

# Esther Jackson's Kindergarten Round Up Signing Day!

Hopes and Fears for the Year  
Esperanzas y temores para el año



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WE CANNOT WAIT TO  
MEET OUR NEW KINDER  
STUDENTS!

# MEET THE TEAM

## Kinder Teachers

Ms. Bivins

Ms. Thompson

Ms. Elm

Ms. Herrera

Ms. Coberly

Ms. MacMillan (ESOL)

Ms. Chen (ESOL)

Ms. Solik (ESOL)

## Paraprofessionals

Ms. Buck

Ms. Fauntleroy

Ms. Tye

Ms. Goodman

Ms. Anantharaman



# MEET THE TEAM

## Admin

Nikol Boyd – Principal

Amanda Stafford – Assistant Principal

Lindsey Walker- Curriculum Support Teacher

Myriam Seoane – School Counselor

Lindsey Sather – Math Instructional Coach

Jen Hedeem – K-2 Literacy Coach

Jessica Hodge – 3-5 Literacy Coach



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KINDERGARTENER...

# KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP



SCAN  
ME!





**Rising kindergarteners will now leave to get a snack, see a school bus, get a tour of the school, and have a book read to them. We will meet back up with them after our presentation in Mrs. Thompson's classroom.**





**True or False**



## **Assumptions about Kinder!**

Students are expected to remember how to get to class right away without any support from teachers.

# Jaguar Basics: Mission and Vision



## Our Mission

Esther Jackson Elementary,  
Where learning leads the way!

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## Our Vision

EJ will be a loving community  
where every child is valued and  
supported to grow as a caring  
individual and successful scholar.



# Jaguar Basics: School Pledge

I am a caring jaguar scholar.

I am valued and I work hard.

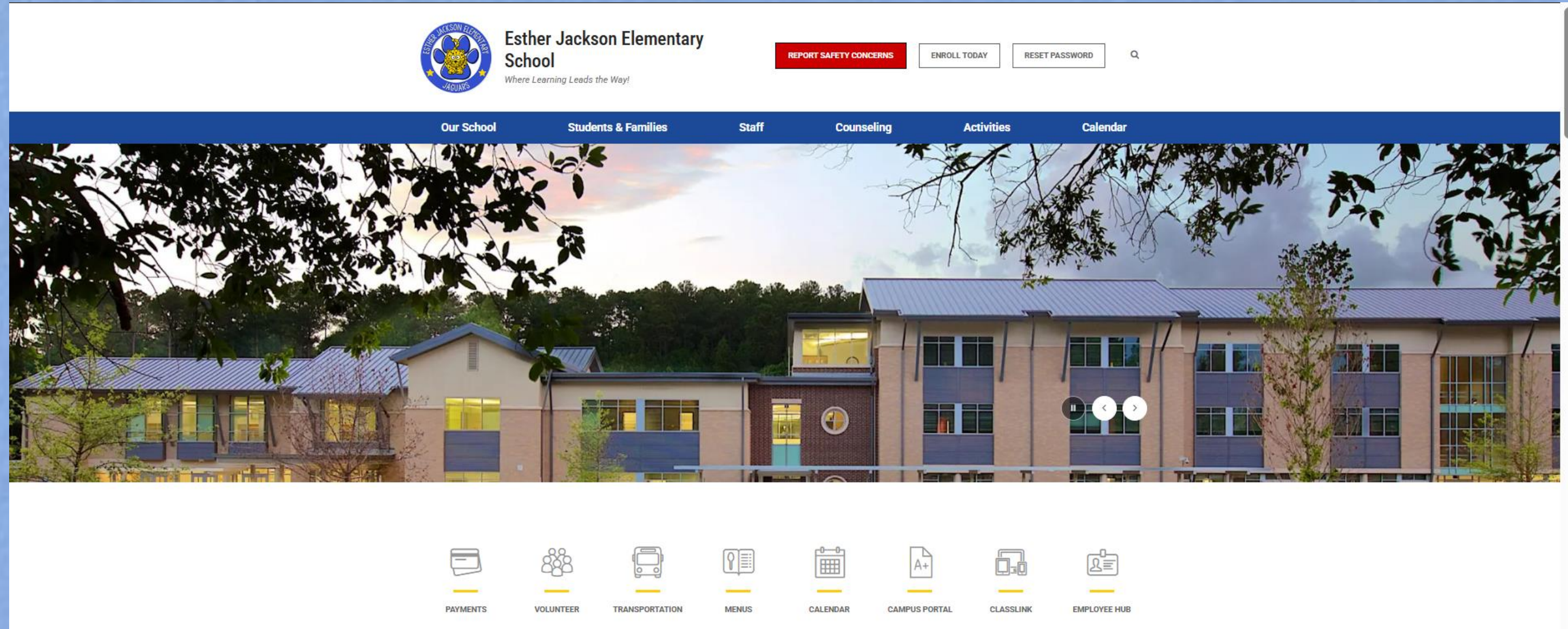
I grow every day.

Today will be a great day

because of me!



<https://estherjackson.fultonschools.org>



Check out our Website

# Sample Schedule

7:15-7:40 Breakfast, Morning Work, Announcements  
7:40-8:00 SSS/Morning Meeting  
8:00-8:30 Phonics  
8:30-8:45 Phonological Awareness  
8:45-9:30 Specials  
9:30-10:30 Reading and Writing Whole Group  
10:30-11:05 Lunch  
11:05-12:20 Reading Skills and Intervention  
12:20-12:50- Science and Social Studies (alternate units)  
12:50- 1:15 Recess  
1:15- 2:15 Math  
2:15-2:20 Pack Up  
2:20-2:25 Dismissal





**True or False**



## **Assumptions about Kinder!**

Students will learn basic literacy and math concepts. However, it is also a time for developing social skills, play-based learning, and fostering a love for learning.

# Kinder Curriculum: Reading and Language Arts

## Reading

- Recognize and name letters
- Articulate letter sounds
- Count, pronounce, blend, and segment word parts
- Read high frequency words
- With support, retell familiar stories and ask and answer questions about a text
- With support describe the relationship between pictures and text

## Language Arts

- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose narrative, opinion, and informational pieces
- Respond to questions and suggestions to add details to writing
- Shared writing projects
- Language: form plural nouns, use question words, write letters, produce and expand complete sentences

# Kinder Curriculum: Math



- **Fact Fluency:**
- **Counting and cardinality**
- **Place value and comparing numbers**
- **2D and 3D shapes**
- **Measurement and comparing objects**
- **Addition and Subtraction**
- **Representation and problem-solving strategies (objects, fingers, mental images, drawing, sounds, acting out situations, verbal explanations, expressions, equations)**



# Kinder Curriculum: Science and Social Studies

- **Physical Properties**
- **Motion**
- **Day and Night**
- **Rocks and Soil**
- **Living and Non-Living Things**
- **Similarities and differences in organisms**



- **People in Our Neighborhood**
- **Where in the World Are We?**
- **Celebrating our Differences**
- **Being a Good Citizen**
- **Becoming a Leader**
- **Personal Finance**





# Technology

- Students are given a school iPad to use at school.
- iReady Reading and Math (diagnostic, student lessons, teacher assigned lessons, used to show student growth)
- Imagine Learning
- Seesaw
- Technology is used to support our workshop model rotations when they are not working with a teacher, it is one rotation for their school day.



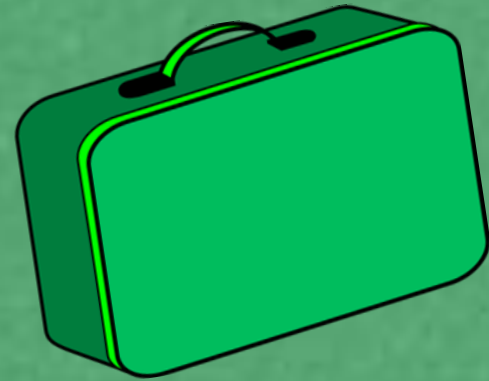


**True or False**



## **Assumptions about Kinder!**

Since my student will have an iPad, they will be on their device most of the school day.



# Lunch and Snack



- Our cafeteria provides hot and cold lunches with a variety of choices.
- Breakfast is free every morning.
- You can prepay for lunch on the school's website.
- Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child after the first two weeks of school at our visitors' tables. We do not allow food from outside the school to be brought in.
- Please help us by teaching your students how to open containers.
- There will be a dedicated snack time in the schedule.
- Please send your child with healthy snacks and it is great for students to have their own water bottle.

# Dismissal



- Buses drop off students in the afternoon around 2:40pm.
- Parents need to meet students at the bus stop.
- Students will have a transportation tag on their backpack to ensure dismissal is smooth.

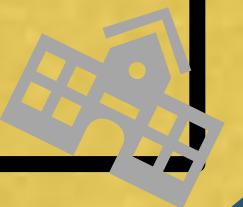
- Carpool begins at 2:20pm and ends at 2:40pm.
- Parents will receive a car tag to hang from their rearview mirror during Open House.



- Parents can meet students to walk home. If your student will be a walker you will get a pick-up ticket during Open House.



- The YMCA runs an afterschool program called Prime Time.
- STAR HOUSE has an afterschool program.
- We have several after school clubs that are offered throughout the year, check your email often for these opportunities. As students get older, more afterschool opportunities are available.





# Communication



- Teachers communicate throughout the year through:
  - \*Take-Home Folders
  - \*Weekly Emails
  - \*Conferences
  - \*Phone Calls
- Formal parent/teacher conferences are held in early October and can be scheduled as needed to discuss your child's progress.
- Report cards are printed and sent home four times a year. Student progress is also available via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- Principal Boyd's Update to parents, SPOTS



# General Information

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please make sure to register with correct emergency contact information  
Update throughout the year as needed

## SAFETY

All doors are locked, and all visitors must enter through the front doors

## TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

A note must specify any transportation changes – please, no phone calls, faxed notes, or emails.  
Please try and keep dismissal as consistent as possible for your child

## HEALTH/ALLERGIES

Please make sure that you let us know if your child has any health concerns or allergies.  
Any medicine (including cough drops and Tylenol) must be accompanied with a medical form and will be given to the children through the clinic.



## Next Steps: Summer Learning

- . Practice zipping and unzipping backpacks and jackets.
- . Practice tying shoes.
- . Practice washing and drying hands.
- . Make sure your child knows to shut the door to the restroom and flush the toilet.
- . Practice opening lunch items.

## Next Steps: Summer Learning

- . Practice holding a pencil and crayons.
- . Use the pencil and/or crayons to draw.
- . Practice holding scissors and cutting.
- . Practice gluing.
- . Play with playdough.



## Next Steps: Summer Learning

- ***PLAY IS HOW CHILDREN LEARN!***
- Play outside as much as possible.
- Spend time being creative and making any kind of art.
- Play board games and card games.
- Play dress up.
- Complete puzzles.
- Practice throwing balls.





## Next Steps: Summer Learning



- . Read out-loud to your child.
- . Have your child draw pictures to communicate his or her ideas.
- . Observe and talk about shapes and colors.
- . Count objects up to ten.

We are providing a baggie with materials you can use to practice with your student over the summer and moving forward today.



**True or False**



## **Assumptions about Kinder!**

Kindergarteners have graded assignments and tests that show their level of mastery towards a standard.

## FINAL NEXT STEPS

- Make sure you are registered in infinite campus for Kindergarten
- Sign up for Readiness Check (optional)
- Check Website starting next week for supply list
- Keep eye out for communication about EJ's Open House
- First Day of School: August 4<sup>th</sup>

## FINAL NEXT STEPS

- Take Questions and Survey
- Leave Media Center and Grab Resource Bag
- Visit two Kinder Classrooms
- Pick up your student
- Take a picture at our EJ SIGNING DAY  
Photobooth on your way out



# Questions and Survey



Before you leave, please scan the QR code that can be found on the tables to take a survey about our Kinder Round Up. We appreciate your feedback!

1. Select Elementary School
2. Select our school: Esther Jackson Elementary
3. Choose your role: staff, I am both a parent and a teacher at this school.
4. Select School Transition as the meeting you attended.
5. Complete the remainder of the survey.

[https://bit.ly/FCSEvaluation\\_Survey](https://bit.ly/FCSEvaluation_Survey)



Antes de irse, escanee el código QR que se puede encontrar en las mesas para realizar una encuesta sobre nuestro Kinder Round Up. ¡Agradecemos sus comentarios!

1. Escoja Escuela primaria y lenguaje y cambie el lenguaje a Espanol
2. Seleccione nuestra escuela: Primaria Esther Jackson
3. Elija su rol: personal, soy padre y maestro en esta escuela.
4. Escoger transición escolar como la reunión a la que asistió.
5. Complete el resto de la encuesta.

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