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WELCOME,  
NEWEST HAWKS!



KINDERGARTEN

*Hardin Valley Elementary School*



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## A Letter from the Teachers

You will receive a letter from Hardin Valley a couple of weeks before school starts in August. This letter will inform you of the two staggered dates your child will attend during the first two weeks of school. A generic supply list will also be included in the letter. A special *Meet the Teacher Night* will be scheduled after the first staggered week of school.

## Staggered Attendance

During the first two weeks of school in August, your child will come to visit kindergarten in a small group. This is to help your child become comfortable with a school setting, and to give all of our kindergarten teachers a chance to get to know each child better. Your child will only attend from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on these two staggered days. Be sure you have an after-school child care plan for these two early dismissal days. Please understand these two days are important to help students get to know the teachers and for the teachers to screen all kindergarten students. *Remember, there is no bus transportation on these days.*

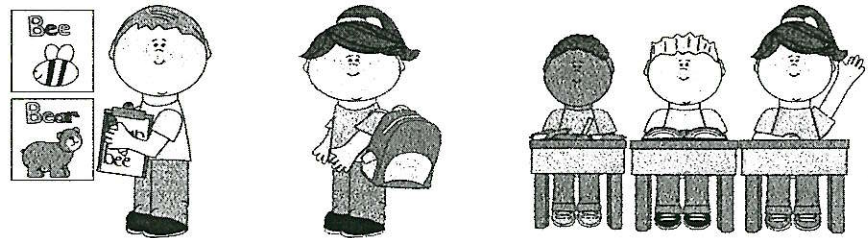
**DAY 1:** Please walk with your child into the lobby. Before you leave, our kindergarten teachers and administrators will meet you, collect some information, make sure your child is settled in, and answer any questions. All of our kindergarten teachers will have an opportunity work with, and get to know, every child on this day. Our principal will meet with kindergarten parents on the morning of your child's first special day. It will be a short 10-15 minute meeting in the library.

**DAY 2:** Your child will attend school again the following week. Classroom assignments will have been communicated by this day, and your child will spend the entire morning with his/her new homeroom teacher and a few new friends. There will be email communication regarding your child's homeroom assignment.

# KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The progress children make when they begin an educational program depends, to a large extent, upon their readiness for school. For this reason all kindergarten children are screened at the beginning of the school year to determine their areas of strengths and needed growth related to the curriculum. This information is used to help the teacher plan appropriate academic activities for your child.

During the school year vision and hearing are also checked to identify potential problems that may require further attention by specialists in those fields.



## HELPFUL HINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIRST FEW DAYS

### **Arrive on time!**

During staggered enrollment, class times are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. \*Students must be driven to school, and picked up, by an adult. \*There is no bus transportation on these staggered days. The regular school day is 7:45 am to 2:45 pm (after the first two weeks).

### **Reassure the student and leave cheerfully.**

Tell your child you will see him/her soon and to have a good day. Staying around too long can be a distraction to your child, and lingering only makes it more challenging for the child and teacher to begin the school day.



# ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS



\*Birth Certificate

\*Social Security Number

\*Proof of Residence (gas or electric bill, mortgage or lease agreement)

\*To enter kindergarten for this school year, your child must be five years old before August 15th.

\*All required immunizations include:

- physical examination

- DPT, 5 doses

- OPV / IPV , 4 doses (final dose on/after 4th birthday)

- MMR, 2 doses

- Varicella - 2 doses or official documented proof of having had the disease

- Hepatitis B, 3 doses

- Hepatitis A, 2 doses

\*\*Tennessee Child Health Record MUST be turned in prior to school starting or the first day your child attends school. No child will be allowed to stay without this information.

# KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

## LITERACY AND MOTOR SKILLS



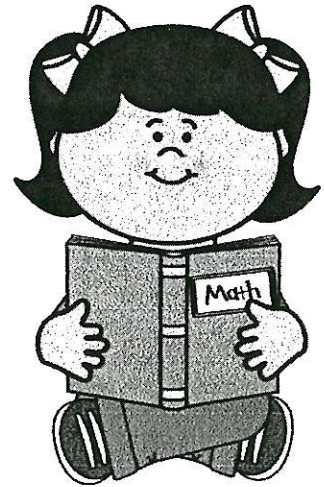
- \*We will exercise gross motor skills such as skipping and hopping.
- \*We will practice fine motor skills such as cutting, zipping and tying.
- \*We will practice grasping and using crayons and pencils correctly.
- \*Visual memory and sequencing will be practiced regularly.
- \* During reading, students will recognize a purpose for listening and discuss/respond to texts with their teacher and peers.
- \*We will track print when listening to a familiar text being read, when reading emergent readers, and when re-reading own writing.
- \*Recognize and name the letters of the alphabet and their sounds.
- \*Independently write all uppercase and lowercase letters.
- \*Recognize words that have the same beginning sounds (like cat and cow) and ending sounds (like ran and fan).
- \* Identify long and short vowel sounds.
- \*We will use letter knowledge to spell independently, using inventive spelling.
- \*We will practice sequencing, and retelling, 3-part stories (first, next, last).
- \*We will match rhyming words and pictures.
- \*Write two to four sentences on a single subject.
- \*Independently read "on-level" kindergarten books by the end of the year.



# KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

## MATH SKILLS

- \* We will match, and order number sets 0 - 20.
- \* Write numbers 0 - 20.
- \* Identify and reproduce shapes and solids.
- \* Recognize measurement tools and their usage.
- \* Create and interpret graphs.
- \* Identify, reproduce, and create patterns.
- \* Join and separate sets to 10 (simple addition and subtraction).
- \* Memorize addition and subtraction facts to 10.
- \* Count to 100.
- \* Skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- \* Sort and classify items.
- \* Problem solve with given tasks.
- \* Show understanding of numbers in multiple ways (draw a picture, write an equation, write a sentence, etc.)
- \* Identify coins and their values.



# TERRIFIC TIPS!

- \*It is very important to establish routines (dinner, quiet time, bath time, story time, bed time, etc.)
- \*Expose your child to group situations (play groups, Mother's Day Out, daycare programs, Sunday school, etc.)
- \*Assign age appropriate responsibilities (setting the table, picking up toys, caring for pets, etc.)
- \*Talk about school in a positive way!
- \*READ, READ, READ - every day!!! Designate a time each day at some point, to read a book to your child. Discuss the characters and what happened in the story. Have your child retell the story in his/her own words.
- \*Sign up for the Knox County Public Library Summer Reading Program.
- \*Be comfortable leaving your child for short periods of time.
- \*Encourage independence.



# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

## The Kindergarten Day

The following is a general outline of a typical day.

### Opening Activities

\*morning work - This includes daily practice of previously-introduced reading and/or math skills

### Large Group Time

\*reading - new skills

### Small Group Time

\*teacher-directed and independent practice includes guided reading practice, hands-on tools, computers, iPads, etc.

### Writing

### Special Areas

\*music, library, p.e., art, technology, STEM and guidance

### Lunch

### Recess

### Large Group Time

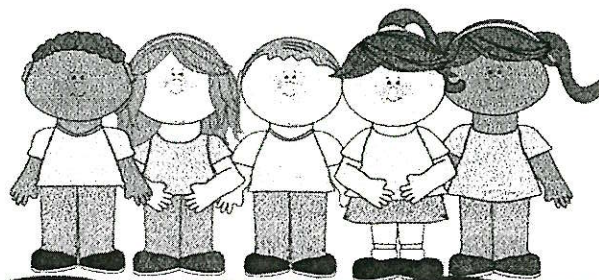
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### Snack, Science/Social Studies

### Dismissal





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN



**What are the kindergarten hours for school?** After the first two staggered days, students will attend kindergarten for a full day from 7:45 am to 2:45 pm.

**Will my child have a snack or rest time?** Kindergarten students will have a snack time daily. When school begins, information will be given to you. Students will not have a rest time.

**When will my child start kindergarten?** You will receive a letter in the mail this summer about at least 4-5 days before school starts in Knox County. The letter will indicate the dates your child will attend during Staggered Days.

**What are Staggered Days?** Your child will attend 2 days during the first two weeks of school. This will allow your child to become comfortable in a small group. The hours for these two days are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. There is no bus service on these days. You will need to make arrangements for arrival and dismissal.

**What will my child need on the first day?** You will need to have all required paperwork turned in to the school office in order for your child to attend for the day. \*Your child will need a packed lunch (or lunch money) and a backpack. There will be a short kindergarten parent meeting with our principal on the first staggered day. The letter you receive (prior to school beginning) will list supplies your child needs for kindergarten. \*You will want to wait to bring supplies on the 2nd staggered day (when there's a homeroom assignment).

**How are students assigned to classrooms?** Our school principals will place students in classrooms.

**When will students start attending full time?** Your child will start a full day of kindergarten (7:45 am - 2:45 pm) on his or her 3rd day of kindergarten. This date will be included in your summer letter from our school.

**When can I meet my child's teacher?** Kindergarten teachers will host a Parent Night soon after school begins; this is when information and expectations will be communicated to you. Fall parent conferences will be scheduled beginning in September.



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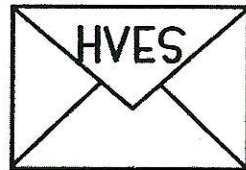
## WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN AUGUST!

# COMMUNICATION FROM US!

REMEMBER, you should have signed up for your staggered days when in receipt of this packet (during the Round Up event).

IF YOU DID NOT GET DATES... we will mail you an info. packet; you should receive this in the mail at least two weeks prior to school beginning. It will have your assigned days/dates.  
THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL THE OFFICE.  
(We will assign every registered person a date.)

IF YOU DID RECEIVE YOUR ASSIGNED DATES, we will still send you a mailer confirming those dates.



## The envelope will include:

- \*confirmation of 1<sup>st</sup> two staggered dates

- \*a school supply list

- \*a sheet of paper that will need to be completed by you

BE SURE TO BRING THE COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU ON  
YOUR CHILD'S FIRST STAGGERED DAY.

If for any reason you do not receive a mailer from our K staff by  
August 1, 2023, contact the school office.

Check our school website for general kindergarten information too:

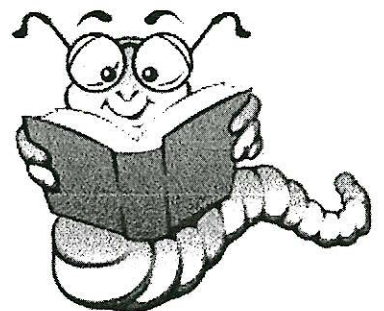
[www.hardinvalleyeyes.com](http://www.hardinvalleyeyes.com)



# Kindergarten

## High Frequency Words

I	you	my	out
like	big	to	good
the	with	of	all
we	for	what	our
go	no	put	your
see	jump	want	girl
can	one	saw	when
she	are	this	love
a	have	eat	away
is	said	was	yellow
he	two	her	happy
has	look	down	how
little	me	friend	over
play	come	they	
and	here	very	

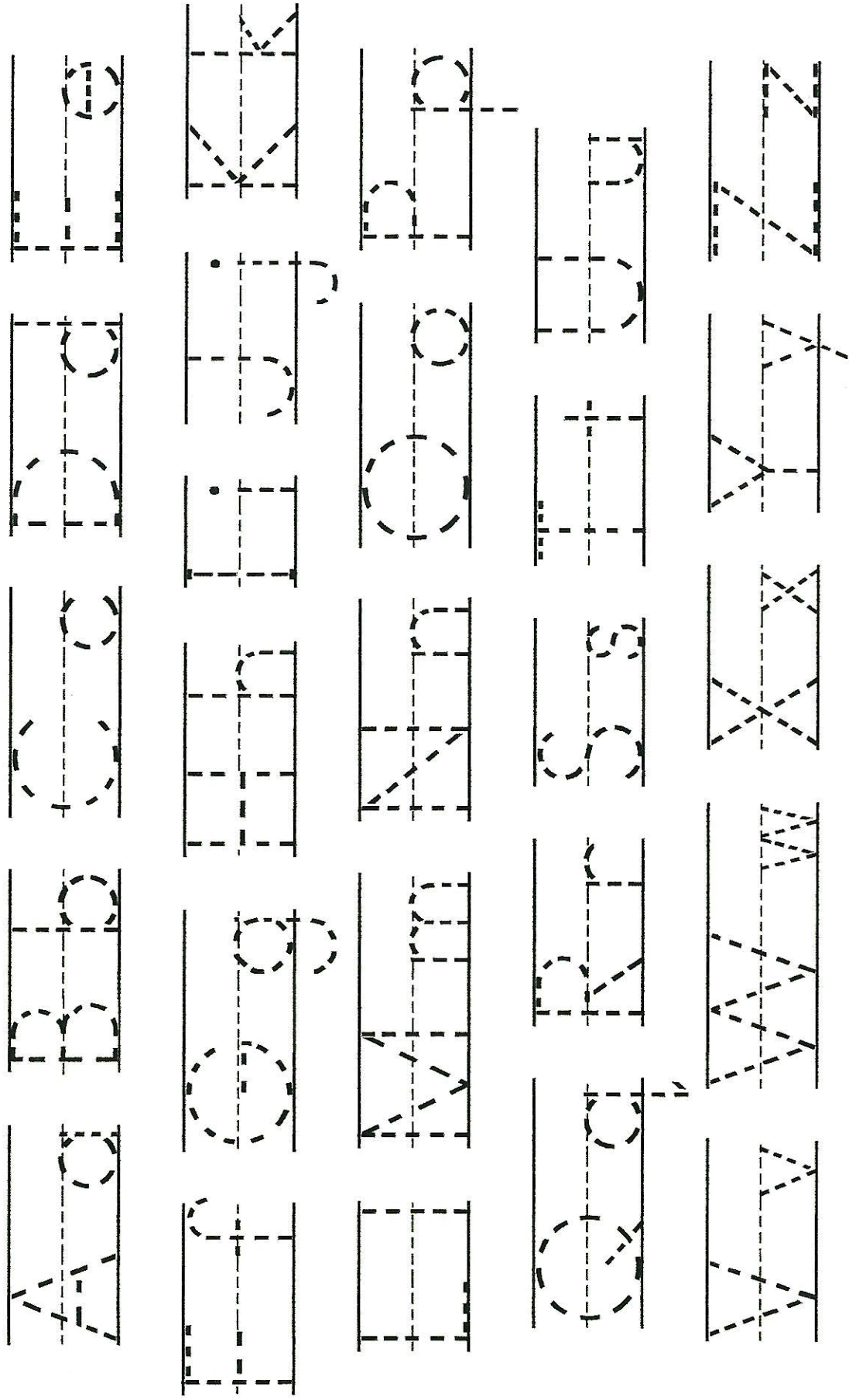


## ADDITIONAL WORD LIST

<b>I</b>	<b>can</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>we</b>	<b>the</b>
<b>like</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>see</b>	<b>go</b>	<b>to</b>
<b>have</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>play</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>for</b>
<b>you</b>	<b>this</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>what</b>
<b>little</b>	<b>said</b>	<b>here</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>she</b>
<b>he</b>	<b>has</b>	<b>look</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>my</b>
<b>where</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>it</b>	<b>come</b>
<b>out</b>	<b>get</b>	<b>eat</b>	<b>how</b>	<b>big</b>
<b>that</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>one</b>	<b>blue</b>	<b>from</b>
<b>orange</b>	<b>four</b>	<b>brown</b>	<b>be</b>	<b>pink</b>
<b>purple</b>	<b>there</b>	<b>gray</b>	<b>nine</b>	<b>so</b>
<b>seven</b>	<b>they</b>	<b>saw</b>	<b>green</b>	<b>five</b>
<b>black</b>	<b>two</b>	<b>six</b>	<b>three</b>	<b>eight</b>
<b>our</b>	<b>white</b>	<b>went</b>	<b>yellow</b>	<b>now</b>
<b>say</b>	<b>ten</b>	<b>red</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>because</b>
<b>will</b>	<b>why</b>	<b>in</b>	Some words on this list are the same as the previous page's list. Studying both will be helpful.	



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

I can trace the numbers 1 - 20.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

I can write the numbers 1 - 20.
