

Northshore Elementary Kindergarten Supply List 2020-2021

- 1 backpack (no wheels, 2 straps, not toddler)
- 8 large glue sticks (Elmer's brand-purple)
- 5 boxes of Crayola Crayons (5 boxes per student-24 count box)
- 1 plastic pencil box (not the small skinny box) (No pencil pouches) (Dimensions for pencil box are $8\frac{3}{8}$ L x $5\frac{5}{8}$ W x $2\frac{1}{8}$ H)
- 2 packs of 24 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils (please make sure they're sharpened)
- 1 box tissues
- 1 pair of Fiskar blunt end scissors
- 1 box of "skinny" Crayola Washable Colored Markers
- 1 box of regular Crayola Washable Colored Markers

*PLEASE TAKE THE SCISSORS OUT OF THE PACKAGE AND LABEL THOSE IN SHARPIE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. PLEASE DO NOT LABEL ANY OF THE OTHER SUPPLIES BESIDES THE SCISSORS. THANK YOU!





Northshore Elementary School

Kindergarten

Program

2020-2021

A Handbook for Parents





WELCOME TO

Northshore Elementary School!

We are so excited to begin this journey together!



A Packet for Kindergarten Parents

Welcome to Northshore Elementary School. This is an exciting time for you and your child. We would like to welcome you to our school and our Kindergarten program. This handbook outlines important information you will need to know as you and your child prepare for this exciting milestone. We are thrilled that you are a part of this new school with us and look forward to working with you during this adventure!

STAGGERED DAY ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten students attend school for only *two* of the first ten days of school. For this school year, staggered days will begin on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and last until Friday, August 21, 2020. **The first full day of Kindergarten will be Monday, August 24, 2020 (subject to change).**

The purpose of this “staggered” schedule is to allow each Kindergarten child to meet his or her new teacher as part of a very small group (4-5 students). This helps your child to become familiar with our school environment on the first staggered day.

About one week prior to the first official day for the 2020-2021 school year, you will receive advance notice through the mail to let you know which two days your child is scheduled to attend during the staggered schedule. If you have not received your letter by Monday, August 3, 2020, please call the school office at 865-670-4104.

The hours on “**staggered days**” are **7:45-12:00**. Lunch is served on these days.

IMPORTANT DATES

Prior to the beginning of school, you will receive a letter from the school informing you of your child’s teacher. For student safety, class lists will not be posted outside the school.

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL HOURS

The **regular school day** begins at **7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m.** With our focus on Kindergarten Literacy, it is imperative to have your child attend class each day for the entire time.

TRANSPORTATION

All Kindergarten children who live on bus routes are eligible to ride the school bus. You may locate your bus stop route beginning in July on any Knox County Schools web page under "For Families" and "Bus Stop Locator". You also have the option of picking up your child in the "car rider" line or having your child picked up by a participating day care. Day care options are listed on our school website at:
knoxschools.org/northshores

NORTHSHORE ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

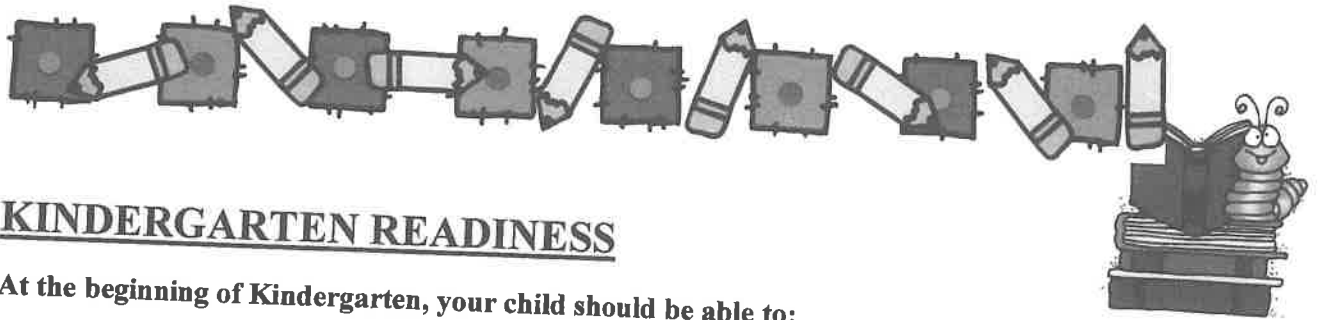
At Open House, or on the first day of school, you will receive a Northshore Elementary Handbook. This handbook offers detailed information about school policies and routine procedures. We will also provide information about school meals, the availability of free or reduced prices to qualifying families, school fees, information from the PTA and emergency and clinic cards to be filled out. Please keep this folder in a convenient location available for you to refer to throughout the year.

SCHOOL POLICIES

If you come to the office to visit your child or our school, you must sign in at the school office and receive an official "Visitor's Badge". IDs are required EVERY time you check out your child. Please abide by our security policies so we can ensure the safety of all of the children at our school.

You also need to follow Knox County Schools' volunteer policy. You can obtain a copy of this from the school. If you would like to volunteer in the school or on field trips, there will be more information at Round-Up regarding the Knox County Policy and Procedure.

Remember, we must have a Tennessee School Immunization Certificate completed and signed by a physician before your student can attend school. Have a fun summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

At the beginning of Kindergarten, your child should be able to:

Self-Help Skills

- *Listen for their name and respond appropriately
- *Follow 2-step directions
- *Perform personal care routines independently: use the restroom, wash/dry hands, button/zip clothing, attend to themselves at lunch

Fine Motor Skills

- *Color, cut, and glue
- *Correctly hold a pencil
- *Write his/her name correctly

Social Skills

- *Separate from parents without being upset
- *Listen without interrupting
- *Get along well with others

Developmental Skills

- *Identify letters and sounds
- *Identify colors
- *Identify shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
- *Draw shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
- *Count to twenty

Q and A for Kindergarten Parents

Fall 2020

At what age can my child begin Kindergarten?

- For the 2020-2021 school year, students must be five years old by August 15, 2020 to enroll in Kindergarten.

What are the hours of Kindergarten?

- The school day is 7:45 to 2:45.

When does my child begin kindergarten? How does the staggered schedule work?

- Kindergarten students will begin a staggered schedule for the first two weeks of the school year. Lunch will be served on these staggered days.
- Your child will be assigned two days during this time in order to introduce them to the school routines in a small group setting.
- Dismissal for staggered days only will be at 12:00 noon.
- The first full day of Kindergarten will be August 24, 2020 (subject to change). This will begin the 7:45-2:45 school day schedule.

Will my child be able to ride the school bus?

- Students may ride the bus to school on days that are 7:45-2:45. The bus will not be provided in the afternoon for students during the staggered days (the first two weeks of school.)

What are the other options for dismissal for my child?

- You may pick up your child in the car line as a "car rider" or you may sign them up for one of the daycares that pick up from the school. There is a list of the daycares on the school's website. Please contact them for pricing and more information.

How will my child find the correct bus or daycare at dismissal?

- An adult will escort your child to their appropriate area at dismissal. Please communicate with your child's teacher about their transportation, especially in the event of a change.

Will there be time for snack?

- There will be time for a snack built into their schedule. Snack will be handled slightly differently at each school.

Will my child have rest time?

- There will not be a designated naptime.
- We know that five year olds will need times for active learning, movement, quiet learning, and a variety of activities throughout the day.



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Targets for Kindergarten Entry

A five-year-old with these skills is READY to succeed at school.

Letters and Sounds:

- Enjoys being read to and can retell a story
- Recognizes letters (upper and lower case) and some letter sounds
- Repeats the first sound in a word
- Speaks in complete sentences
- Prints his or her first name

Math:

- Counts in order from 1-20
- Recognizes numbers and quantities to 5
- Names and sorts items by color, shape and size
- Understands concepts such as more, less, same, above, below, big, small

Social:

- Settles in to new groups or situations
- Can concentrate on a task for 5 minutes
- Follows simple directions
- Shows kindness and concern for others

***Reading together every day
helps your child
master these skills.***

What is the most important way to ensure my child has these skills?

Read aloud, read aloud...**every** day together with your child. Studies show children must hear and share in hundreds of stories and Nursery Rhymes before they are ready to learn and read in school. It is also important for them to talk and talk about what they see every day and say the sounds of the letters they are learning.

“The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is **reading aloud to children**. This is especially so during the preschool years.” *The Report of the Commission on Reading*

What are some simple activities parents can do at home to teach their child these skills?

Whenever you are working with your child, it should always be **fun!** Early childhood advocates call it *playing with a purpose*. Some ideas are:

- **Snack Time** – Look for letters on food boxes or cans, and say them together
- **Driving** – Sing songs and read signs, such as McDonald's or Walmart – pointing out various letters

- **Preparing Meals** – Put magnetic letters on the refrigerator for play
- **Shopping** – Talk about beginning letters of food, clothes, or toys
- **Nap Time** – Read a story and talk about what's happening on each page. Let children predict what is going to happen next, or “read” the story to you.
- **Doing Chores** – Put sign on a few objects at home, such as “bed” and make a game of saying letters aloud
- **Play Time** – Point to an object and ask children to say words that rhyme, including silly words: ball, wall, tall, dall, jall, nall
- **Eating** – Say nonsense rhymes such as *Hey Diddle, Diddle*
- **Lesson Time** – Spell personal names with letter cards. Let children match each capital letter with its lowercase form, or put the letters in order. Draw a letter and find objects that begin with the same sound. (ball, boy, bike)
- **Library Time** – Make weekly trips to the library part of your family's fun time together. Books about going to school help build children's confidence about kindergarten. A librarian can help you find them.