

welcome to
PRE-K

International Leadership
of Texas
Arlington K8



Welcome!

We are so excited to be your choice for your child's Kindergarten education.

We are really looking forward to having a great 2024-2025 School year!

Communication is very important to us and a pivotal part of a successful school year. **The best and fastest way to communicate with us would be via Class Dojo** (for more info keep reading). Here are some other ways to contact us or the school.

PreK/ Kinder Grade level administrator Email: nalayon@iltexas.org

K-2 Assistant Principal Email: scasco@iltexas.org

School phone: (817)-419-9281

Take home folders are also a direct line of communication between teachers and parents. **Please check your child's RED (Spanish) & BLUE (English) folders every day.** We give our Kindergarteners the responsibility of making sure their folders are returned to school every day, and we are asking that our parents help too! Oftentimes there is time sensitive material that is sent home, and we do not want you to miss important information, fun activities, or certain opportunities for your student. To ensure you see all information, please take a quick peek in the folders every day.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at the International Leadership of Texas Arlington! We are delighted to have your child join our Kindergarten grade class, and we look forward to an exciting year of learning, growth, and discovery.

Kindergarten is a crucial year filled with many new experiences and opportunities for your child. Our curriculum is designed to foster a love for learning while developing essential skills in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. We also emphasize the importance of social-emotional development, helping students build friendships, develop empathy and learn to work cooperatively with others.

To ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year, here are a few important details:

Meet the teacher:

We would love to meet you and your child at our “Meet the Teacher” event in August. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to see the classroom and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Communication:

We believe that open communication between home and school is vital. You can expect regular updates about classroom activities, important dates and your child’s progress through class dojo and or email. Please feel free to reach out to me via email at naalayton@iltexas.org or by calling the school office at (817) 419-9281.

Classroom Supplies:

A list of necessary classroom supplies is available on our website. If you have any difficulties obtaining these supplies, please let us know, and we will be happy to assist.

Volunteering:

Parent involvement is a key component of our school community. If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom or for special events, please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Daily Schedule:

Our school day begins at 8:00am and ends at 3:45pm. Please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to learn. Consistent attendance is crucial for academic success, so we appreciate your efforts in making sure your child is present every day.

We are thrilled to embark on this educational journey with your child and look forward to a year full of exploration, creativity and achievement.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Layton, Kindergarten GLA

Our schedule

- **7:30am-8:00am** Arrival-Breakfast-Morning Activity
- **8:00am-8:35am** Read Aloud-Phonics & Word Study
- **8:35am-9:20am** Reader's Workshop-Writing
- **9:20am-10:06am** Guided Reading & Stations
- **10:09am-10:54am** Lunch-Recess
- **10:58am-11:43am** Specials (**Conference**)
- **11:47am-1:21pm** Math
- **1:24pm-2:09pm** Fitness
- **2:10pm-2:30pm** Snack– Recess
- **2:30pm-3:00pm** Social Studies
- **3:00pm-3:30pm** Science
- **3:30pm-4:00pm** End of Day Procedures-Prepare for Dismissal & Driveline



School Hours & Absences

School begins each day at **8am**, and students can begin to arrive at **7:05 am**, and will be able to have breakfast. We will start promptly at 8am each morning, please have your student here on time.

School ends at 3:45pm, please be prompt in picking up your child. Remember to always have your **driveline number(s)**. Also, if need be, you can pick up extra copies in the front desk to give to family or friends who may be picking up your student that day. This greatly helps dismissal move more quickly and smoothly.

Throughout the year there will be times that your child may get sick, and needs to go to the doctor, etc. **If your child is absent from school, please contact the office at (817)-419-9281** and/or please send a note with your child regarding his or her absence. If your child is taking an extended absence, please also let us know so that we are aware of why your student is absent.

You can email directly: **attendanceaems@iltexas.org**





Homework

We will begin sending out homework in October, please be on the lookout for information towards the end of September !

Newsletters

Our Newsletters will be sent out monthly, the first letter will be sent in September!

Monthly Zooms

Each Month we will host a Kindergarten Zoom Meeting, with information regarding the upcoming six weeks, upcoming events, grades, attendance, behavior, and any important school information!

- First Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19th, please be on the lookout for upcoming details and information!

Class Dojo



This year we will be using an app called “Class Dojo” for behavior management and communication. The app is really fun for the kids, because it encourages them to work hard for points based on their class or school-wide behavior. On a daily basis, they get to earn points for their avatar by doing positive behaviors, like doing their work, being a good listener and being helpful, etc. Students will lose points when they show negative behavior such as not doing their work or not following directions, etc.

We really enjoy using Class Dojo, because It is a great way to track student behavior and to keep you all informed. We will send home parent codes that allow you to log in and check on how your student’s day is going and how it ended, with the click of a button. Once you set up an account, through the Class Dojo website (www.classdojo.com) or the app for parents, you will have direct access to us and your child account.

Parents, please be mindful of communication hours (8am-4:30pm), and please allow up to 24 hours to respond, UNLESS it is an emergency. At any point, if you have questions regarding how your student is doing in class, please feel free to contact us.



Grading Policy

In first grade we use standards based grading as follows:

E = Excellent, exceeds expectations by having all answers correct and work is above and beyond what was asked.

S = Satisfactory, many or most answers are correct and generally completed what was asked.

N = Needs to improve, some answers are correct but many answers are incorrect. Some work may be incomplete from what was asked.

U = Unsatisfactory, no effort or nearly all answers are incorrect.

Please know that especially in the beginning of the year, N's will indicate areas where students need to improve. The goal is for students to have mostly Ss by the end of the year. We repeat skills in Math and RLA throughout the year and

we look for and celebrate growth as the year progresses.

Thank you,


Mrs. Layton



**AK8 Campus
Pre - Kindergarten
School Supply list
2024-2025**



***Disclaimer:** Teachers may ask for more specific supplies/Maestros podrán pedir útiles más específicos.

Amount/ Cantidad	Supply list	Lista de útiles
1	NAP MAT	estera de día
4	Primary composition notebook, hard cover, without spiral (100 pages 9.75" x 7.5") 	Cuadernos primarios para escribir cocidos, con pasta dura, sin espiral (100 hojas 9.75" x 7.5")
2	#2 Pencils (24 pack)	Lápices #2 (paquete de 24)
1	Copy and Print Paper	Copiar e imprimir papel
4	Box of crayons (24 pack)	Caja de crayones (paquete de 24)
2	Color Markers (10 count)	Paquete de marcadores gruesos (10 colores)
3	Glue Sticks Elmer's (4 Count)	Tubitos de pegamento sólido Elmer's
1	Elmer's White Glue Bottle (4 oz)	Botellas de pegamentos líquido (4 oz)
1	1 Package of White Erasers	un paquete de borradores blancos
2	Fiskar 5 inches Blunt Scissors (Left Handed for Lefties)	Tijeras (Fiskar 5 pulgadas) (para zurdos)
6	Plastic Folders with pockets and brads (2 red, 2 blue, 1 Green, 1 Yellow)	Carpetas de plástico con broches de metal (2 rojo, 2 azul)
2	4 pack multi-color Expo dry erase markers	Paquete de marcadores <i>Expo Dry Erase</i> (4 colores)
2	12x18 50ct Manila paper (legal size)	12x18 de 50 papel manila (tamaño legal)
1	9 x 12 50ct Manila paper (letter size)	9 x 12 de 50 papel manila (tamaño carta)
1	9x12 50ct Assorted Construction Paper	9x12 de 50 Papel de construcción de distinto colores
1	12 x 18 50ct Assorted Colors Construction Paper	12 x 18 Papel de construcción de distintos colores
4	Box of Kleenex	Caja de pañuelos desechables (Kleenex)
2	Sanitizer (12 oz)	Antibacterial (12 oz)
6	Disinfecting wipes	toallas desinfectantes (Clorox/Lysol)
1	Headphones (No Earbuds or bluetooth)	Auriculares (sin audífonos ni bluetooth)
1	Ziploc Bags (gallon size)	Caja de bolsas Ziploc (tamaño galón)
1	Ziploc Bags (quarter or sandwich)	Caja de bolsa Ziploc (1/4 o de sándwich)
1	Zipped Pencil Bags	bolsa de lápiz con zipper
2	Index Cas (1 Lined, 1 No Lines)	Tarjeta de indice (1 con líneas, 1 sin líneas)

***Disclaimer:** Brands are recommended/Las marcas son recomendadas.

NO Rolling backpack allowed / NO se permite mochila con ruedas