

Dear Parents of McDermoth Kindergarten Students,

Thank you for choosing McDermoth Elementary School to begin your child's journey into school. We are excited to meet all our new kindergarteners and to get this year started!

To help create the most balanced kindergarten classes, we will implement a "soft start" during the first two weeks of school. This approach allows for flexibility in class assignments before final rosters are established. During the soft start, your child will have the opportunity to work with all of the kindergarten teachers in one-on-one, small group, and whole-class settings. Through guided academic and social-emotional lessons, students and teachers will get to know one another. During this time, any necessary classroom assignment changes will be made to ensure well-balanced classes for the year.

- August 27th - 29th, kindergarteners will attend school on a half-day schedule and are assigned to an AM or PM cohort.
  - AM sessions will be from 9:10 - 11:40 am: breakfast and lunch will be served
  - PM sessions will be from 12:40 - 3:10 pm: lunch and snack will be served
- Starting Tuesday, September 2nd, students will attend school full days 9:10 - 3:10 pm.
- Transportation will be provided to students that qualify and this information will be communicated to families by the school office on/before August 25th. Students being dropped off/picked up can be brought to the school office area at their assigned cohort time.
- Friday, September 5th through Tuesday, September 9th, there will be no school for kindergarten students.
  - This time will be used for WaKids Family Connection Meetings and will be scheduled by the classroom teachers.
- When you come for Open House on August 25th from 5:30-6:30 PM you will attend your child's "soft start" classroom . This information will be provided soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Trader, McDermoth Elementary Office Coordinator at 360-538-2120.

		August 27	August 28	August 29
<b>McDermoth</b> 9:10 - 11:40 (AM cohort)  12:40 - 3:10 (PM cohort)		Students will attend a half-day of school dependent on the cohort they are assigned.	Students will attend a half-day of school dependent on the cohort they are assigned.	Students will attend a half-day of school dependent on the cohort they are assigned.

Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5
LABOR DAY: No School	Students will attend all day 9:10 - 3:10 PM	Students will attend all day 9:10 - 3:10 PM	Students will attend all day 9:10 - 3:10 PM	<b>NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten</b>  WAKids Meetings
Sept. 8	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12
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