



# Welcome to Kindergarten 2025-2026

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# Welcome to Penny Creek Elementary



## Thank you for joining us today!



### Introductions:

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

- Teachers

Mrs. Blankenberg

Mrs. McCarthy

Mrs. Smith



Mrs. Hong

Mrs. Osmonson

Mrs. Tinsley

Info tables: Natural Leaders and Scouts

PTA info in your bags



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

- **Monday, August 18 to Thursday, August 21**
- 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

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For more information: [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready)

### 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.



# 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 [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) 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**



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

### DO

Develops competent  
thinkers, decision makers,  
& problem solvers

### 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**



# Current Students (Preschool / Transitional Kindergarten)




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 re-enrolled. 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](http://www.everettsd/kindergartenenrollment)

- 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.

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**ANNUAL HEALTH HISTORY  
FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

**SN Formed**  
(Student Information)

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We require an updated Annual Health History each school year. The information provided will be shared with student staff members to ensure your child's safety.

Students with life-threatening conditions are asked to provide **PHYSICIAN** in the event of a school health crisis.

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# 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 <https://www.ymca-snoco.org/programs/1044/school-age-care/?locations=-1>
- 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](http://www.everettsd.org/transportation) - [www.everettsd.org/busroutes](http://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: <https://www.everettsd.org/foodservices>



## 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
- Volunteer
- Join PTA or Natural Leaders



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



# Creating Independence



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



# Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines



**EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
PreK-3 Cross District Coalition

## Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines

Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher. Children learn in different ways and at different rates. They come to school with varying skills. These guidelines highlight some of the skills that will help your child be prepared for kindergarten. The list below suggests ways to work with your child to help him/her be successful in school.

Social/ Emotional	Yes, we are working on this	Yes, my child can do this
1 My child can follow 2-step directions consistently and is beginning to follow 3-step directions.		
2 My child can remember and follow routines (ex: dinner, bath, brush teeth, read bedtime story, go to bed).		
3 My child can tell about his/her own feelings (ex: I feel happy, I feel sad, I feel excited).		
4 My child can calm him/herself when frustrated or upset.		
5 My child can put on his/her own coat.		
6 My child can use the bathroom independently.		
7 My child can wash his/her hands.		
8 My child can put away toys, clean up small spills 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.		
Physical	Yes, we are working on this	Yes, my child can do this
1 My child can run, jump and gallop.		
2 My child can stand on one foot.		
3 My child can throw and catch a large ball.		
4 My child can kick a ball.		
5 My child can cut using scissors.		
6 My child can hold and use a pencil.		
7 My child can buckle, zip, snap, and button.		
Language	Yes, we are working on this	Yes, my child can do this
1 My child can use words to express his/her thoughts and needs.		
2 My child can name and describe familiar things in his/her world.		
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.		
7 My child can have a conversation on one topic with another person, taking turns talking.		

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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](http://www.everettsd.org/kindergarten)

# Summer Activity Kit



- Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines
- Summer Bucket list to support Kindergarten readiness
- “Kindergarten Here I Come” book
- Bookmark (reading and math strategies)



Summer Bucket List to support kindergarten readiness		
<p>Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher. Children learn in different ways and at different rates. They come to school with varying skills. The activities on below suggests some fun ways to work with your child this summer to help them be more ready for school. They can complete the bucket for every day until they are!</p>		
<b>Social/ Emotional</b>		5 days
1	Play Simon Says Outside. Give two sets of directions each turn (sit, jump) also clap your hands and jump!	
2	Follow directions and get ready for bed (turn on your alarm, brush teeth, read bed time story, go to bed)	
3	Emotion game. Act out different emotions and ask if your family can guess how they are feeling and how you can help!	
4	Stop a spot in your house that is silly when you get frustrated or sad. What will you do there to help calm down?	
5	Being dressed and ready for a trip to the park or to school!	
6	Tell a family member all the things you can do for yourself (get a snack, brush your teeth, get dressed)	
7	Go a random act of kindness. How did it make you feel?	
8	Clean your room or play area	
9	Go a chore to help your family or home!	
10	Take up reading to a new grade you have never seen	
11	Share a toy with a friend or sibling	
12	Plan and carry out a random act of kindness	
13	Helping with things outside	
<b>Physical</b>		5 days
1	Play an outside family game	
2	Use sidewalk chalk to create a line obstacle course. One straight, curly and zig zag lines to follow over the sidewalk	
3	Play a game with a ball where you need to throw, catch and kick the ball	
4	Play catch with a friend or family member. How many times can you catch the ball in a row without dropping it?	
5	Use magazines, newspaper or just look at to find things you like. Cut out the pictures and glue them to make a collage	
6	Use sidewalk chalk to draw your favorite things	
7	Practice skip, jump, and balance as you are ready for kindergarten	
<b>Language</b>		5 days
1	Act out your favorite story!	
2	Play I spy during a nature walk with an adult. Give them 5 clues to see if they can guess what you spy!	
3	Talk about the weather. How many words can you use to describe it? (sunny, hot, windy, etc.)	
4	Draw a picture of your favorite animal. Tell a family member as many details as you can about your animal!	
5	Call a family member that does not live with you and tell them about your kindergarten summer bucket list!	
6	Ask a family member to tell you a story about when they were a kindergarten!	
7	Tell a family member a story about something funny that happened to you	

# 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](http://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)
- Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures

# Kindergarten School Supplies



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

- Pick up a school supply list before you leave
- 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





## 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.

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**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)

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# THANK YOU!

