

# Welcome to Kindergarten 2025-2026





### **Welcome to Penny Creek Elementary**

# Thank you for joining us today!

Introductions:

- Administration
  - Principal, Marti Shefvland
  - Assistant Principal, Stephanie Kirkpatrick
- o Teachers

Mrs. Blankenberg

Mrs. McCarthy

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Hong Mrs. Osmonson Mrs. Tinsley









# **Everett Ready**



At EPS, Kindergarten begins with Everett Ready a transition-into-kindergarten program

- Monday, August 18 to Thursday, August 21
- o Half-day: **3 hours / day** 9:10-12:10 pm
- Transportation provided for qualified students (usually not the same bus routes/numbers as the regular school year)
- Family meeting on August 18 from 9:30-10:00 am



For more information: <u>www.everettsd.org/everettready</u>

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# WaKIDS - Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

#### **Family Connection Meeting**

- Welcomes you into the Washington K-12 system as partners in your child's education through a family conference with your child's teacher.
- The meetings take place during the first 3 school days when grades 1-12 students are starting school.
- This is an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher, share information about your child, and ask questions.

#### **Whole-Child Assessment**

Helps kindergarten teachers learn about the skills and strengths of the children in their classrooms so they can meet the needs of each child.

#### **Early Learning Collaboration**

Aligns practices of early learning professionals and kindergarten teachers to support smooth transitions for children.



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# Welcome to Kindergarten



First day of school (grades 1 to 12) – Wednesday, August 27, 2025



Family Connection Meetings for K Families Wednesday, August 27 to Friday, August 29, 2025

Your student's teacher will contact you to schedule your family meeting

First day of attendance for kindergarteners **Tuesday, September 2, 2025** 



visit <u>www.everettsd.org</u> to view 2024-2025 calendar

# A Day in Kindergarten

#### **Morning Welcome Circle**

Social Emotional Learning

Literacy - Reading & Writing

Lunch & Recess

Math

**Plan-Do-Reflect** 

Recess

**Specialist** 

Science

#### **Closing Circle**

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Specialists may include: Physical Education, Library, Music, Art, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)



# Plan – Do – Reflect (PDR)





### A model of play-based learning

#### PLAN

#### Choice with intention

Develops competent thinkers, decision makers, & problem solvers

DO

#### REFLECT

Remembering & reflecting with analysis

Enhances creativity, critical thinking & problem-solving
 Contributes to the development of self-regulation & social skills
 Promotes physical well-being & coordination

 Encourages reading & writing
 Enhances communication & collaboration
 Develops character & citizenship

# Multilingual Learner (ML) Program



- The program provides structured language acquisition instructions to students whose native language is not English and qualified Native American students
- Students are assessed measuring their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Scores indicate if support is required
- ML services are available at all our schools
- Students receive support in class or in a small group





If you have a student currently attending an EPS early learning program: ECEAP Preschool, Developmental Preschool (DPK), or Transitional Kindergarten (TK), they are already EPS students and **do not need** to be reenrolled. Before end of school year, your student's teacher will send you forms to be completed and returned to your school for kindergarten:

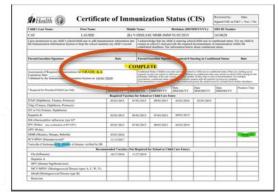
- Everett Ready Registration Form
- Kindergarten Questionnaire
- Kindergarten Transportation
- Updated Certificate of Immunization

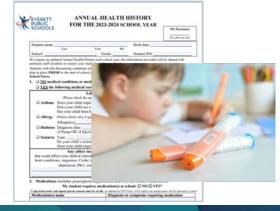
All forms are also available on website www.everettsd/kindergartenenrollment

# **Immunization Status & Health History**

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Make sure that your child's vaccination is completed before their 1<sup>st</sup> day of school attendance:
  - Everett Ready August 18 or
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of school September 2
- Complete / submit the 'Annual Health History' by mid-July, at the latest, if your child:
  - has a life-threatening condition / a medical plan and
  - will be attending Everett Ready.







# **Before / After School Care**

EPS partners with the **YMCA** to provide before and after school care at many of our schools.

There are also community childcare programs that transport students to and from schools for before and after school care.

At our school, the before and after school options are:

- YMCA visit <u>https://www.ymca-snoco.org/programs/1044/school-age-care/?locations=-1</u>
- Many private daycares offer options as well. Check with individual daycares for more details.





# Transportation

#### **Bus Transportation**

- Provided for students that reside outside a half-mile radius of the school
- Designated bus stops located along routes in central locations
- Routes are available on the district website prior to the start of school
- Route information is communicated to families via automated phone call and email prior to start of school
- All students have assigned seats with kindergartners in front of bus

For additional information & forms: www.everettsd.org/transportation - www.everettsd.org/busroutes





# **Food and Nutrition Services**

#### **Students:**

- may bring breakfast and/or lunch from home
  may purchase\* either a hot or cold meal at school
- Families can set up an online account for school meals\*
- **School meals** are prepared to be free of these allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish and pork. If your student has other allergies, you can submit a *Special Dietary Accommodation Request* form.
- \*Free and reduced meals are available. Meals provided at Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) sites are offered at no charge to families.

For additional information & forms: <u>https://www.everettsd.org/foodservices</u>





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# **Family Involvement**

### Ways to support your child's learning

- Make attendance a priority
- Come to school and family events
- Participate in WaKIDS family meeting and parent teacher conferences
- Help with class projects/work
- o Volunteer
- Join PTA or Natural Leaders

Being involved in your student's school sends a positive message about the importance of education!





# **Creating Independence**

- $\circ~$  Independently use the bathroom
- $\circ~$  Put on, zip, and button coat
- o Blow own nose
- Wash hands
- Open food & lunch containers
- Clean up small spills
- Put away materials
- Ask for help







# **Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines**



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6	My child can use the bathroom independently.		8
7	My child can wash his/her hands.		
8	My child can put away toys, clean up small splits and pick up after him/herself.		
9	My child shares, takes turns and helps others.		
10	My child adjusts to new situations and/or people.		
11	My child plays cooperatively with others.		
12	My child can comfort others.		
13	My child has the opportunity to play regularly with the same friends his/her age.		
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3	My child uses new words everyday.		
4	My child speaks clearly and is understood by most people.		
5	My child can speak in 4-6 word sentences.		
6	My child can talk about things that happened in the past, with details.		6
7	My child can have a conversation on one topic with another person, taking turns taking,		-

Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher.

These guidelines, available in multiple languages, highlight some of the skills that will help your child prepare for kindergarten.

www.everettsd.org/kindergarten

# **Summer Activity Kit**



#### • Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

- Summer Bucket list to support Kindergarten readiness
- o "Kindergarten Here I Come" book
- o Bookmark (reading and math strategies)



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## **Getting Ready for Kindergarten**



- Plan to attend Everett Ready
  - Monday, August 18 to Thursday, August 21 (3 hours in the morning)
  - www.everettsd.org/everettready
- Develop a home and bedtime routine
- Help your child learn their personal information (first and last name)
- Get supplies ready and labeled (listed on school's website)
- $\circ~$  Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures



Students are asked to bring the following supplies at the start of school year:

- $\,\circ\,$  Pick up a school supply list before you leave
- o The only things that need labels are personal items such as backpacks, lunchboxes, coats, water bottles. We share all school supply items in class.



If you have concerns about your child's development or readiness for kindergarten, please contact:

- Your School Principal Ms. Shefveland
- Special Services 425-385-5250



#### Communications



### STAY CONNECTED



**ParentSquare** keeps you updated through an app, text, email, and voice messages. You will receive an email in August from ParentSquare to activate your account. We encourage you to also download the app. This is the best way to stay engaged with your student's teacher and school. This is how you will receive emergency messages, absences, school and district information, and more.



**Social media** is a great way to keep informed about school and district events and happenings. The district and schools have various social media accounts. Visit our social media directory on the website to find the ones you want to follow. (Departments/Communication/Social Media Directory)





# THANK YOU!

