

Fair Garden's Mission:

- * Serve Children
- * Empower Parents
- * Strengthen Families
- * Support Communities

Our Vision:

We believe...

- * All children can learn.
- * Preschool students learn through play, conversations, and interactions.
- * Parents are their child's first teachers.
- * Positive self-esteem is critical to success.
- * Professional development is offered to everyone who supports student learning.
- * The Fair Garden community plays a vital role in our school's success.

Parents, our major stakeholders, thank you for partnering with Fair Garden so we can be the best school in Knox County. ☺

Tardies and Absences

Students arriving to class after 7:45 a.m., are considered tardy for the school day. Parents are requested to complete a tardy slip in the front office, before entering the classroom. Students not in the classroom before 8:00 a.m., must go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast with the individual that brings him or her to school.

Please call the school, if your child is going to be absent. When your child returns to school, please send in a parent note or doctor's note for the absence to be documented appropriately. We can only accept 10 parent notes to excuse an absence, after that doctor excuses are required. Valid absences are as follows: 1. Student illness, 2. head lice (1 day), 3. Death in the family (you should provide the obituary), 4. and a recognized religious holiday.

We want your child at school every day they are physically able to be present. Thank you for practicing good hand washing techniques to keep those germs away. Scrub, scrub, scrub those hands and wash all those germs away.

Did you know?

Research shows, students participating in high quality pre-school programs have an increased probability to graduate from high school, lower rates of grade repetition, higher educational attainment, and many more behaviorally and social benefits.

* Children benefit, when they are read to at an early age. Thank you for reading at home to your Fair Garden child.

* When students enter kindergarten, they should be able to recognize uppercase and lowercase letters and some letter sounds, repeat the first sound in a word, speak in complete sentences, print his or her first name, count in order from 1-20, recognize numbers and quantities to 5, etc.

Attendance

The Tennessee law requires children in grades K-5 to be in school for at least 3 hours and 16 minutes to be marked present for the day. We expect our students to be at school every day for learning to occur. We are trying to improve our attendance at Fair Garden. Thank you for your assistance with helping us reach our goal of 95% present every day. Learning happens, when you are at school and are engaged. **"80% of success is showing up!"**



Welcome to Preschool!

Fair Garden Early Learning Center



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Fair Garden's Parent Information Guide

At Fair Garden, we believe that communication between teachers and parents is one of the most important measures of a child's success in school. We encourage you to get actively involved in every aspect of your child's learning process. Please contact your child's teacher, whenever you have a question or concern. Teachers can be contacted via ClassDojo, email, and/or phone. At Fair Garden, we have your child's best interest at heart. We believe in partnering with each parent to do what is best for each child. We are a TEAM!

Arrival to School:

*Always walk your child into the building and sign him or her in each day. Give your child a personal escort to where he or she should be, which is either the gym or classroom.

*The doors of our school open at 7:10 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Dismissal:

Our dismissal time is at 1:15 p.m. daily, when there's a full day of school. Please make sure you pick your child up on time daily. There is an afterschool program that you can enroll your child in called SHADES Extended Preschool Program, if being on time is a concern for you. If school is a half day, dismissal is at 11:15 a.m.

***Car Riders**- Each day, parents will come to the office to sign your child out for the day.

* Bus and Day Care riders are dismissed through the side bus entrance doors daily.

Additional Important Information:

* Please make sure your child has a change of clothing at school, just in case he or she has an accident. Thank you for planning ahead.

* A sick child with a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting should be kept at home free of these symptoms for **24 hours before returning to school.**

* Thank you for dressing your child appropriately for school, which involves fun and engaging activities. Thank you for dressing your child in tennis shoes for safety. We are a team and thank you for staying informed and planning accordingly. ☺



Checking Out Of School Early:

We truly want all our students at school every day all day. If you must check your child out of school during the day, please report to the main office and we will call your child at that time. It would be wonderful, if you could send a note to the teacher in the morning informing her that your child will be leaving early. **Please be mindful that we do not accept changes in dismissal via phone or email. Changes in transportation must be in writing. Important Note:** Please be ready to provide photo identification, when checking your child out from school. Please make sure that anyone you are giving permission to check your child out in on the emergency card.

Communication:

Communication is the key to a true-home school connection. We will be communicating with you via ClassDojo, newsletters, Twitter, School Messenger, our school website, and your child's teacher's class daily folder. Please make sure that your email address and phone numbers are kept up-to-date throughout the school year. Our **Parent Handbook** is an invaluable resource. Thank you in advance for reading all the information that's sent to you via an electronic method or a written method so you can be informed.

Medication:

Students who need medication must have a form on file in the front office. The form must be signed by your child's doctor and is required for any medication to be given at school. When medicine is brought into the building, it should be unopened and in the original container, before it can be administered at school. Please be mindful that children should not transport medicine. Medicine should be brought to the office by a parent/guardian. Children with allergic reactions to food should have a doctor's statement on file so our nurse can have this important information documented. Forms can be obtained from the front office. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

