



Woodland Heights Elementary ABC's of Kindergarten



Welcome to the Nest!

**We are so happy to have your child attend school with us!
The following gives general information for what to expect
in Kindergarten. You will receive additional information
from your child's teacher once students are assigned.**

A

is for Attendance. This is very important! If your child misses school, please complete the online absence form on our WHES website and email your child's teacher. School begins at 7:20 am. If your child arrives after the 7:20 am bell, you must park and walk your child into the building to sign them in at the front office.

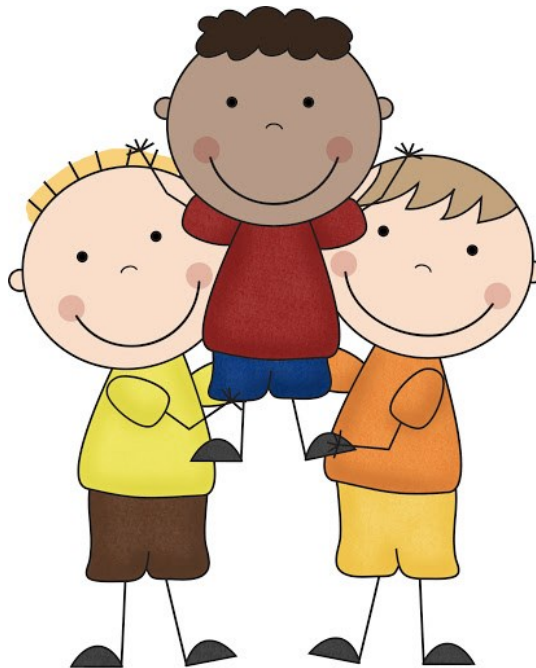


B

is for Backpacks. Please send your child with his/her backpack each day and check them after school each day. Make sure it's large enough to hold their folder, snack, water bottle and lunch box. Please label these items with your child's name.



is for Communication. Throughout the year, your child's teacher will communicate with you through weekly newsletters, emails and phone calls. Parents, you can contact your teacher with any questions or concerns through email or by calling the school. Please note that teachers may not be able to check their emails during the instructional school day. You should receive a reply from the teacher within 24-48 hours of your initial contact.



is for Dismissal. The school day ends at 2:10 pm. If your child's dismissal transportation changes, please complete the online transportation change form by 1:40 pm, as well as write the teacher a note. If you need to pick up your child early from school, please come to the office before 1:40 pm.

E

is for Enhancements. Your child will attend an enhancement class each day. The enhancement classes at WHES are PE, Art, Music, Media/Guidance and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

F

is for Field Trips. Grade levels typically take two field trips per year. (Fall & Spring)



G

is for Gym class. Students will have gym class (PE) multiple times a week. Children should wear sneakers on these days.

H

is for Hawks. The Hawk is our school mascot and one that we take great pride in. The Hawk symbolizes a need to start looking forward, envisioning your path ahead, and perhaps even preparing for a greater role in life. As your child begins their educational path at WHES, we will encourage and help them reach their potential. Go Hawks!



Be

I

INVOLVED in your child's learning!

J

is for Joining our PTO. Woodland Heights Elementary is lucky to have such caring and supportive parents. Our PTO works hard to make sure our school has what is needed to help students succeed.



K

is for Keeping up with folders. Folders are our primary means of communication. The folder is a way of making sure things get to and from school. Check your child's folder each evening for student work or information from the school. Make sure to empty the folder out regularly.



is for Lunch. Each day your child can choose to bring a lunch from home or buy lunch at school. Your child's student ID number is linked to their lunch account. Parents can pay online any amount to the child's account and the money will be deducted each time they purchase items in the cafeteria. You have the option to limit your child's purchases. Please contact the cafeteria to do so.

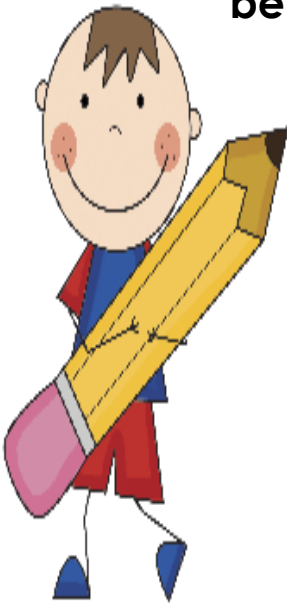
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is for Money. On occasion it may be necessary for your child to bring a check or money to school. Always send it in a sealed envelope with the following information on it: name, amount, purpose, and teacher's name. Paying online is available and encouraged.



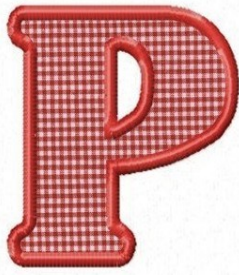
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is for Nurse. Our nurse is in the building 3 days a week. The other 2 days a nurse is available next door. If your student requires medication to be taken at school, please make sure that you fill out the necessary forms in the office. Our nurse handles all medication. Also, if there are any allergies that we need to be aware of, please let us know.



O

is for Office check-ins and check-outs. Please use the silver buzzer on the brick column at the front door and always bring ID with you when signing out your student.



is for Purposeful Play. Purposeful play allows children to make meaning out of seemingly everyday experiences. It is engaging and intentional. This type of play allows children to gather and process new information. It is critical for children's imaginations, developing reading, language, math, and science skills, as well as problem solving and social skills. Research shows that purposeful play not only has positive long term effects for children academically, but also helps with emotional development.



is for Questions. Please let us know if you have any questions! We are here to make this the best experience possible!



R

is for Recess. Students will be going outside daily unless it is raining or extremely cold. If your child is too sick to play outside, they are most likely too sick to attend school. Please make sure your child is properly dressed for the weather.

S

is for Snacks. We ask that each child bring a healthy snack each day. It is best if your child has an extra plastic pencil box to transport their snack to and from school.



T

is for Tying Shoes. Unfortunately, this is a very necessary skill that is no longer taught in school. Please work on this with your child at home.

U

Each child is **UNIQUE** and special. It is our aspiration to foster their individual strengths and help each child develop to his/her fullest potential; academically and socially. Our goal at WHES is to teach them to fall in love with learning!



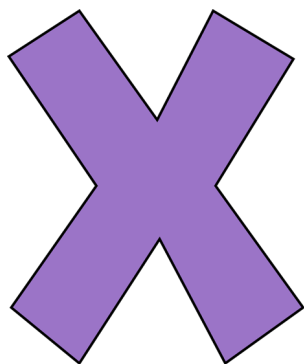
V

is for **Volunteers and Visitors**. We love having volunteers in our school! All volunteers must complete mandatory training and a background check. Volunteers and visitors must check in at the office with their ID.



W

is for **Water**. Please send your child to school each day with a water bottle marked with their name. There are filtered water stations on campus.



is for having eXtra clothes. Please send in an extra set of clothes for your kindergartener. The clothes will be kept in your child's classroom cubby.



is for YOU! Always remember you are a teacher too! There is no one who is more influential in your child's life than you! We are excited to partner with you in your child's education.



is for ZzZzZz...please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest each night. Setting and keeping a bedtime helps children to be alert and ready to learn each day.



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