



WELCOME TO KINDERCAMP!

Hance Elementary School
June 9 and 10, 2025



Class of
2038



Goals of KinderCamp:

Focused on Learning for Every Student Every Day.

- ❑ Begin building relationships
- ❑ Become familiar with Hance Elementary
- ❑ Students to meet teachers and staff
- ❑ Get a snapshot of students as learners
- ❑ Provide feedback to families based on the skills that are observed
- ❑ Help students experience the riding the bus!

Structure of the session:

Parents and Guardians:

- Informational Session - Cafeteria
- Tour of Building/Grounds
- Light Refreshments
- Photo Ops with Your Child

Structure of the session:

Students and Staff:

- Bus Ride!
- Stations (Letter Names, Letter Sounds, Reading Comp, Fine Motor, Math)

Office TEAM

Paula Giran - Principal

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Tammy Godino - School Counselor

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Michelle Ressler - School Nurse

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Kaytlyn Snee - Building Secretary

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Mary Brennan - Building Secretary

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Hello! I'm...

Mrs. Paula Giran - Hance Principal

Certifications:

Elementary K-6 - Seton Hill College

Business, Computers, Informational Technology K-12

Master's in STEM Education - California University of PA

K-12 Principal - Point Park University

Teaching Experience:

Norwin School District - 16 years (4th-6th grade, Gifted Coordinator)

Administrative Experience:

Assistant Principal at Eden Hall - 5 years



Hello! I'm...



Ms. Kaytlyn Snee
Year Round Secretary

**Can answer any questions
you may have**



Mrs. Mary Brennan
10-Month Secretary

**Focuses on attendance
daily calls, records**



Hello! I'm...

Miss Tammy Godino - Hance School Counselor

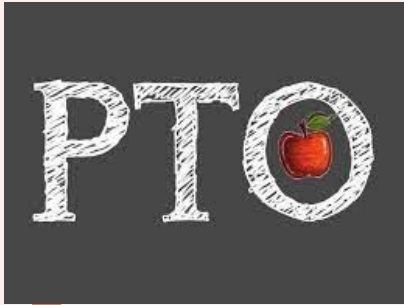
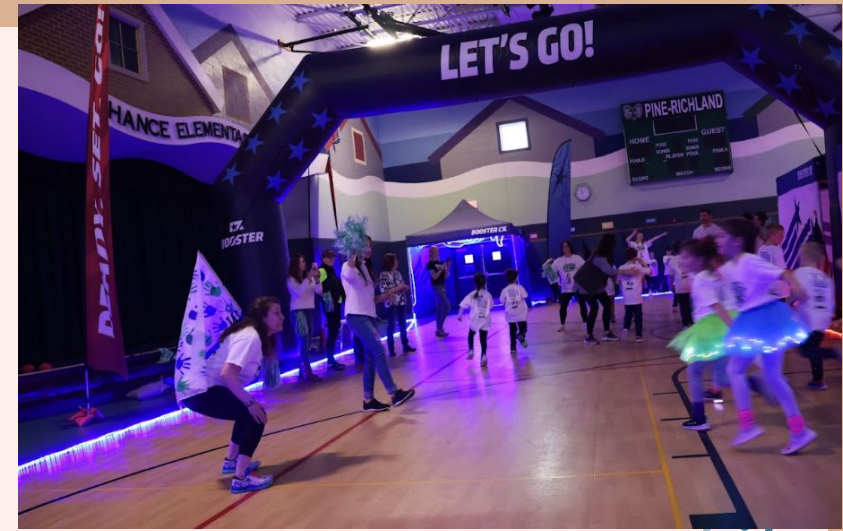


- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Classroom Lessons
- Educational Support - MTSS
- RAMS Way



HANCE PTO

[Click here](#) for more info.



Fundraisers/Events:

- Ice Cream Social (September)
- Parents Night Out
- Hance Dance
- Assemblies
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Boosterthon
- [Linktr.ee](#)

Hello! I'm...

Mrs. Michelle Ressler - Hance School Nurse

Health Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 4:15 pm
724-443-1541 Option 4
mressler@pinerichland.org

PR Website
“At Your Service”
“Health Services”

I wonder if the school nurse is missing me today? I haven't seen her yet and it's already 12:30



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Required Health Documentation

- ❑ Immunization Record or Exemption Form
 - ❑ Dental Exam (K, 3rd, 7th)
 - dated within one year from the start of school
 - ❑ Physical Exam (K, 6th, 11th)
 - dated within one year from the start of school
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- ❑ Medication Permission Form
 - For students requiring medication to be given during school hours
 - Pine-Richland Health and Wellness:
<https://www.pinerichland.org/parent-resources/health-services-and-wellness>

Medication Policy

- Medication Permission Form
 - Signed by the parent and physician
 - Required for all medication including over-the-counter
- Medication cannot be brought to school by a student. Parent must bring medication in:
 - Original container/prescription bottle
 - Unexpired
- Policy and Forms
 - <https://www.pinerichland.org/parent-resources/health-services-and-wellness>

Pennsylvania Mandated Health Screenings

- Growth (K-12)
 - Height and weight are measured for each student and Body Mass Index-for-age percentile is calculated.
- Vision (K-12)
 - Each eye tested for near and far visual acuity
 - Students with glasses should wear their glasses for testing
- Hearing (K-3,7,11)
 - Each ear tested at several frequencies of sound

Referrals: Notifications sent in Sapphire and a call home for Vision and Hearing Screening failures

Illness Guidelines

When to keep your child home from school

- **Fever (100 degrees or higher)** : Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Frequent or Uncontrollable Coughing**
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea:** Children should be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school
- **Restless Night due to Illness** : Children should be kept home following a nighttime bout of nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, and watched for further symptoms.
- **Strep Throat/Pink Eye:** Children may return 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment
- Your child should not be sent to school hoping that he or she will feel better after arriving.

Activity Restrictions

Gym/Recess Doctor's Note - Must be sent in the day the child returns to school. Written by the doctor providing guidance on:

- what activities a student may/may not participate in
- date when student may return to full participation
 - Note required to fully participate if specific date is not given

Mission - Why We Exist

The mission of the Pine-Richland School District is to focus on learning for every student every day.

Vision - Our Ideal Future

The vision of the Pine-Richland School District is a picture developed by a student that captures the mission and provides a vivid reminder of the challenge and opportunity of our schools.

Shared Values - The values that guide our actions are based on the PRIDE acronym (emphasis on PR):

P - Personal Growth

R - Resiliency

I - Innovation

★ **D** - Diverse Opportunities

E - Engagement

Safety/Security

- Officer Dave
- Safety Procedures
 - Building locked
 - Ring bell to enter
 - Must sign-in with license and have a visitor's badge (ID)
- Drills
 - Fire, lockdown, severe weather



This is our district.



Richland Elementary
K-3



Eden Hall Upper
Elementary 4-6



Pine-Richland Middle
School 7-8



Wexford
Elementary K-3



Pine-Richland High
School 9-12



Hance Elementary School.

- A K-3 Public School serving students in the Gibsonia area
- Home to approximately 390 students in kindergarten through third grade
- Class size typically ranges from approximately 18-23 students
- Typical number of homeroom teachers (K-3) is approximately 18-22
 - usually 4-5 sections per grade level
- Approximately 45-50 staff members

Hance Elementary School



KINDERGARTEN CREW



Ms. Jenny Novak
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Mrs. Kimmy Panek
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TBD?

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Day.

Stretch Break:

Your goal is to meet someone new and possibly even exchange numbers to setup a summer playdate! Connecting with each other is a goal of KinderCamp!

When the video concludes, please return to your seats!



Kindergarten Schedule

AM Schedule:

- Bus Transportation to School Only
- Arrival 9:10 - 9:20
- Instructional Day Begins 9:20am
- Dismissal 11:50am
- Front Door pick up line



PM Schedule:

- Bus Transportation Home Only
- Arrival 1:00-1:10
- Front Door Drop Off starts
- Instructional Day Begins 1:10pm
- Dismissal 3:45 (bus and car riders)

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Daily Kindergarten Schedule: AM

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:30-9:00	30	Team Collaboration/Meetings				
9:00-9:20	20	Arrival Time for Students				
9:20-9:25	10 (5)	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
9:25-9:55	30	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	Music - Cycle A	Library	Art - Cycle B
9:55-10:10	10	Science/SS	Science/SS	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty
10:10-10:40	30	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM
10:40-11:20	40	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders
11:20-11:50	30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:50-12:00	10	Dismissal				

Daily Kindergarten Schedule: PM

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
12:30-1:00	30	Team Collaboration/Meetings				
1:00-1:15	15	Arrival Time for Students				
1:15-1:20	10 (5)	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
1:20-1:50	30	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	Music - Cycle	Library	Art - Cycle B
1:50-2:00	10	Science/SS	Science/SS	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty	95% & Heggerty
2:00-2:30	30	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM	RAM
2:30-3:10	40	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders	Wonders
3:10-3:40	30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
3:40-3:45	10	Dismissal				

Kindergarten Schedule

Delays, Cancellations, or Learning from Home

Kindergarten 2-Hour Delay Schedule:

- AM session - 11:15-1:00
- PM session - 2:05-3:45

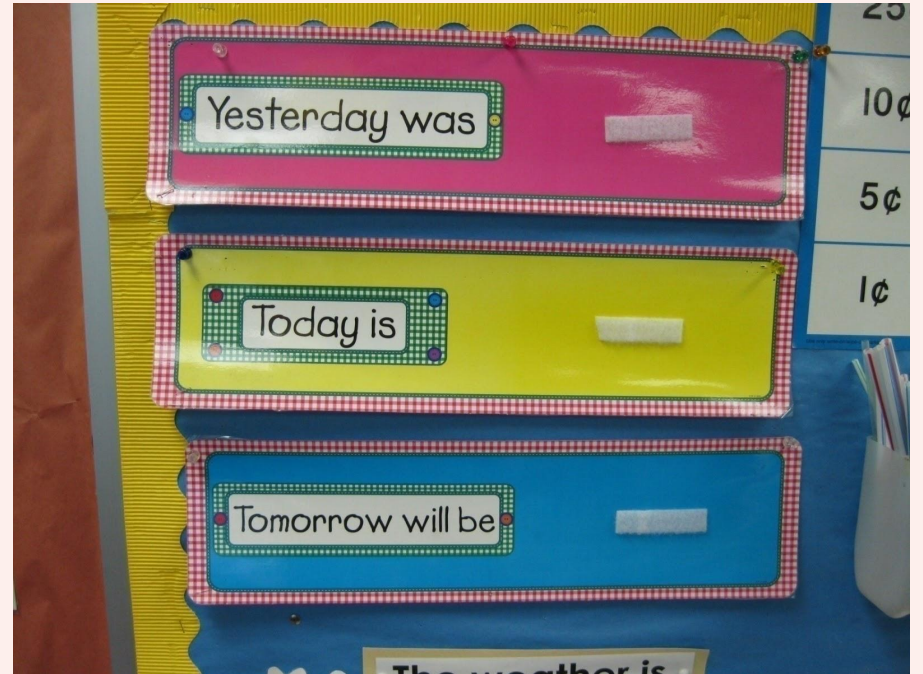
- PR-TV
- www.pinerichland.org
- Local TV
- Pine-Richland Twitter or Facebook

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Kindergarten Routines

Daily Announcements

- Morning Message



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Literacy:

Phonemic Awareness: Phonemic awareness is the ability to understand that spoken words are made up of individual sounds called phonemes, and it's one of the best early predictors for reading success.

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Literacy:

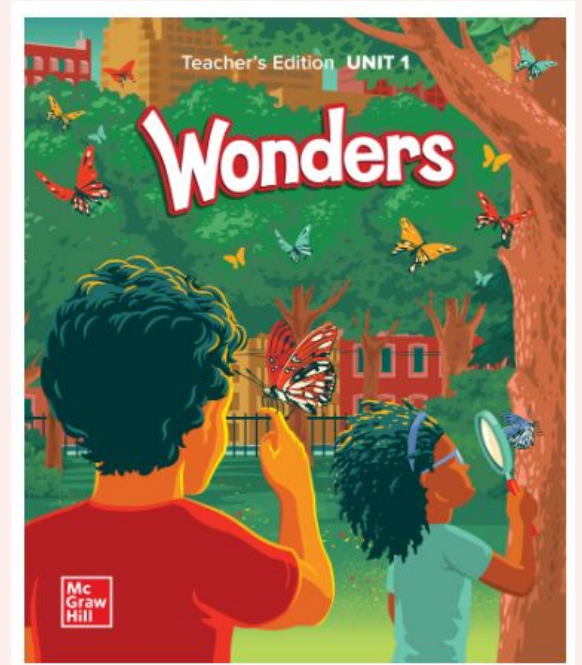
Phonics:

- The relationship between the letters (graphemes) of written language and the individual sounds (phonemes) of spoken language. This is called the alphabetic principle.
- Using the letter-sound pairings to sound out printed words.
- The understanding that there are systematic and predictable relationships between written letters and spoken sounds.
- Click [HERE](#) to watch a sample lesson – 95% Group



Literacy:

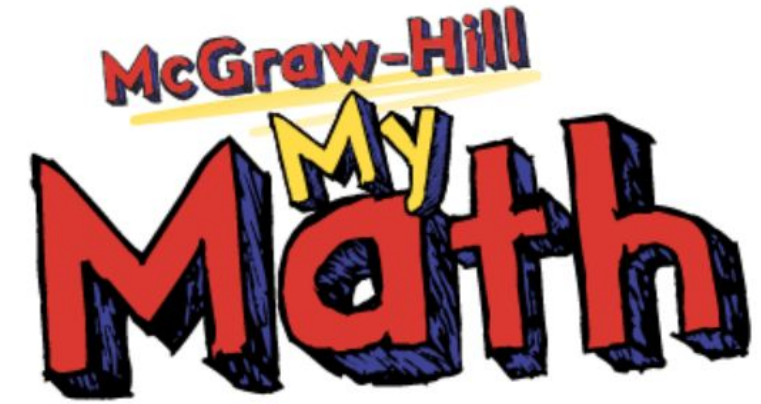
- The English Language Arts program encompasses the areas of reading, writing, language, spelling, and speaking. Students are involved in activities beginning in Kindergarten that are designed to help them explore their interests, share their experiences, and develop a lifelong love of reading.



Math:

Made for Student Success

Built around the Standards for Mathematical Practices, McGraw-Hill My Math engages students with the focus, coherence and rigor required by state standards. The program has an intuitive lesson format and digital tools to develop customized content. Digital accessibility with any device help you to plan, sequence, and deliver instruction that works best for your students anytime, anywhere.



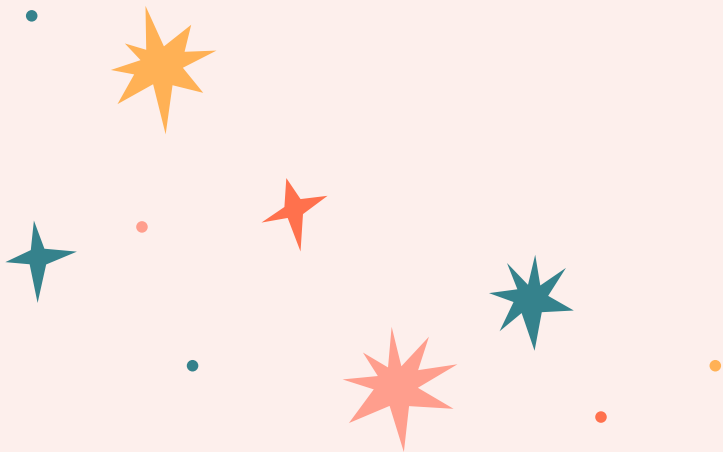
Units of Study:

- Unit 1: Counting and Cardinality
- Unit 2: Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Unit 3: Numbers and Operations in Base 10
- Unit 4: Geometry
- Unit 5: Measurement and Data
- Unit 6: Calendar Math

Kindergarten Learning

Special Area Classes - (30min/cycle):

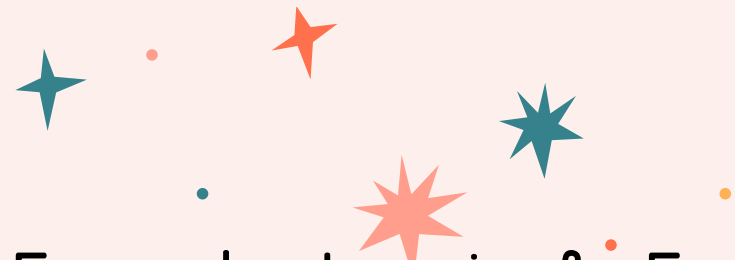
- Art or Music
- Library



Kindergarten Learning

RAM Time

- “Reading and Math”
- Common intervention and enrichment time
- 30 minutes 3 times a week for AM and PM K
- No core instruction missed
- Supplemental to core instruction from curriculum



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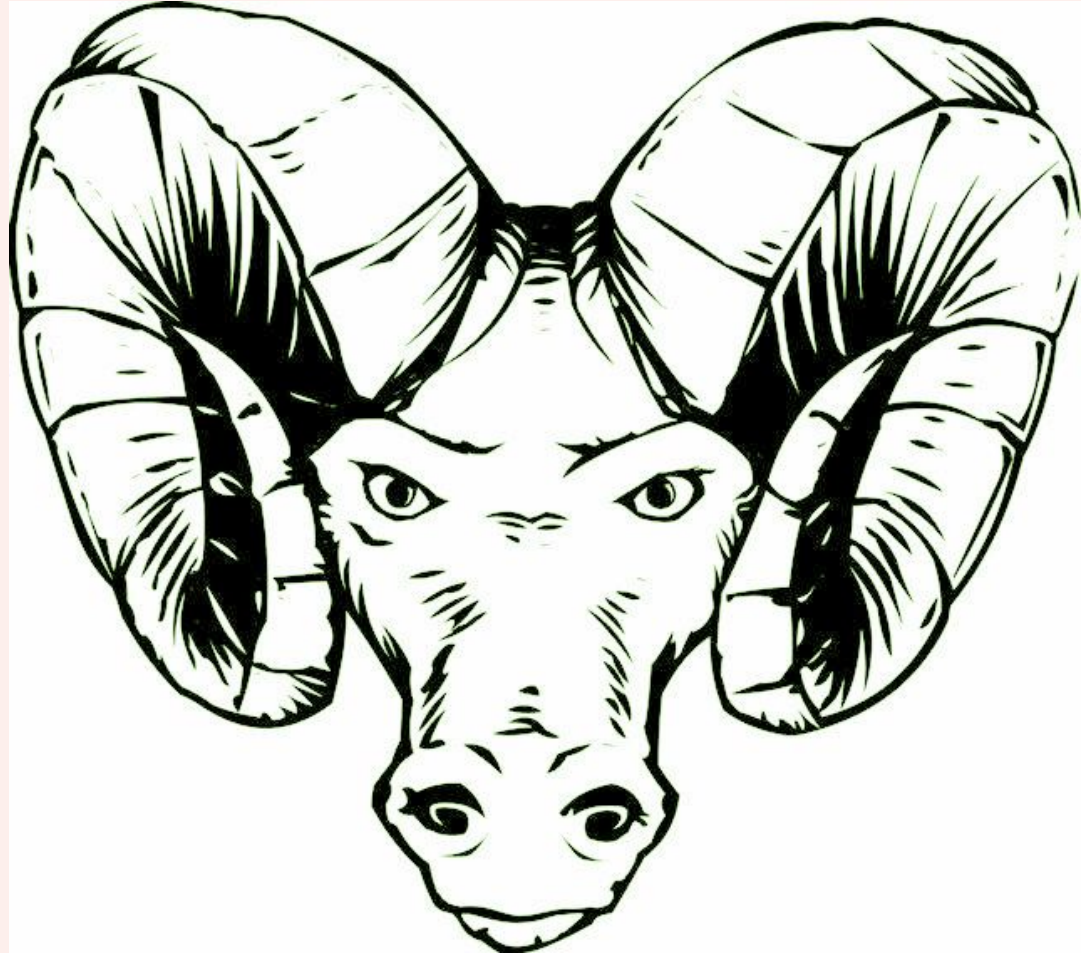
The RAMS Way

R - Respectful

A - Accountable

M - Motivated

S - Safe



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The RAMS Way – Behavioral Matrix

	Area:	Area:	Area:	Area:	Area:	Area:
--	Cafeteria	Playground	Hallway	Bathroom	Bus	Classroom
Respectful Accountable Motivated Safe	Level 2 voice Sit Eat Clean Leave	Level 3 voice Play safely Be kind Hands to self	Level 1 voice Eyes Forward Ears listening Hands at sides Feet quiet	Level 1 Voice Go Flush Wash Leave	Level 2 voice Eyes Forward Ears listening Hands at sides Feet quiet	Level 1 voice Eyes Forward Ears listening Hands at sides Feet quiet



Arrival/**Dismissal**

- Bus Transportation
- AM Car Rider Drop Off - Front of School (9:10am-9:20am)
- PM Car Rider Pick Up - Front of School (3:45pm)
- Early Dismissals - Note to the Office through Community Web Portal - no later than 3:20
- Parking - Front of the building parking lot.

Bus Information

Director of Transportation: Mr. John Stoughton

Dismissal:

- Inform your child's teacher how your child will typically get home - bus (pm only) or car rider
- If there is a change on a particular day, please send a note in your child's folder **AND** email the teacher **AND** secretaries
- This is only needed if it is a change in your child's regular transportation
- Car Rider Calendar in Folder

Bus Information

- Look for transportation information for your child (August).
- We will go over expectations for all students on the bus the first day of school. We follow RAMS Way behaviors on the school bus.
- Questions, email John Stoughton: jstoughton@pinerichland.org



Bus Information

Critical - Orange band must be on backpack all year for PM students only!

- Helps driver recognize student is in Kindergarten and must be greeted by an adult at bus stop in the PM
- Keep this on backpack in a visible area
- Request new (through the office) if needed



Policies and Regulations to Know (clickable links):

- Academic Calendar
- Attendance - 10 parent excused days per school year, includes educational trips (approved vacations) and sick days without a medical note
- Sign Up for Communications
- Community Web Portal - for access to grades and records in Sapphire
- Discipline Code
- Food Service
- Student Handbooks

Policies and Regulations to Know (clickable links):

- [RAMS Way](#)
- [Stepping Stones](#) - Key partner that provides programming before and after school as well as the half day opposite your child's kindergarten half day. We are separate entities, but they do operate in our building for convenience to families. Registration for PRSD opens on June 16 and is first come, first served.
- [Volunteers](#)

**All Links Originated from the "[PARENT RESOURCES](#)" Directory of the district website where more information is linked!

VOLUNTEER POLICY – Click here

- Independent Volunteers
 - Direct contact with kids.
 - Need **Clearances**
- Assistive Volunteers
 - No Direct Contact with kids



• Training Sessions and information can be found on the district website.

*Volunteers for cafeteria or other purpose outside of the classrooms are not permitted to go to classrooms during the school day.



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Assessments

Feedback

Quarterly Progress
Reports - online



Informal/Formal

- Ongoing throughout the year
- Early Literacy Assessment (3x year)

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Assessments

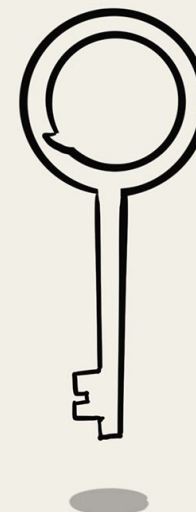
Early Literacy

- ☒ Letter Identification
- ☒ Letters as Sound Symbols
- ☒ Initial, Medial & Ending Sounds
- ☒ Phonemic Awareness
- ☒ Alphabetic Principle

School and District Communication

- One-Way Opportunities
 - Friday Flash
 - PR Happenings
 - Teacher Communication
- Two-Way Opportunities
 - Find Your Classroom
 - Meet the Teacher
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Open House
- School Calendar online
- Student/Parent Handbook

COMMUNICATION
IS THE KEY



Miscellaneous

- **Early Dismissal**
 - Send a written note or email
 - Ring bell to speak to front office secretaries - Office staff will get your child
- **Odds and Ends**
 - Backpacks labeled
 - Written excuse when absent
 - Written note for any change in dismissal i.e. riding home with a friend via car or bus

★ Helping with the Transition

★ Communication/Connect with school (visit playground)

★ Website, Friday Flash

★ Support feelings

★ Realistic Expectations

★ Make connections with peers

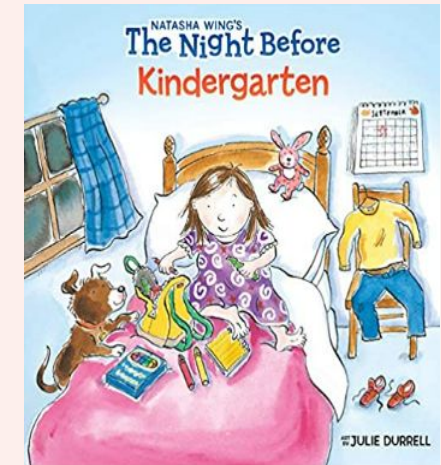
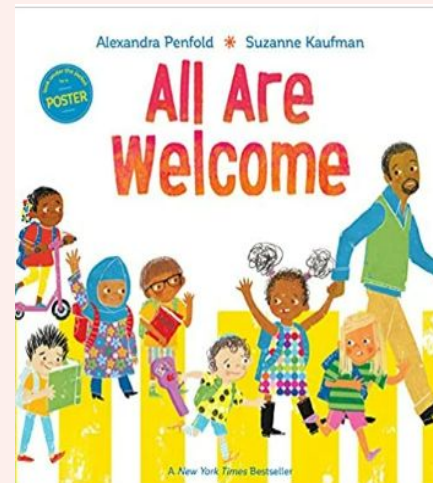
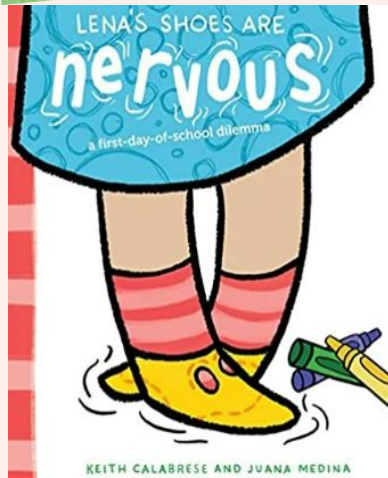
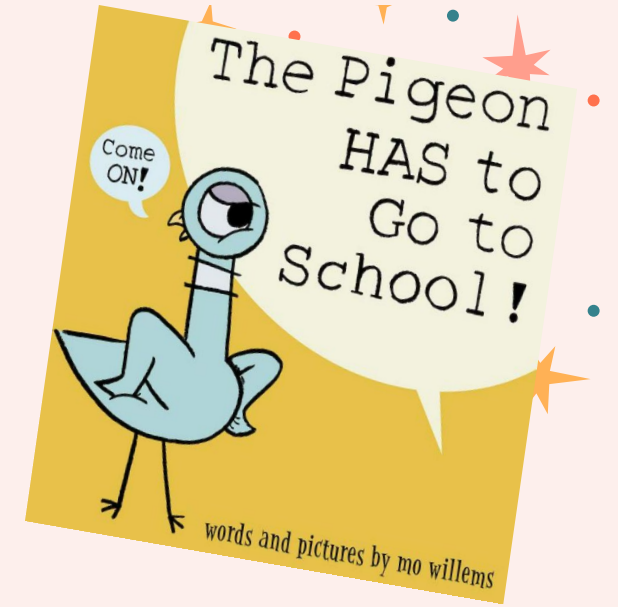
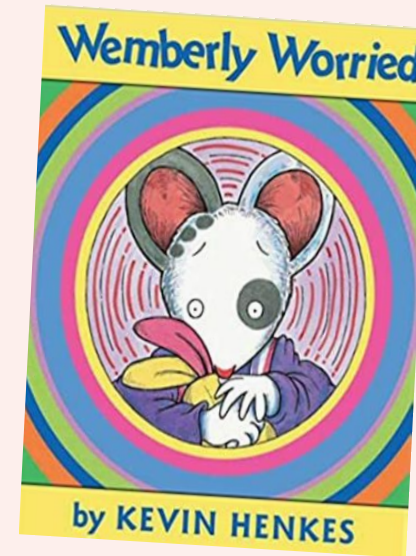
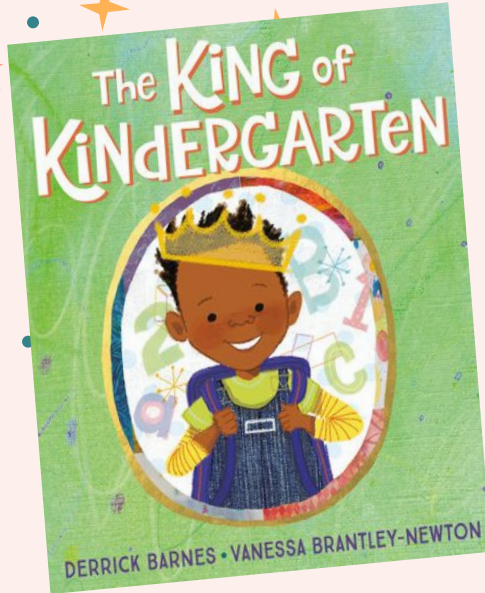
★ Routines (Get lots of sleep!)

★ Memory Box

★ What if my child is nervous?

- ★ Talking with your child is the best way to combat nervousness before the first day of school!
- ★ Make sure your child knows that it's totally normal to feel nervous
- ★ Encourage your child to be open and honest about his/her feelings about coming to school
- ★ Reassure your child that school is new for their classmates too
- ★ There will be a lot of new people and new things, so there will be a lot of learning happening for everyone
- ★ Read books over the summer about school and kindergarten
- ★ If there is any way that we can support your child, please call or email the school office. We are here for you!

★ Children's Literature about Kindergarten ★



★ Countdown To Kindergarten

Stepping Stones Registration - June 16

★ Reading with Mrs. Giran (playground) - June 18, July 24 (11:00)

• AM/PM Placement Notification - late June

★ Teacher Assignments - Aug. 11

Find Your Classroom Day - Aug. 13 9:00-3:00

★ Meet the Teacher Night - Aug. 18 6:00-7:00

First Day of School - Aug. 20





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“The kindergarten **children are confident in spirit, infinite in resources, and eager to learn. Everything is still possible.**



— Robert Fulghum



Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

Paula Giran

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The background is a light cream color with various decorative elements. At the top, there are wavy lines in teal and orange. Scattered throughout are stars of different sizes and colors (teal, orange, yellow). In the bottom left, there is a stylized rainbow with three bands: orange, yellow, and teal. In the bottom right, there are large, flowing, organic shapes in teal, yellow, and orange. A thin orange line swirls at the bottom center.

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