

Welcome to Kindergarten!!!

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Hi! My name is Mrs. Riggs and I will be your kindergarten teacher. I hope you have had a wonderful summer with your family and friends. I am really looking forward to having you in my class this year. I have so many exciting things planned for us including making projects, singing songs, playing games, and of course, lots of learning!



all ABOUT Me

This will be my 8th year teaching. I spent my first year teaching in Madrid, Spain where I taught English in a local public school. I then came to WPS and taught the English as a second language classes for grades kindergarten through fifth. This is my 7th year here at Flynn, and my 7th year teaching kindergarten. I was born and raised in Aurora, Colorado and now live in Reunion with my husband, and 5 year old golden retriever named Whiskey, and soon to be little boy. I love to spend my free time hiking, camping, skiing, and being surrounded by friends and family.

My FAVORITE Things

color: Turquoise
food: pasta
sport: Hockey
Go AVS!
movie: Moana
holiday:
Christmas

CONTACT Info

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Meet Mrs. Hughes

Meet the TEACHER

★ WELCOME ★

Hi! My name is Mrs. Hughes and I am so excited to have you in my class this year! I hope you have had a wonderful summer with your family and friends. We are going to have a great year filled with lots of fun times and memories and learn lots of things along the way!



all ABOUT Me

This is my 7th year teaching here at Flynn and my 5th year teaching Kindergarten after teaching level 2 for two years prior. I love spending time with the littles and look forward to getting to know your kiddos! In my free time, I enjoy running and cooking and love to spend time with my husband and two dogs, Nora and Lewis. We are expecting the addition of a baby boy to our family in August. Let's have a great school year!

My FAVORITE Things

color: blue
food: pizza
sport: running
movie: Tangled
holiday: Christmas

CONTACT Info

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Schedule

A Brief Note...

We are SO excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your child this year! It will always be our goal to make sure your child has a wonderful and unforgettable first year experience! Children at the ages of four, five, and six are full of curiosity and energy and this year will be filled with so much new learning. At this age children soak up information like sponges and are being introduced to many new concepts and ideas. We will use a lot of repetition and relearning to ensure that these basic skills are absorbed and understood for lifelong learning. Whether this is your first child beginning school or your last coming through, you are probably experiencing some mixed emotions concerning school right now. I hope having more information will help ease this transition into Kindergarten. We are here whenever you need us and are looking forward to a fabulous year!

Breakfast: Breakfast will be served in the classroom every morning. As soon as students come in when the bell rings they will hang up their coats and backpacks and be able to grab a breakfast and start eating. It is very important to be on time for school so that there is plenty of time to ease into the school day and eat breakfast before we begin our learning for the day.

Lunch: Students may get a lunch from the school or bring a lunch from home.

Snack: The school will provide your student with a healthy snack every afternoon before they leave for the day.

Recess: We have recess twice each day for approximately 15 minutes. We will be on the playground as weather allows. Otherwise we will have indoor recess in our classroom. Please dress your child accordingly for the weather, and send a coat/jacket when necessary.

Specials: The children go to specials every day. Students will rotate through the different specials classes, art, music, and gym.

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Communication

Parent/Teacher Relationship

We feel that we must work closely together as a team with you to best meet the needs of your children and help them reach their maximum potential. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We are more than happy to discuss these with you at any time during the school year. We are always willing to do what we can to best meet the needs of you and your child.

Mrs. Riggs

Phone number: (720) 542-4139

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Mrs. Hughes

Phone number: (720) 542-4125

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Student Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Always try their best and take pride in their work. If they make mistakes, it's ok, but it's not ok if they don't try.
 - Be respectful of their classmates, teachers, and anyone else in the school.
 - Be proud of their accomplishments, academically and behaviorally.
 - Have confidence in themselves and be proud of all they have to offer.
- Have fun while learning and allow everyone else the opportunity to do the same

How can you help at home?

- Practice writing your child's name, eventually moving to writing first and last names.
- Practice writing letters and numbers.
- Read together as much as possible.
- Practice counting within 100.
- Work on things such as tying shoes, saying their birthday, phone number, and address.
- Check the Friday Folders and weekly update email to keep up to date on what we are learning in school, special announcements, and weekly homework.
- Have high expectations for your child's behavior in school and help us build a community of friends in our classroom by reinforcing the school rules and how to be a good friend.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a consistent bedtime is a wonderful idea.
- Ask your child about his/her day. Celebrate even the smallest of accomplishments and help problem solve together if there are struggles.



School Information

Office: Much of our school's business is handled in the main office.

Ms. Manuela, Ms. Tina, Ms. Karina and Mrs. Leandra are our secretaries and will handle things such as attendance, and other pertinent matters. The number to the office is: (720) 542-4129.

Attendance: Please make sure that your child makes every effort to attend school each day except in cases of illness or emergency. If your child will not be in school, please call the office. It is important for your child to come to school on time in order to begin the day.

Uniforms: Students are expected to be dressed for school each day in their school uniform.

Tops: Solid shades of blue, black, or white polo shirt (short or long sleeve). Hoodies: Plain blue, black, or white sweaters or hoodies over shirts.

Pants: Khaki, black, or navy blue pants, shorts, or skirts. Plain black, navy blue, white or tan leggings can be worn under skirts or dresses. Shorts and skirts/dresses must be an appropriate length.

Shoes: Appropriate for P.E. and recess. No "wheelies" permitted.

School store is available to purchase Flynn attire

Drop Off: Drop off will begin at 7:15am. You may drop your student off in the front of the building and staff will direct them into the gym for our walking program. We kindly ask that you say all goodbyes in the car or outside prior to the bell ringing at 7:25 .

Pick Up: Pick up will begin at 2:30pm Tuesday-Friday and 1:20 on Monday. You will need to park and come to the back of the school to pick up your student on the black top.

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Classroom Information

Birthdays: Birthdays may be celebrated at school. It works best for us to celebrate birthdays in the afternoon. Please let us know at least one day in advance if you plan to send in a snack so we can allow time for the birthday when planning our daily activities. We have plenty of napkins, but if you would need items such as plates, forks, spoons, or cups, please send those in. We have 25 students in our class. Snack items must be store bought. We will celebrate any summer birthdays during the month of May, or if you'd prefer on their half-birthday.

****Please be aware--We are a Peanut and Tree Nut FREE classroom****

Blue Friday Folders: Please check the blue folder each Friday as it will contain papers from the office, notes from me, and your child's weekly homework. Remove any necessary papers each night and return the folder to school every Monday. Students who return their folders and completed homework on Monday will be rewarded. Students will not be penalized for not completing the homework, however, it is a great way to build routine for years to come and reinforce the skills we are learning in the classroom.

Volunteers: There will be specific volunteer opportunities throughout the year such as class parties, and field trips. In order to volunteer our district requires you fill out a volunteer form and be cleared by the district prior to volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering in our classroom please be sure to stop by the front office and fill out a background check form!

Extra Clothes: Accidents happen! Please keep an extra pair of clothes and underwear in your child's backpack in a labeled Ziploc bag. We may have various accidents (bathroom, sickness, playground, art, etc) at school and having clothing will help make your child feel more comfortable quicker. Please be sure to change these clothes out as the seasons change.

Supplies: All supplies will be shared and be put out for students to use as needed in a communal manner.



Curriculum

English Language Arts:

Reading - What an exciting time it is where your child will be immersed in literacy all year long! We will have time each day for teacher read alouds, shared reading, and small group guided reading, all of which include instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, sight words, vocabulary, grammar, fluency, and comprehension. You will want your child to read to you whenever possible; however, listening to an adult or other family member read also helps encourage a love of reading. Reading is meant to be enjoyable, so anything you can do to show your child how interested you are in his or her learning will help so much as they continue to improve.

Writing - Writing will likely become one of your child's favorite times of our day. We will have times where children will come up with their own topics and ideas for writing, as well as time when children will write about a common topic. Drawing and labeling pictures is a great start to writing. As children begin writing words and sentences, please don't discourage your child for misspelled words. We are doing our best and it's important to find opportunities to celebrate all that your child has learned and recognize that this is just the beginning of a life of learning.

Centers - Children will learn some independence in the classroom as we work in centers each day. They will be exposed to a multitude of skills and use a variety of different tools to practice these skills including our classroom Chromebooks. Some of our other centers will include worksheet practice, games, writing, and our guided groups.

Math:

Students will explore math in so many different ways throughout the year! We focus on daily math skills during our calendar time each morning including the date, and the number of days we've been in school. We will build number sense throughout the year as we move from early numeracy skills such as counting and cardinality, to learning about adding, subtracting, place value, and comparing numbers. We will also learn about patterns, 2D and 3D shapes, and measurement.

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While we are out

We are both expecting baby boys this fall! While we are out your students will be in great hands with our long term substitute teachers!

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Mrs. Riggs substitute contact information:

Mei Parke Gifford

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Appx Date of Leave: September - December

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