



Kindergarten Jump Start 2023

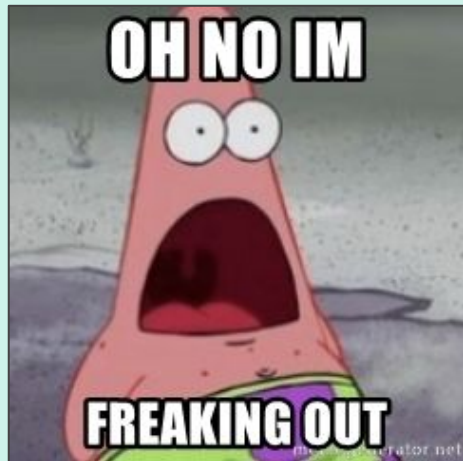
**Before we get started, we need
some information from you!**

Please take a few minutes to complete the
parent questionnaire.

How are you feeling about your child starting kindergarten?



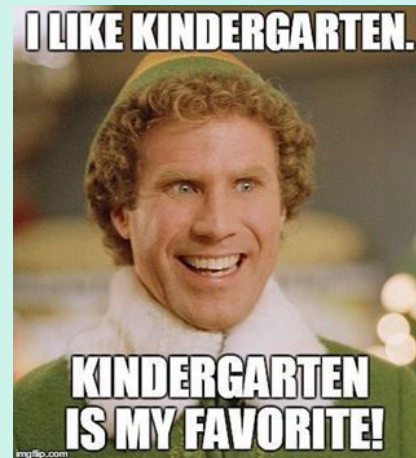
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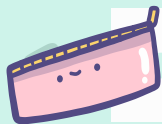
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How is your child feeling?



- # Meet the Kindergarten Teachers



Mrs.
Dixon



Mrs. Dolly



Maestra
Gutierrez



Mrs.
Hudson



Maestra
Reyes

Goal: Share information to successfully start the kindergarten school year!



How will this meeting work?

TODAY We Will Talk about...

Thompson Information and Resources

Break Out Session

Thompson School Tour

And of course, time for...

Questions and
Answers



Thompson Office Staff



Thompson Office Hours:
8:30 - 4:30



Secretary:

Casey
Wheeler



Registrar:

Cherryl
Brundage



Attendance & Health Clerk:

Maria Sandoval



Reporting an absence
is easy using the
Parentvue app!



If you need help with your
password information, the
office can help.



School Counselor



Counselor:

Ms. Schapiro

dschapiro@bethelsd.org

Ms. Schapiro works to support Thompson students and their families. She helps students feel safe and happy at school by working with them to manage strong emotions, make friends and become problem solvers.

Ms. Schapiro also supports families by connecting them to community resources.



Thompson Elementary PTA

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Or contact by email - chtompsonpta@gmail.com

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Alma Reyes



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Presentation in English

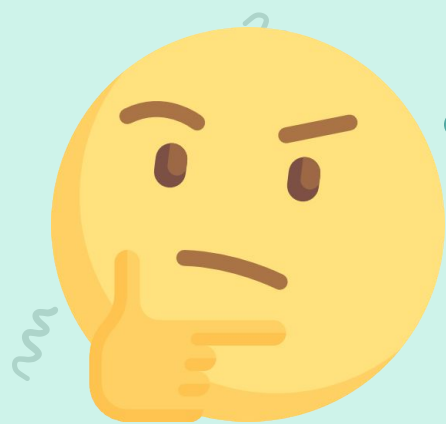
Building Tour &
move to Room 164

Presentation in Spanish

Stay here in the gym



Choose a Break Out Session

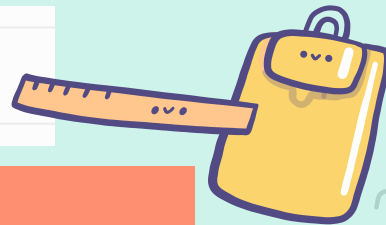


What is **SOFT START?**

Soft start allows students to come to class for the first time with fewer students and for just two hours. This is intended to help ease the transition to the first full day on Tuesday, September 6th.

- Students come to school from 10:00 to 12:00 on August 30th or 31st.
- No transportation is provided for soft start.
- Families will schedule a conference to meet one-on-one with teachers to share information about your child.

Important Dates:



August 28th – Open House from 5:30 – 7:00

Come visit your child's classroom and say hello to their teacher!



August 30th, 31st and September 5th – Soft Start

The school year will begin with a "soft start" which allows students to come to school from 10-12 and with fewer classmates. Teachers will be meeting with each family for a "Welcome conference" on these days.

September 6th – First Day of Kindergarten!

All students will be in class for their first full day! Plan for your child to come home EXHAUSTED!






What does my child need for kindergarten?



School Supplies:



Most kindergarten school supplies are provided by Bethel school district. This includes crayons, pencils, notebooks, whiteboard markers and scissors. Your child's teacher may reach out for donations of supplies for special projects and celebrations. Donations are always **OPTIONAL** but appreciated.



School Supplies

- Backpack (Big enough for a folder)
- Reusable water bottle
- Headphones
- Change of clothes in a plastic bag
(to be kept here at school)



**What will my child
do each day?**

Each day your child will...

- Have learning activities in each of the core areas (reading, writing, math).
- Go to a specialist class (PE, Music, Art, Library, Technology).
- Participate in a morning meeting to help build classroom community.
- Have recess, lunch and a snack.

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Kindergarten Schedule

9:20 - 9:30	Entry Task and Morning Work
9:30 - 9:45	Morning Meeting and SEL
9:45 - 10:15	"What I Need" or Targeted Support
10:15 - 11:00	ELA Block
11:00 - 11:25	Lunch
11:25 - 11:50	Recess
11:50 - 12:50	Math and Number Corner

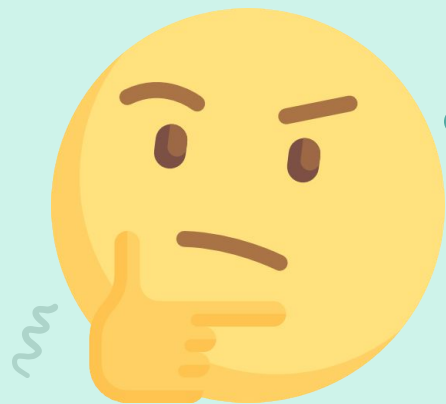
12:50 - 1:20	Foundational Skills
1:20- 2:05	Small Group Reading
2:05 - 2:10	Transition (Bathrooms)
2:10 - 2:55	Specialist
2:55 - 3:10	Recess
3:10 - 3:40	Social Studies & Science
3:40 -3:55	End of Day Routines & Dismissal



What is Tiger Tuesday?

Every *Other* Tuesday is “Tiger Tuesday” for Kindergarteners!

- K-2 students will go to the gym before class every other Tuesday.
- Students start the day with a lesson, celebration of goals and activities to help build the school community.
- Kindergarten teachers are not in the gym during this time but do meet their students in the gym after Tiger Tuesday.
- Supervision is provided by specialists and other support staff.



**What will my child
eat at school?**

All Thompson students can have free meals at school!

- Breakfast begins at 9:15. Students will “grab and go” breakfast and eat in their classrooms.
- Lunch is for 25 minutes each day beginning at 11:00.
- Each class will do snack in the afternoon.
- Parent donations help us make sure students have snacks each day while at school (all snacks must be store bought).

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What's for Lunch?

Child Nutrition Services

All students, including kindergarten can eat breakfast and lunch at school for FREE!

No registration is required BUT... We are asking all families to apply for free and reduced meals because it helps our school qualify for additional funding for support programs to help our students.

Kindergarteners will also have a snack during the day -

For more information about all nutrition services, visit:

<https://www.bethelsd.org/Domain/336>

To apply for free or reduced meals, visit:





Snack Time!

Please help us by donating snacks for teachers
to share with the class each day.

Donations are OPTIONAL but appreciated.

Snack Ideas:

Crackers (Goldfish, Ritz, etc...)
fruit snacks, applesauce pouches,
Granola bars, cereal



What celebrations happen in class?

Holidays:

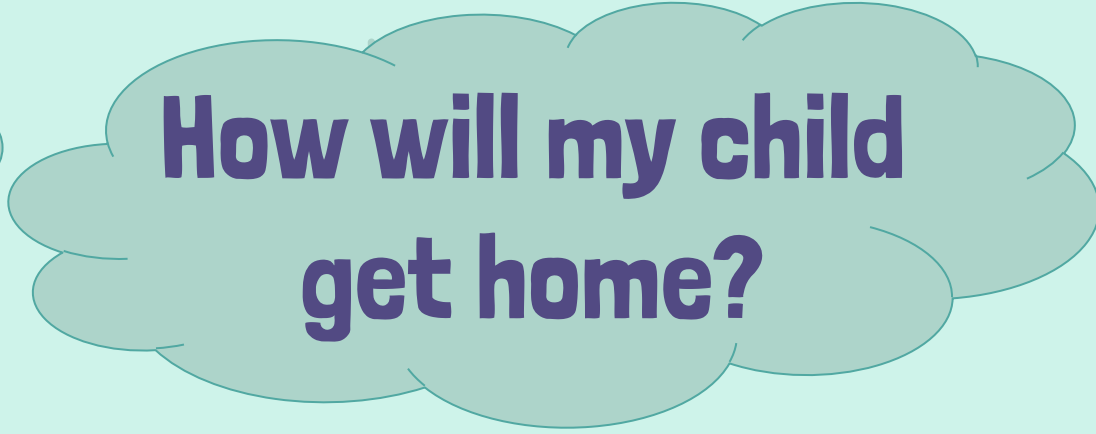

- Halloween
- "Friendsgiving"
- Christmas
- Valentine's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- And more...

Birthdays:

- Sing Happy Birthday & eat treats at snack
- Please contact teacher **BEFORE** sending any treats to school.

Graduation:

- Thompson kindergarten does **NOT** have a graduation. Students will celebrate with a party in class.



How will my child get home?



Thompson begins dismissing kindergarten students at 3:57 each school day.

- Kindergarten teachers will work together to supervise both bus riders and parent pick up students.
- Please be patient with us! We have many systems in place to be sure your child is dismissed safely each day.



Remember...

If you need to change dismissal plans for your child, be sure to send a note. Without written notice, we will not make any changes to the dismissal plan.

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The Wheels on the Bus:

Transportation Services



Buses will run 20-30 minutes late the first week of school!

Kindergarten students will not be released from the bus without their parent or guardian at the stop.

Students will have a bus tag on their backpack. Please be sure it stays there.

For more information including bus rules, visit:

<https://www.bethelsd.org/Page/714>

For information about bus routing, visit:

<https://busstops.bethelsd.org/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Transportation

253-800-5900

School days 7:30 - 5:00

Non-School days 7:30 - 4:00

On the Road Again:

Car riders (pick up and drop off)



Get Ready!

- Your Kinder child will be dropped-off and picked-up at the MAIN ENTRANCE/FRONT DOORS!
- Have your child ready to get out right away for drop off.
- If your child needs help with buckling, pull through the line to the parking area and help them there.

And Go!

- Stay in line along the curb and do NOT pass cars.
- Follow staff directions and signage.
- Please hang your child's name tag on your rearview mirror.
- Students can only enter cars from the curb with staff help.
- Be sure your child knows what car to look for!

**Remember
to be
patient
with us!**

Dismissal can
be frustrating
but these
procedures will
help everyone
get home
safely!



But what about HOMEWORK?

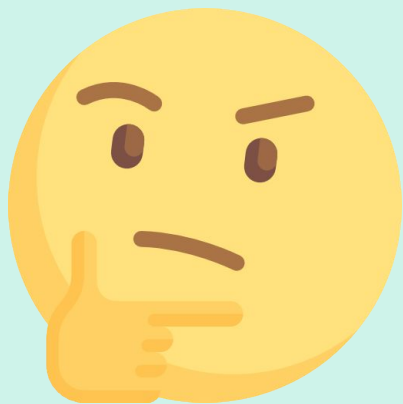
Each kindergarten class will have both daily and weekly homework.

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- **Daily: Read together for 20 minutes**
- **Weekly: Homework packet ("Show what I know")**

This practice will help reinforce learning at school and is also a way to communicate what we are doing in class. If your child is having trouble completing the work, please let your teacher know.





**How can I volunteer
in my child's class?**

Volunteer help is ALWAYS appreciated!

- You can volunteer in class or at home with material preparations.
- Each teacher will have a volunteer sign up during open house on August 28th.
- Please note that all volunteers working in the classrooms must complete a registration form.

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Volunteering at Thompson

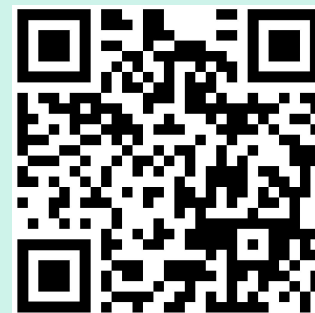


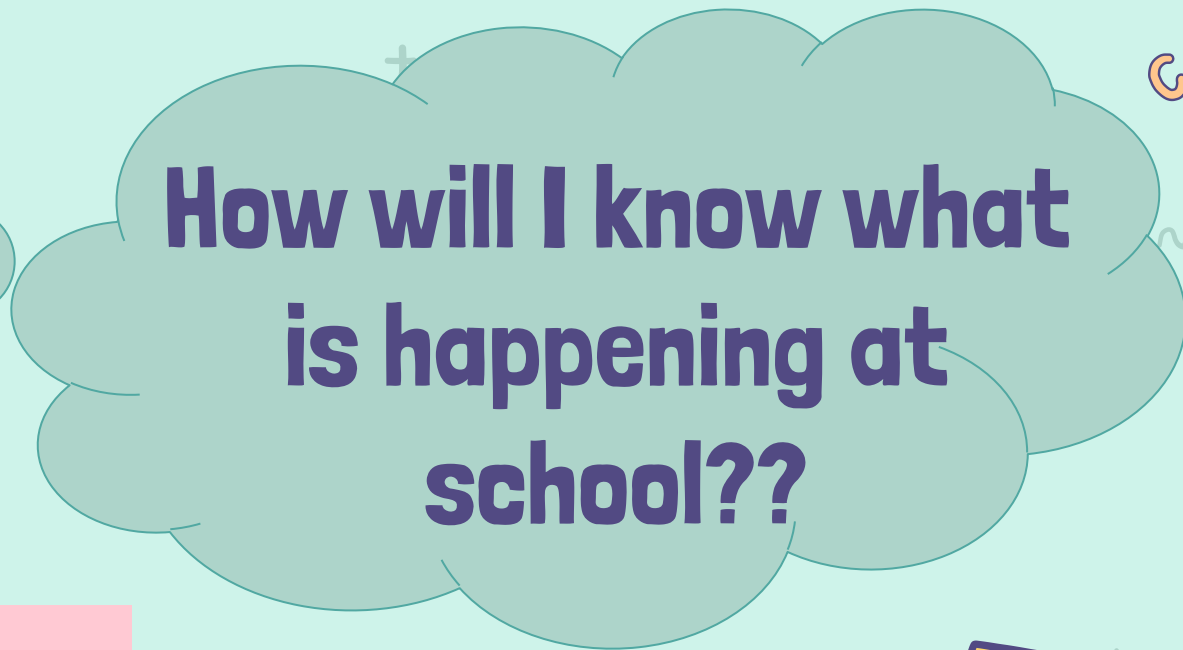
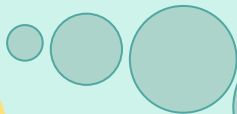
**Volunteer
Coordinator:**

Tricia Donovan
pdonovan@bethelsd.org



Scan this code to
complete the
volunteer
registration!





School Communication:

- Parent Newsletter (email)
- Orange Folders (Weekly)
- Thompson and PTA Facebook pages!
- Robocalls & emails

Class Communication:

- Orange Folders (Daily)
- Email, phone calls and texts
- Seesaw - Be sure to set up notifications!



Classroom Communication

Be sure to download the Seesaw Family App! This will let you have access to your child's learning portfolio!

Your child's teacher will send you a link via email to sign up. Be sure to ask us if you need any help!

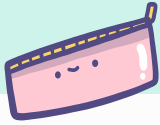
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Questions and Answers



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