



WELCOME CLASS OF 2030!

Young Elementary Kindergarten Orientation



# Registration Information

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- Registration Forms
- Copy of Official County Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency (3 items)
- Physical and Immunization Forms
- Emergency Cards



# Health Requirements & Immunizations

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- Illinois State Physical/Immunization form due prior to the first day of school
- Vision exam due by mid-October
- Dental exam due by mid-May 2018



# Kindergarten Hours

- Full Day:
  - 6 hours and 30 minutes
  - 9:05 am – 3:35 pm
  - Wednesdays only: 9:15 am - 3:35 pm
- Parents should contact Ms. Morgan (Young Principal) for information about Half Day Kindergarten



# Kindergarten Schedule Overview

Morning Message

Reading

Learning Centers & Guided Reading

Snack & Recess

Calendar

Math

Specials

Word Work

Lunch & Recess

Read Aloud & Brain Break

Read to Self

Science or Social Studies



# Specials

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## ART (1x a week for 50 minutes)

- *provides for hands on creative expression*
- *develops art appreciation for artists and cultures*

## MUSIC (2xs a week for 25 minutes)

- *provides opportunities for listening, moving, singing, and playing instruments*
- *develops appreciation for music from different cultures*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION (3xs a week for 25 minutes)

- *provides opportunities for movement through exercise, dance, and games*
- *develops gross motor skills*
- *encourages teamwork and healthy life style*



# Library Media Center (LMC)

- Book check out
- Place for story time
- Technology skill development
- Computer programs to enhance learning
- Direct instruction on Information Literacy Skills
- Individual and small group work



# Extended Learning Opportunities

- Available to all students
- Embedded throughout the school day
  - Guided Reading
  - Words Their Way
- Connected to core curriculum
- Flexible opportunities for learning
- Learning Centers



# Preparing your child for Kindergarten...

## Academics

- Build your child's stamina by getting him or her to stay on one task for an extended period of time (games, coloring, etc.).
- Work on recognizing print and learning how to distinguish between letters, numbers and symbols in various fonts (while driving point out signs, look through magazines).
- Take your child to various places (zoo, library, museum, grocery store) to build background knowledge.
- Practice with your child to learn basic numbers, colors, and letters and how to write his or her first name.



# Preparing your child for Kindergarten...

## Social Emotional and Motor Skills

- Help your child to build patience (waiting his or her turn, not interrupting).
- Encourage independent problem solving.
- Practice having your child advocate for themselves to meet their needs and wants.
- Practice buttoning, zipping and tying shoes independently.
- Remind your child to wash hands before eating and after using the bathroom or playing outside.
- Teach your child to be independent with meals.



# Preparing parents for Kindergarten...

- Establish and review routines with your child. Consider walking routes, others who have permission to transport them, safety rules, etc. If your child will be taking the school bus, show them the stop's location and your expectations for getting to and from school safely.
- Make home a place for learning. Designate a special spot for practicing skills together, displaying school work, etc.
- Read to your child frequently for pleasure. Look at books and magazines together. Make sure they see you reading!



# Preparing parents for Kindergarten...

Ways to talk to you kindergartner at the grocery store...

**Can you pick out TWO red apples for me?**

**What does banana start with?**

**What does broccoli start with? Which one of these signs says broccoli?**

**Look at this pear! What color is it? What rhymes with pear and starts with b?**

**Thank you for helping me put things in the cart. I really appreciate it when you are so thoughtful!**



# Preparing parents for Kindergarten...

- Parents should think and speak positively about this new adventure! 😊
- Know that we have your child's best interest at heart. ❤️



# First Days of School

The first day of Kindergarten (**Thursday, August 24, 2017**) is a shortened orientation day designed for students, parents and guardians.

- On **Thursday, August 24**, the first day of the 2017-2018 school year, Kindergarten students and their parents will attend a 1 hour Kindergarten Orientation in their assigned teacher's classroom. During Kindergarten Orientation, Kindergarten students and their families will learn about the Kindergarten day and they will take a tour of the building.
- **Kindergarten Orientation Thursday, August 24, 2017**  
A-M: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
N-Z: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- If your scheduled orientation time does not work for your family, you may attend the other session.



# First Days of School

**The first full day of Kindergarten will occur on Friday, August 25, 2017.**

**9:05 am – 3:35 pm**

Allow plenty of time to get ready and travel on the first day of regular attendance for kindergarten so that your child doesn't feel rushed. It is recommended that you begin their normal arrival routine on that day.

# First Days of School

- **How do Kindergarten students know how to get to their classroom? Do Kindergarten students walk to the classroom by themselves?**
- During the first two weeks of school adults are posted throughout the building to help guide Kindergarten students to their classrooms. All of these adults have a puppet (Annie) that is used to help guide Kindergarten students to their classroom. Kindergarten students will be shown Annie at Kindergarten Orientation.
- We do encourage Kindergarten students to enter the building and go to their classroom without their parents. This helps to build their independence and self-confidence.





# First Days of School

- **When will I find out about the bus routes and schedule?**
  - Bus routes and schedules will be available online in August.
- **When will I receive my child's teacher assignment?**
  - Teacher assignments are available in August by logging in to E-School with your child's information. More information will be coming about how to log in.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is before or after care service available at Young?**
  - Yes. The YMCA Safe N Sound Program provides before and after care for students at Young Elementary.
  - Please contact the YMCA for additional information.
  - YMCA Main Office- District 203 and 204  
31W290 Schoger Rd.  
Naperville, IL 60564  
(630) 585-2207



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How long is lunchtime for students?**
  - Lunch is 20 minutes and recess is 15 minutes. If students need additional time to eat we allow them to finish their lunch during recess time.



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- **How much does lunch cost?**
  - Currently, the cost of Lunch is \$2.55. White Milk is \$0.40 and Chocolate Milk is \$0.50.
  - Free and Reduced Lunch support is available after July 15 online at [www.ipsd.org](http://www.ipsd.org)
  - Lunch menus can also be found on the district website
- **What if my child has a food allergy or other health concern?**
  - Parents will have the opportunity to share this information with the school nurse and office staff in the registration packet.
  - Students with severe peanut or other nut allergies have the opportunity to sit at a peanut free table during lunchtime.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the building security procedures?**
  - Doors are locked at all times.
  - Visitors are “buzzed” in through the main office
  - Guests/visitors show their picture ID, leave their ID with the office staff, and are given a visitor’s badge.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **When do Gifted Services Begin?**
  - Testing for the identification of gifted students occurs in 2nd grade and actual gifted programming begins in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
  - Kindergarten teachers differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of all students as well as to make sure that every child is challenged at their level.



# Arrival and Dismissal

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Make a plan & practice with your kindergartner...

- Car
- Bus
- Walking



# Arrival and Dismissal

- Tell us how your child will travel...
- Update

**Arrival/Dismissal  
Form**

**Bus**

**Car Pick-Up**

**Walk**



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the arrival and dismissal procedures?**
  - The **car drop-off and pick-up** line is the safest and easiest way to drop off car riders
  - Walkers can enter any door...but exit through “Kindergarten Door (#3)”
  - All students are required to have a completed **Arrival and Dismissal Form** on file



# Parent Involvement

- **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Assisting in the classroom, helping the teacher with clerical tasks and special projects and working with small groups and individual students
- Volunteering in the Library Media Center (LMC)
- WatchDOGS program for dads to participate in their child's school day
- Maker Moms (working in our Creator Space)
- Chaperoning field trips

- **District 204 Parent Groups**

- Nancy Young PTA
- Young Parent Diversity Advisory Council Group
- Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA
- Indian Prairie Parents Council (IPPC)
- Parent Diversity Advisory Council (PDAC)
- Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee



# Please turn in Kindergarten Exit Slip

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- **Please use the exit slip to write down any additional questions that you may have.**