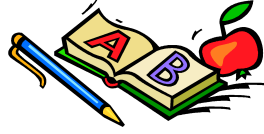




2018-2019 Kindergarten Information



Dear Parents and Kindergarteners,

Welcome to Emerald and full day kindergarten. We are so excited to meet you and to work with you this school year. Please read through the information below and on the following pages. We look forward to seeing you at the play date and on one of the assessment days. The Emerald Office opens for 2018-19 school year on July 30. Call 720-561-8500 with questions.

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August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6	7 Kindergarten Play Date 6:30-7:15 pm	8	9	10
13	14 Kindergarten Assessments 7:30-11:30 and 12:00-2:30 (25 minute time-slot per child)	15 Kindergarten Assessments 7:30-11:30 (25 minute time-slot per child)	16	17 Kindergarten Staggered Start 8:00-10:30 last names A-L 12:00-2:25 last names M-Z
20 Kindergarten Staggered Start 8:00-10:30 last names A-L 12:00-2:25 last names M-Z	21 First full day of kindergarten 7:50-2:30	22 Full day Late Start on all Wednesdays 8:30-2:30 Breakfast begins at 8:30	23 Full day of kindergarten 7:50-2:30	24 Full day of kindergarten 7:50-2:30

Kindergarten Play Date August 7th, 6:30-7:15 pm Come and meet the teachers and make new friends! Meet on the playground on the south side of Emerald Elementary School. You can bring a blanket or lawn chair if you would like. See you there!

Kindergarten Assessments

Sign Up: Please sign up by calling the Emerald office at 720 561-8500 beginning August 1st.

Length of time: Each child will take about 25 minutes to test

What is tested: We will be assessing your child's knowledge of: letters, sounds, understanding of print, writing their name, numbers and counting

What parents will be doing: Parents will be right outside of the kindergarten classrooms filling out an information paper for the first day of school (basic information: child's name, how they will be getting home on the staggered start days, etc.)

Kindergarten Staggered Start Friday & Monday, August 17th & 20th

Purpose: We have two ½ day sessions so your child can have a smooth transition into full-day kindergarten. For some students this will be their first time away from home and we want to ease them into the full-day experience.

School schedule for August 17th & 20th:

*Children with last names beginning A-L will come to school from 8:00-10:30 (**We will not be serving breakfast nor lunch to kindergarteners on these two days. Please be sure your child has had breakfast before coming to school.**)

*Children with last names beginning M-Z will come to school from 12:00-2:25 (please make sure your child has had lunch before coming to school)

Beginning August 21nd our regular weekly school times are:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7:50-2:30 Breakfast begins at 7:50	Late Start 8:30-2:30 Breakfast begins at 8:30	7:50-2:30 Breakfast begins at 7:50	7:50-2:30 Breakfast begins at 7:50



Parents Can Help



You will have a tremendous impact on your child's success in Kindergarten if you work with him/her at home to:

Personal Skills

- Develop good, independent bathroom habits
- Develop dressing skills including zipping, buttoning and tying
- Learn to clean up after themselves and put materials away when they are done with them

Academic Skills

- Learn to hold and correctly use a pencil, crayons and scissors
- Be able to recite the ABC's and begin to recognize (and name) both capital and lowercase letters
- Be able to recognize their first and last name and tell you the letters in their name (first and last)
- Be able to write their first name (beginning with a capital letter and the rest of the letters lowercase)
- Know the basic colors
- Be able to count to 20 or higher
- Listen to and follow directions
- Use good social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and accepting responsibility for their actions

Thank You!