

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Spring
2024

WoodCreek
Elementary

WCE Admin. Team



Back (Left to Right): Mrs. Jenkins, Ms. Paek, Mr. Mosher, Mrs. Haack, Mrs. Ombrog
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WCE Kindergarten Team



Left to Right: Ms. Setna, Mrs. Intrau, Mrs. Cayton, Ms. McCombs, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Kallmeyer, Ms. Dillard

WCE PTA

2023-2024 Executive Board



Top 5 List from WCE PTA

1. Get Connected to WCE PTA:

- Visit www.myrangerpta.org
- Register your family on our website
- Find us on Facebook @ [WoodCreek Elementary PTA](#)
- Join the Kindergarten Parent Facebook page to connect with other parents. Search for "[WoodCreek Rangers Incoming Kindergarten 2024-2025](#)"



2. Order School Supplies Through PTA

- Ordering info coming in May at www.myrangerpta.org
- Each supply pack includes a PTA membership



3. Join PTA!

- Visit myrangerpta.org after July 1st to purchase your membership for the 2024-2025 school year.



4. Spirit Wear

- Discounted styles on sale now (Cash, Check, or Credit Card)
- '24-'25 Styles on sale in May for pre-orders
- Order at myrangerpta.org

5. Get Involved and VOLUNTEER!

- Email us at Volunteers@myrangerpta.org- scan the QR code to fill out the Volunteer Interest Form
- Dads can get involved with WATCH D.O.G.S.
- Any other questions? Please email President@myrangerpta.org



Registrar



Tracy Watson

Registration Information

- **Tracy Watson** - Registrar
(281-234-0105)
- **Pre-Registration for 2024-2025**
 - April 1st - May 3rd
 - All required documents will need to be uploaded before submitting the registration.
- **Summer Registration Dates:**
 - June 5th - June 27th
 - Refer to Katy ISD website (www.katyisd.org) for details and directions
- **1st Day of School (August 14th)**

REGISTER FOR
Kindergarten



Registration Information cont.



- To qualify for kindergarten, the child must reside in Katy ISD and be five years old on or before September 1st of the current school year.
- Click the image below to go to our [PowerSchool Online Registration](#) website to begin the registration process.



Privacy Codes

Please be aware that your child's privacy code will default to "N". You **MUST** change it to "Y" or "O" if you want your student's picture or name to be included in various publications.

3. What are the privacy code options from which a parent/guardian can choose?

There are three privacy codes from which a parent/guardian may choose: Y - Yes, O - Other, and N - No. Please refer to the chart for the implications of each code.

Privacy Code Selections and Implications	"Y" Yes	"O" Other	"N" No
School-Confined Publications	YES	YES	NO
Programs for Performances	YES	YES	NO
Yearbook	YES	YES	NO
Professional School Group or Class Photos*	YES	YES	NO
Officially-designated vendors for school-related purposes	YES	YES	NO
The Public: Anyone making a public information request	YES	NO	NO
News Releases	YES	NO	NO
School Directories	YES	NO	NO
School Publications (Available to Public)	YES	NO	NO
District/Campus Webpage	YES	NO	NO
Photographs	YES	NO	NO
Social Media Platforms	YES	NO	NO

Registration Information cont.

- **REQUIRED Documents:**

- Birth Certificate/Passport (original)
- Social Security card (optional)
- Immunization Records (must have doctor's signature)
- Parent's Driver's License/Passport
- Proof of Residence

- *HUD closing statement/Lease agreement
(MUST have signatures from buyer/seller)

- *Recent Utility Bill

- (water, gas, or electric within the past 30 days)

- *Sales Contract & Loan Approval Letter

- **If a lease agreement or purchasing paperwork is provided at the time of registration, a utility bill must be provided within 30 days of occupancy



Teacher Characteristics

Completing the Teacher Characteristics form is optional.

Click the link below to access the:

[Parent Recommendation for Teacher Characteristics for 2024-2025](#)

DUE DATE: 12:00 PM, April 19, 2024

Recommendations on this form are taken into consideration when making the class lists. Due to various circumstances, the **recommendations are not guaranteed**. Some areas of consideration include:

- ✓ Academic needs
- ✓ Social needs
- ✓ Recommendations by the administrators, counselor and/or special programs teachers
- ✓ Maintaining an equal balance among all classes

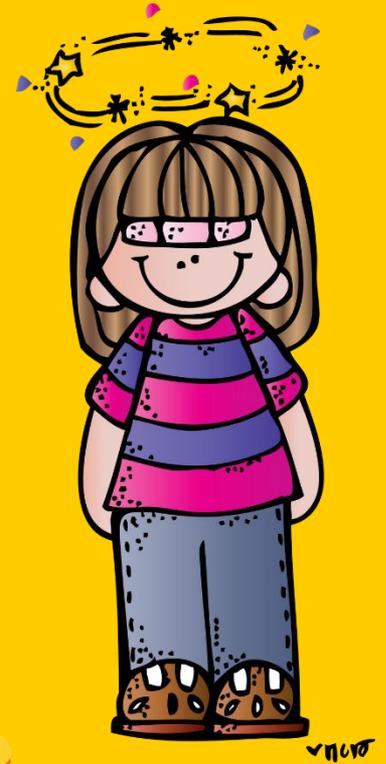
Due to the professional manner in which classes are developed, **WoodCreek Elementary does not allow requests for specific teachers**. All recommendations will be reviewed and considered when formulating class lists. Any recommendation directly or indirectly requesting a specific teacher (i.e. "her name rhymes with...") will NOT be considered.

School Nurse & Nurse's Aide Katie Porter & Erica Niemi



Immunizations & Health

- **Katie Porter**
WCE School Nurse
(281-234-0088)
- Immunizations
- Medications at school
- Health Services for students



IMMUNIZATIONS

- Texas Department of Health requires all school age children to be up to date on immunizations. Children are excluded from school until the required immunizations are obtained and a copy is given to the school nurse. Immunization requirements can be found at: www.katyisd.org



<- Click the image to go to the
2024-25 Vaccine Requirements Form

- Contact school nurse with questions.



24 HOUR RULE

- If your child has a FEVER (100° or above), VOMITING, or DIARRHEA, Katy ISD guidelines state that he or she must stay home for 24 hours.
- To give your child time to recuperate and to protect classmates and teachers, the child must be symptom free without the aid of medications for a 24-hour day before returning to school.



MEDICATIONS



- Children may not carry medicine with them at school - not even cough drops. If your child needs medicine at school, send a note completed by a parent or the physician plus the medicine in its original container. You or your child can drop it off in the clinic before going to class.
- Three times a day medications are not given at school. All doses can be given at home. This was determined by Pediatricians in the area and is a District Policy.
- The official form can be found at the Katy ISD website.



[Click the image to go to the Medication Administration Form](#)



CLINIC



- Vision and hearing screenings will be done in the fall.
- During online registration, there will be a place for you to provide phone numbers where you can be reached as well as local emergency contacts who can be reached if you are unavailable.
 - It is vital that the phone numbers are accurate.
 - Please give the phone numbers an order as to who should be called first, second, etc.
 - Please fill out the Health Inventory. If your child has a condition you need to speak to the nurse about, please call or come by at the beginning of the school year.

Welcome to
Kindergarten!



School Readiness

- Knows basic personal facts
- Writes first name
- Identifies colors
- Draws and colors
- Identifies some letter names and sounds
- Counts to 10 using 1-1 correspondence
- Recognizes numerals 0-10
- Identifies basic 2D shapes



Social Readiness

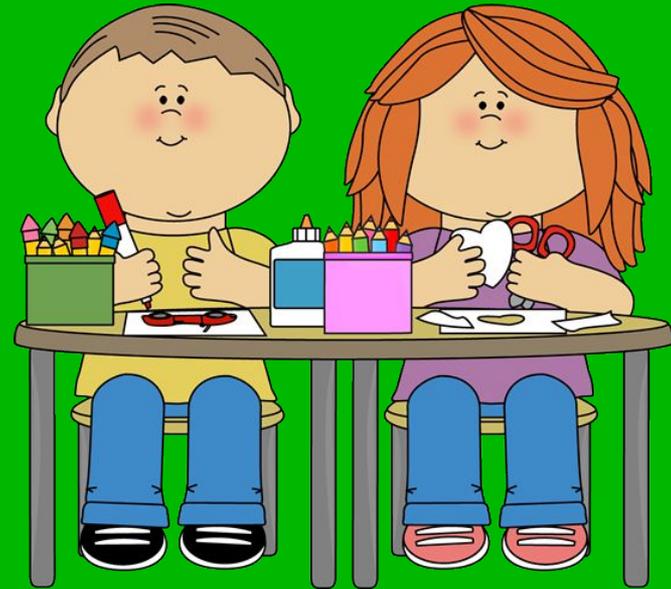
- Follows one and two step directions
- Communicates needs
- Knows how to share
- Takes turns
- Plays and gets along well with others
- Is respectful to adults and peers



So nice to meet you

Physical Readiness

- Correctly holds and uses a pencil or crayon
- Correctly holds and cuts with scissors
- Correctly uses glue
- Eats independently
- Able to open and close all lunch containers independently
- Uses the restroom independently
- Independently puts on clothes and footwear



A Typical Day in Kindergarten



Kindergarten Daily Schedule



7:25-7:50	Arrival, Unpack, Daily Start Book
7:50-8:00	Announcements
8:00-8:10	Community Circle
8:10-8:20	Calendar
8:20-8:40	Structured Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics
8:40-9:05	Sunshine Break
9:05-9:30	ELA Small Groups
9:35-9:55	Structured Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics
9:55-10:40	Kindergarten Lunch
10:40-11:00	Recess
11:05-11:25	Social Studies
11:25-11:55	Building Background Knowledge, Reading and Vocabulary
11:55-12:15	Grammar and Conventions/Writer's Workshop
12:20-1:05	Specials
1:10-1:20	Handwriting
1:20-1:45	Science
1:50-2:00	Math Mini-Lesson
2:00-2:35	Math Small Groups
2:35-3:05	Clean Up/Pack Up/Dismissal

Specials

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- 45 minutes each day
- Daily rotation schedule
- One of the most popular times of the day



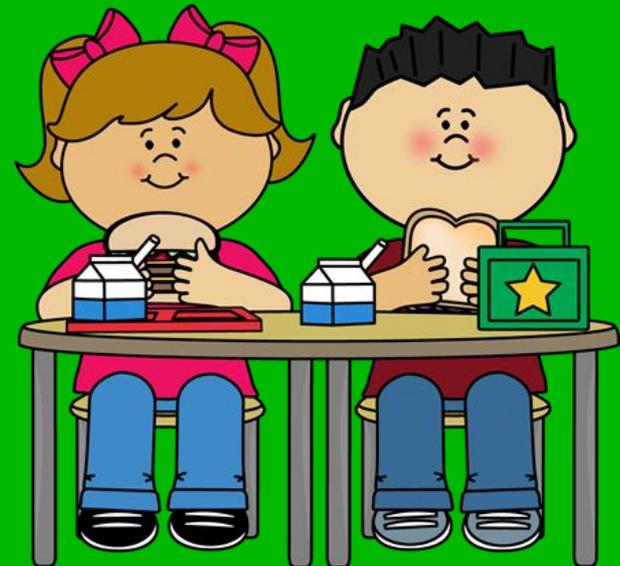
Recess/Snack

- 15 minutes of Snack & a Sunshine Break
- 20 minutes of Recess



Lunch

- 30 minutes each day
- Current Price: \$2.25/tray
- Children can either bring a lunch from home or purchase a school lunch.
- I.D. badges are used to purchase lunches.
- Cafeteria monitors and volunteers are in the cafeteria each day.
- Prepayment is encouraged! Please [CLICK HERE to access Pay-N-Go.](#)
- We ask that you please **NOT** come to eat lunch with your child for the first 2 weeks of school as they transition into a new routine and environment. Midday separation is extra challenging in the beginning!



Library Clerk & Librarian Emilie Watson & Erin Durham



Library and Technology



- I-Pads in the classroom that reinforce and enrich literacy and math skills

- Weekly library checkout (1 book for Kindergarten)
- Library lessons - once every 3 weeks
- Teachers can send students 2 students at a time for library books after the first 9 weeks of school.



Library - Reading Programs

- TREK K-2:
 - Students in K-2 read books to earn tags and prizes.
 - Students who complete all 5 TREK logs are invited to the TREK party at the end of the school year.
- Texas 2X2 List Reading:
 - Suggested reading list from the state of Texas. Books appropriate for children from the age of 2 to 2nd grade.

Library - Birthday Book Club



- Students can pay \$20 (via Pay N' Go app) to donate a brand new book to the library.
- A book plate with the student's name and birth date is placed in the new book.
- Students in the Birthday Book Club appear on the morning announcements and are allowed to be the 1st to check out the book.

School IDs/Backpack Tags (SMART tags)

- All Rangers are required to wear a school ID during the school day. Katy ISD provides a school ID at the beginning of each school year.
- If a school ID is lost, a new ID must be purchased. The direct link to purchase if needed.

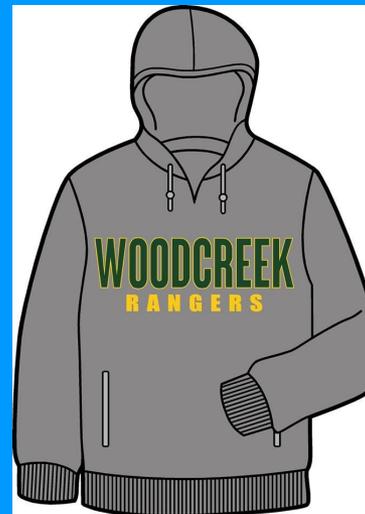
<https://katyisd.revtrak.net/elementary-schools/elementary-r-z/woodcreek-elementary/wce-id-badge/>

General Information



Put Names on EVERYTHING

- Backpacks
- Lunch kits
- Snacks
- Coats
- Water bottles



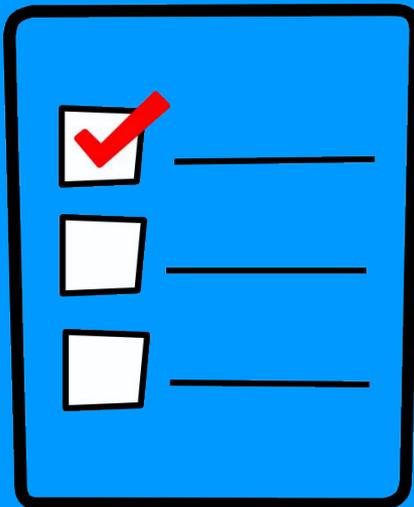
Backpacks

- Large enough to hold folders and a library book
- Easy to open and close
- No rolling backpacks PLEASE!



School Supplies

- Follow recommended school supply list to purchase supplies (highly recommended to purchase PTA school supplies)
- Please DO NOT label supplies with your child's name
- Supplies will be used as community supplies
- Pre-ordered supplies will be delivered to classrooms before school starts



Dressing for School

- Policy is listed on the KISD website
- Elastic pants/shorts are best at the beginning of the year
...remember potty time 😊
- Flip flops are strongly discouraged
- Ziploc baggie of extra clothes, including underwear and socks, for those "just in case" moments (kept in backpack)



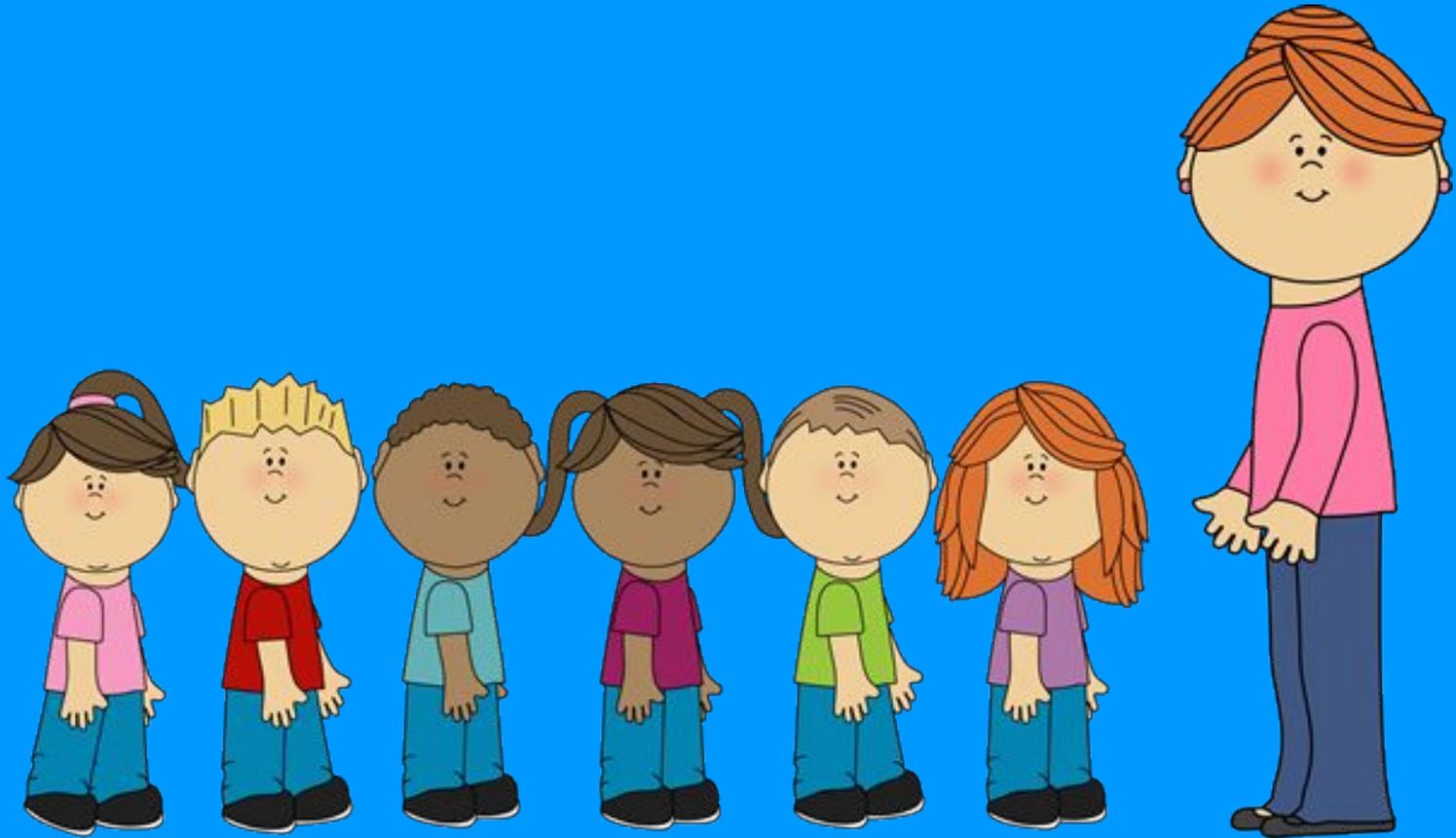
Transportation

- How will your child go home on the first day and rest of the year?
 - Bus
 - Car (Parent Pick-Up)
 - Hiker/Biker
 - Daycare
- Try to keep the mode of transportation consistent day to day.
- Please decide your child's method of transportation home prior to Meet the Teacher.



1st Day of

Kindergarten!



Things To Do: "Parents"



- School Hours (currently) 7:50 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
 - *Students can start entering the classroom at 7:25 a.m.
- You can bring your child to school and walk him/her to class on the first day 😊
- Receive forms, review, complete, and return as soon as possible
- Confirm method of transportation going home
- Make sure your child has lunch money (\$2.25 -current price) or a packed lunch from home
- Quickly and cheerfully exit! 😊



Dates to Remember

- Registration : Opens April 1, 2024
- Meet the Teacher : TBD
- First Day : August 14th
- Curriculum Night : TBD

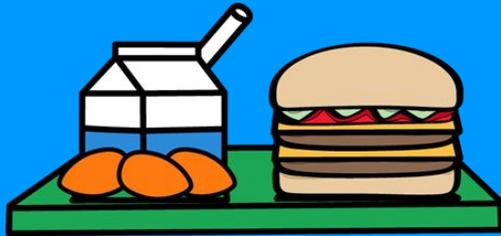
(Topics to be covered: Kindergarten Curriculum, Behavior Expectations, BYOD, Canvas, & much more!)

Important

Final Reminders

Important

- Please plan to attend Meet the Teacher 😊
- Send your child daily with a:
 - backpack
 - lunch (unless he/she is purchasing a school lunch)
 - water (easy open/close top)
 - snack (packed separately from lunch)



We are looking forward
to a **FABULOUS** year!



Questions?

