

(Almost) Everything You Wanted To Know About Kindergarten (And Were Going to Ask)

Valley Presbyterian's Mission Statement

"To educate the total child so that he/she will be prepared for God's perfect plan for his/her life."

1. Teachers

The Kindergarten A class teacher is Mrs. Jeanne Clancy.
The Kindergarten B class teacher is Mrs. Connie Fogg.

Please feel free to confer with us regarding the classroom program or your child's progress during the year.

2. Curriculum

A. Reading: BEGINNING is a comprehensive reading-language arts program. It contains and correlates reading, handwriting, auditory and oral language skills for children with a thorough understanding of the letters of the alphabet and their sounds - the most basic elements of our spoken and written language.

B. Mathematics: Our Saxon program emphasizes real life math experiences as the foundation of learning. We will study patterning, sorting and classifying, graphing, comparing, addition, subtraction, measurement, probability, geometry, and problem solving using objects as well as symbols. We will also learn to tell time on the hour, and the names and values of coins.

C. Sciences: Using the Addison-Wesley Science Curriculum, we will study life science, physical science, earth science and health science. We learn about the weather. Ecology is emphasized as well.

D. Bible: The Kindergarten program focuses on the familiar children's stories of the Bible. From the stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus and many others, students will appreciate the lives of famous heroes, who by example provide a foundation for living. The student text provides colorful, creative teaching pages and reinforcement activities for every lesson.

There's more: Your child will also be involved in art, music, computer instruction and physical education.

3. Homework

Each Monday your child will bring home homework. The cover sheet informs you of areas of study, announcements and instructions for doing the homework. The homework is due on or before Friday. Assist your child with their homework if needed. Some assignments will require your participation. Building good homework habits is an important study skill. Completion of assignments will be reflected in the work habits grade.

4. Report Cards

Report cards are issued every 10 weeks using the following marking system: O (Outstanding); (Satisfactory); N (Needs improvement) and U (Unsatisfactory). The first report card will be issued in November.

5. School Absences/Tardiness

When tardy or absent, your child misses significant events in the classroom. Tardies/absences will adversely effect your child's citizenship grade. Only doctor appointments constitute excused tardies. If your child is absent, we need a note explaining the circumstances of the absence when they return to school.

If you do arrive after 8:30 a.m. go to the school office and obtain And fill out a late slip.

6. School Day Schedule

Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Kindergarten students should line up on the North Yard. A parent must accompany the student at all times. Kindergarten students will be escorted to their classroom by their teacher. Anyone at school arriving before 8:15 a.m. is considered part of Day Care. Students should carry backpacks, homework folders and lunches with them to the line up area. School ends at 2:30 p.m. You may pick your child using our convenient and speedy horseshoe procedure.

7. Day Care Students

All Day Care students who are dropped off between 7:00-8:15 a.m. should go to the North Yard. All Day Care students from both Kindergarten classes will be escorted by their teacher to their classrooms at 8:30 a.m. All Day Care students from both Kindergarten classes will be in the Kindergarten Yard from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. each afternoon, after 3:30 you may pick them up in the North yard. All Day Care students will need a lunch, a morning smack, and an afternoon snack.

8. Supplies

Have you child bring the supplies listed during the first week of school.

9. Authorization

Your child will only be released to the persons on your release card here at school. You may give written authorization to release your child to someone you specify on a given date.

10. Rainy Days

If in the occurrence of a rainy day, the following procedure will occur: *In the morning, come right into the classroom at 8:25 a.m. During the afternoon, students will be released from their classrooms at 2:15 p.m.* If you are not sure whether we are on a rainy day schedule, call the school office and they will tell you.

11. Half Days

On a half day, school begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 11:45 a.m. Refer to your school calendar for those dates.

12. Leaving Early

If your child needs to leave early, you may go directly to the school office, not the classroom, and obtain a blue slip. The office will then notify the teacher. The student will gather their things and will meet you in the school office. This helps to avoid classroom interruptions.

13. Birthdays

Birthdays may be celebrated at school during recess. Bring or send a small food item and drink for each child by 9:30 a.m. Please no party favors or games. Contact the teacher in advance to make the arrangements.

If the student has a birthday that falls during the summer months of June, July or August parents can arrange an alternative date to celebrate the birthday.

14. Lunches/Snack

Students should have a healthy lunch and snack. No candy or soft drinks are allowed.

15. Share Days/Toys

Please see the homework cover sheet for the weekly theme. "Free share" means any treasured item may be brought. Toys may only be brought on share day.

16. Lost and Found

We have a high rate of return on labeled items! This is especially true of sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets. Please be sure your child's clothing is labeled. Check the lost and found box in Galpin Hall for any lost items.

17. Classroom Helpers

We have many opportunities for you to help in the classroom this year. You will find sign up sheets this evening on the various activities that you can help us with. If you sign up to volunteer in the classroom please follow up on your time each week. If you are unable to make it that week, please notify the office or the classroom teacher. When you come to volunteer, sign up on the volunteer sign up sheet in the office.

18. Teacher Conferences

If you have a concern that needs to be addressed you can schedule a teacher conference by calling the school office.

We have our regular yearly parent-teacher conferences in February.

19. See-Saw Book Club

An order form will be sent home monthly with the homework. You not obliged to buy any books. We simply extend the opportunity to buy good quality children's books at an inexpensive price. If you wish to order any books, simply mark your selections and send the form with a check made out to "Scholastic" in an envelope with your child's name on it. The class receives bonus points through the book order club to use toward classroom books.

20. Library

Each week we visit our school library. Books may be taken home, but bring them back to school before the next library day, so a new book may be checked out. A charge is made for lost library books.