (Blue Card)

Medications...

The school does NOT provide medications for students. It is best for the student to take medications at home. This eliminates class disruption and loss of learning time.

If medications are needed at school:

- ❑ A medication authorization form must be filled out by the doctor and parent. This requirement includes all over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, cough syrups, and ointments.
- ❑ The parent is to provide medications and refills. All medications must be in their **original containers**.

After School Enrichment Program



Hawk Ridge hosts a 5 star, NC licensed, after-school program that runs from dismissal, (2:45 pm), until 6:00pm.

For questions about our ASEP program, including schedule, available slots, and fees, please visit our school's website and click on the 'ASAP' link, or visit <https://apps.cms.k12.nc.us/layouts/15/CMS.asep/application.aspx> to register online.

Kindergarten Supply List



Kindergarten

Girls- 1 Box Gallon-Sized Ziploc Freezer Bags, Hand Sanitizer

Boys - 1 Box of Sandwich-Sized Ziploc Bags, Foam Hand Soap

- ☐ 2 rolls of Paper Towels
- ☐ 3 boxes of Facial Tissues
- ☐ 4 boxes of Crayons, 24 count (Crayola)
- ☐ 2 Plastic Pocket Folders (blue & red)
- ☐ 10 Glue Sticks
- ☐ Fiskars Scissors-5 inch; student size; rounded tip
- ☐ 1 boxes (24 count) #2 Sharpened Pencils
- ☐ 2 Marble Composition Notebooks
- ☐ 1 Sterilite Plastic Pencil Box
- ☐ 1 8-ct. pack of washable markers
- ☐ 1 Package Expo Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ Headphones that go over the ears with wired plug (no ear buds please)
- ☐ 1 box (12-pack) of colored pencils (twistable)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 1 pack of Baby Wipes

Optional:

- Band-aids
- Play Doh
- Scotch Thermal Laminating Pouches 8.9 X 11.4" (clear, 3mm, available on Amazon)
- Lysol Spray
- Crayola watercolor set

A Day In Kindergarten

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7:15 - 8:00 Arrival and Morning Meeting



Whether you arrive by car, bus or your two feet, there will be a staff member there to greet your child and get them to the right place. We prefer your child to be in the room between 7:15 and 7:30 so they have time to unpack and socialize with friends before 7:45 when learning time begins.

A Day in Kindergarten

Literacy



Typically, we have a 2-hour literacy block broken up throughout the day. This incorporates whole group, skills practice where students work independently, one on one with a teacher, or in small groups on needed skills, and GLO time which is all hands-on exploring and learning.

Literacy

EL Curriculum: Expeditionary Learning

Module lessons → (60 minutes of daily instruction):

Explicitly teach and formally assess all reading comprehension, writing, speaking and listening, and language standards and strands of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy.

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
<i>Focus</i>	Building Literacy in a Collaborative Classroom	Learning through Science and Story	Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others	Contributing to the Community
<i>Title</i>	Toys and Play	Weather Wonders	Trees are Alive	Enjoying and Appreciating Trees



Literacy

Skills Block lessons → (60 minutes of daily instruction):

- Teaches and assesses all reading foundations standards and language standards associated with spelling and letter formation.
- Whole group lessons (approximately 10-15 minutes) include on-grade level instruction while the remainder of the block is devoted to differentiated small group instruction.

Demonstrate understanding of spoken **words, syllables, and sounds** (phonemes).

Know and apply grade-level **phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words**.

Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.

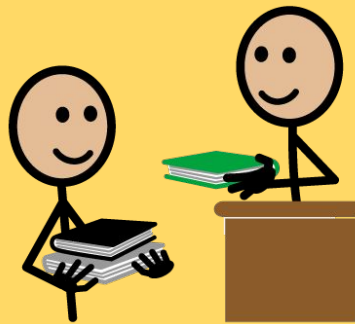
Demonstrate command of the **conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling** when writing.



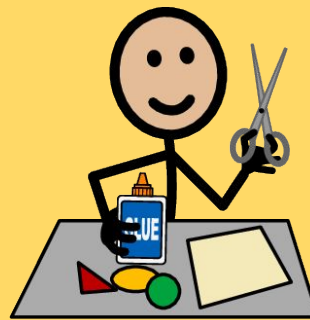
A Day in Kindergarten

Specials

Media



Art



Physical Education



Technology



Music



Students attend a different special area class once a week.

A Day in Kindergarten

Lunch

Students have 25 minutes to eat their lunch. Allow your child to start opening and closing containers, bags, and lunch boxes. Provide your child with all necessary items they will need like utensils and a napkin. This will help ensure they get enough time to eat their lunch. If your child prefers to buy lunch, a staff member will be there to help them learn this routine. We prefer you set up an online account with PayPams so your child does not have to worry about a money exchange.



A Day in Kindergarten

Recess



Weather permitting, we go outside each day. We recognize the importance of physical activity and getting our brain moving, whether inside or outside.



A Day in Kindergarten

Math

Typically, math is a one hour block which starts with a whole group lesson followed up by independent and small group hands on learning.



A Day in Kindergarten

Science and Social Studies



We integrate science and social studies into our learning throughout the day, as well as incorporating related field trips and guest speakers.



Science & Social Studies

Science

- Physical Properties
- Weather Patterns
- Comparing Living & Non-Living Things

Social Studies

- Understand change over time
- Globes and Maps
- Basic Economic Concepts
- Understand the role of a citizen



Preparing For Kindergarten

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- **Build Print Concepts**
 - Practice writing letters in sand, shaving cream, and building with Playdoh
 - Build alphabet and sound fluency in a fun way.
 - Write and draw often. Build grocery lists, to do lists and write letters to friends and family. Practice name writing.
 - Read Aloud – discuss the story and respond to the text

Preparing for Kindergarten

- **Math**

- Rote Counting to 100
- Number Identification to 20
- Counting Sets of Objects to 20
- Build with blocks and Legos
- Draw with paint, markers and crayons
- Cut and glue
- Provide opportunities to be creative!

Preparing for Kindergarten

Social

- Frequent opportunities for social interaction with same age peers
- Practice taking turns
- Build social independence
- Follow Multi-Step Directions
- Cleaning up
- Being respectful to others

Emotional

- Opportunities to problem solve
- Build a love of learning and confidence in approaching new tasks
- Perseverance with tasks
- Working through our emotions in an age appropriate manner

Thank you!

Thank you for visiting with us today! If you have additional questions that this presentation did not answer, we ask that you complete the Google Survey at <https://bit.ly/HRESQuestions>

Our kindergarten teachers and administrative staff will look over the questions and provide answers to you via email.

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