

Dear Parents of Robert Gray Kindergarten Students,

We are excited to meet all our new kindergarteners!

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.

- September 2-4th, 2026, 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 8th, students will attend school full days 9:10 - 3:10pm.
- Transportation will be provided to students that qualify and this information will be communicated to families by the school office on/before August 28th. Students being dropped off/picked up can be brought to the courtyard area at their assigned cohort time.
- Friday, September 11th through Tuesday, September 15th, 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 Monday, August 31st, you will attend your child’s “soft start” classroom. This information will be provided soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Ortuno, Robert Gray Office Coordinator at 360-538-2140.

		Sep 2, 2026	Sep 3, 2026	Sep 4, 2026
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Sep 7, 2026	Sep 8, 2026	Sep 9, 2026	Sep 10, 2026	Sep 11, 2026
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	NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten WAKids Meetings
Sep 14, 2026	Sep 15, 2026	Sep 16, 2026	Sep 17, 2026	Sep 18, 2026
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