Parent Information for Kindergarten Registration

Entrance Policy: A child needs to be 5 years old on or before September 1.

Screening of Children:
- Basic school skills
- Fine motor skills

Purpose of the Registration Appointment:
- Meet and screen your child
- Collect all completed registration forms
- Review child’s immunization record and birth certificate
- Confirm residency

Bring the following to your child’s kindergarten registration appointment:
- Kindergarten child
- Current immunization record
- Original birth certificate
- Student Information Form
- Student Health History Form
- Emergency Form
- Student Access Agreement Form
- Home Language Survey
- Residence Survey
- Photo/Publicity Acceptance/Refusal Form
- Transportation Form
- Two proofs of residency

Kindergarten Program:
- Kindergarten is a half-day program (AM session and PM session)
- AM session 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.
- PM session 12:38 – 3:23 p.m.
- Daily activities: opening exercises, language arts, math, social studies, science, story time, computers, and explore time
- Assigned kindergarten session will be emailed to parents in May
- Teacher assignment will be mailed to parents along with bus information in August
- Specific teacher requests are not allowed

Kindergarten Schedule on a Two Hour Late Start:
- Once a month for staff development (posted on the monthly calendar and the district calendar)
- Inclement weather
- AM Kindergarten:
  - 11:00 a.m. – 12:39 p.m.
  - Students are picked up two hours later than their scheduled time
  - Students arrive home one hour later than their scheduled time
- PM Kindergarten
  - 1:44 – 3:23 p.m.
  - Students are picked up one hour later than their scheduled time
○ Students arrive home at their regular time

Communication with Parents/Guardians:

- Voicemail and email
- ES website
- Weekly announcements (ES website)
- Monthly calendar and District calendar
- On-line Elementary Student-Parent Handbook
- Meet the Teacher (August)
- Parent-Teachers Conferences

Better Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten:

- Read to your child
- Rhyming is beneficial (nursery rhymes)
- Review lowercase letters
- Encourage proper pencil holding
- Read the Elementary Student-Parent Handbook
- We expect the children to walk in the building
- Children need to keep their hands and feet to themselves
- Children should be independent in the restroom (except for students with special needs or medical needs)
- Children should be independent with zippers, buttons, putting on coats, and tying shoe laces (except for students with special needs)
- Encourage your child to accept responsibility for his/her actions

School Attendance:

- Daily attendance is important
- Attendance procedures are located in the Elementary Student-Parent Handbook
- Email excuses to Diana Maitland at esattendance@southfayette.org

Speech:

- Children should be 100% intelligible by age 5
- Encourage correct sound production by providing the correct model and emphasizing the sound/word
- Discourage “baby talk”
- Correct simple grammatical errors

Transportation Information:

- Students are transported to and from kindergarten
- Students are only allowed two routines (example: Monday and Tuesday – home; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – KinderCare)
- Kindergarten session is assigned according to your child’s neighborhood or daycare
- Parents/guardians need to be at the bus stop a few minutes early for student pick-up and drop-off
- Children will be brought back to school if you are not at the bus stop
- Bus information, as well as teacher assignment, will be mailed to parents in August
- All daycare needs should be identified on the transportation form
- Notify both the transportation department and the elementary school of changes in transportation
- Parent drop-off before school
  - AM kindergarten – circular drive between 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
  - PM kindergarten – building foyer
- Circular drive (student drop-off between 8:30 -9:00 a.m.
  - Child needs to be independent and open and close the vehicle door on their own
  - Parent is not allowed to exit their vehicle to assist their child
  - If your child is not able to do this on their own, you need to park in the front parking lot and walk your child to a paraeducator in the front of the school
- Parent pick-up after school
  - AM kindergarten – building foyer
  - PM kindergarten – door B3 by the Discovery Garden (doors open at 3:15 p.m.)
- Busing on a two-hour delay
  - AM kindergarten
    - Picked up two hours later than the regular scheduled time
    - Arrive home one hour later than the regular scheduled time
  - PM kindergarten
    - Picked up one hour later than the regular scheduled time
    - Arrive home at the regular scheduled time

Health Requirements:
- Physical exam
  - Completed by child’s doctor
  - Discuss lead testing with your pediatrician
- Dental exam
  - Completed by child’s dentist
- Immunizations:
  - All immunizations must be complete prior to school entry
  - 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
  - 4 doses of polio (4th dose must be given after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose)
  - 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR vaccine – properly spaced)
  - 3 doses of hepatitis vaccine (properly spaced)
  - 2 doses of varicella (properly spaced or written statement from MS of immunity)
- Medication:
  - School personnel is not able to diagnose, provide or prescribe any medicine for a student. Medication shall include all pills, drugs, and medicines prescribed by a physician and any over-the-counter medicines. No herbal remedies will be given during the school day.
  - We request that medicine be given at home during non-school hours. However, we recognize that sometimes it is essential for medication to be administered during school hours and must be accompanied by a written request signed by both a physician and parent/guardian.

PTA:
- Membership drive will occur in the fall
- PTA fundraiser will occur in September to raise funds for our PTA events
• PTA holiday parties (Halloween, Holiday, and Valentine’s Day
  o Each classroom will have at least two homeroom representatives that will plan or run the parties
  o All other parents will be allowed to attend one party. A preference sheet will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.
  o Parents attending a party will be expected to assist the homeroom representatives in running an activity or game during the party.
  o No siblings (including babies) or other relatives are allowed at the parties

• PTA events and materials
  o Accelerated Reader
  o Artist in Residence (second grade)
  o Fall Book Fair
  o Family Bingo Night
  o Family Fitness Night
  o Family Reading Night
  o Holiday Mart
  o School Pictures
  o Science Fair
  o Snowball Dance
  o Student agendas and homework folders
  o Track and Field Day
  o Yearbook

Please read the Parent-Student Handbook on the Elementary School website. You are responsible for following the building procedures identified in the handbook.