

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Austin Road Elementary
Kindergarten Handbook
2026 – 2027

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the wonderful world of Kindergarten! We are excited to have your child in our class this year. We have created a positive, loving, and safe atmosphere for social, emotional, and academic growth. We will learn by looking, listening, and experiencing concepts included in the Georgia Standards of Excellence. We want Kindergarten to be a meaningful experience for our students!

We believe that it is necessary for all of us to work together to ensure your child's success. We expect your child to work hard at learning and to participate in the provided learning opportunities every day. We expect you to encourage your child daily as well as become involved in school activities. We promise to take special care of your child and challenge his/her mind to the best of our ability.

We are excited to begin this new school year. Enclosed, you will find answers to some of your basic questions. Please do not hesitate to call or send in a note if you have any questions, concerns, or positive feedback.

Thank you,

Ms.Lambert and Ms.McCree

Classroom Insights:

Homework Folder:

The homework folders will be our main source of communication. Please remove all papers and return the folder daily. We will also use the folder to communicate with you individually about other topics as needed. Any correspondence should go inside the folder. We will check the folders each morning. Please do not send stray notes/money in students' hands or bookbags. These items tend to get lost between home and school. Please utilize the folder! It is very important that your child brings this to school daily!

Money:

If you need to send your child to school with any money, please make sure it is placed in the blue homework folder. All money should be in a labeled envelope with the student's name and purpose. Please do not send your child to school with unidentified money. Thank you for your assistance!

Lunch:

Our class will eat lunch each day at 10:25 am. Students may either purchase a school lunch or bring a lunchbox from home. The monthly lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

Take time to talk with your child about the daily choices and help them make a choice, or send something from home if it is something they will not eat. Please do not put your child's daily snack in their lunchbox. They think that it is lunch and can be very confusing for our young learners. You can send a Dojo message to clarify lunch if needed.

Ice Cream:

Ice cream will be sold on Fridays ONLY during your child's lunch time. Ice cream costs \$1.00. Please be sure to send ice cream money in your child's folder and label it. The teachers will help students purchase at lunch. Students will lose any loose money and get upset when they do not have their money to purchase ice cream. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Class Dojo:

Our school uses Class Dojo as a communication tool. This will be the easiest way to get in touch with your child's teacher during the school day. We will post pictures, important updates, and important dates for families to remember. Students can earn Dojo points for positive behavior and lose points if any unsafe or disruptive behaviors occur. Your child's Dojo points can give you great insight into their behavior at school. Please check Dojo daily for updates and communicate with your child's teacher. We are a team, and communication is important. We look forward to working with your family to make this year great!

Transportation Change:

ALL transportation changes MUST be handwritten and signed by a parent. You may not email, Dojo, or call with transportation changes. This is for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Homework:

Students will receive a sight word list that will be kept in their daily communication folder. Daily homework expectations are that students practice sight words (new words and continuous review of previously taught words). We will provide fun, hands-on learning activities that your family can use to practice sight words. Practicing sight words daily directly corresponds to our school's reading goals for the year! Unfinished daily work may also be sent home as homework. We need your support at home to help our learners reach their goals! Additionally, students will receive a homework packet each Monday. It is due the following Monday.

Behavior:

We are proud to be a PBIS school (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support) school. We celebrate students' making positive choices. As a school, we will reward students' behavior by giving points on Class Dojo. Students with 15 points or higher of positive behavior points will receive prizes each week! Students can earn points for participating, raising their hands, being safe, being organized, being accountable, and being respectful. However, students can also lose points for these same areas if inappropriate behavior persists in the classroom. We will give students multiple reminders to correct behavior before we take a Dojo point or message you on Dojo. In our classroom, we tie all behavior back to the school's SOAR expectations. (Safe, Accountable, Organized, and Respectful). By encouraging all students in our classroom and at home, we can ensure that we provide a positive, safe learning environment for all students.

Snack Time:

Students will have a quick snack time each day. Students are required to provide their own healthy snack that can be eaten in 10 minutes or less. (Ex: fruit, baked chips, etc...) Please do not send juice boxes, soda, or other sugary drinks. However, water bottles may be kept in the classroom in the student's cubby. Please reach out to me on ClassDojo if you would like to donate a snack for our class!

Rest Time:

We do not nap in kindergarten! Please help ensure your child is prepared to learn each day by going to bed early each night. Students will be tired after a long day of learning and fun!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



Please read closely!

There is a school-wide policy of no cupcakes for birthdays. You will not be allowed to bring them in to celebrate – they will only be allowed for class parties (winter break and end of year).

You may purchase ice cream from the school cafeteria only for birthdays. The cost is \$1 per ice cream. You may send in a labeled envelope with money for the class, or you may come in for lunch to support purchasing ice cream for each student.

You are also welcome to send in non-edible items, such as pencils, erasers, and other goodie-bag items.

Please contact the front office with any questions regarding treat procedures.

Contact Me:

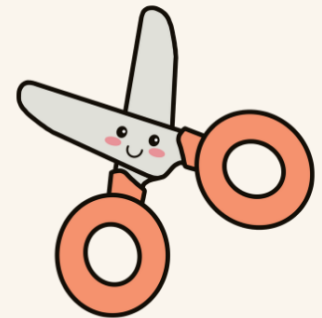
1. Email: jayde.lambert@henry.k12.ga.us
2. Notes in the Homework Folder
3. Call: 770-339-6556
4. Class Website: <https://are.henry.k12.ga.us/faculty/kindergarten/kindergarten-lambert-jayde>
5. ClassDojo



Kindergarten School Supplies



- 2 primary writing journals → [link](#)
- 5 boxes of 8-count crayons
- 1 box of thick markers
- 12 glue sticks - no liquid glue!
- 1 pencil pouch / box
- 1 pair of kid size scissors
- 2 plastic folders with prongs → 1 blue, 1 red
- 2 packs of yellow Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 bookbag → no wheels!
- 1 change of clothes → label bag with name
- 2 reams of copy paper
- 1 inch 3-ring binder
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 packs of Lysol wipes
- 1 pack of baby wipes
- 1 pair of headphones with usb-c connection and microphone → [please refer to this link!](#)



Ms.Lambert and Ms.McCree's
Kindergarten 2026-2027 Daily Schedule:

- 7:10-7:35- Arrival, Breakfast, Announcements, Morning Work
- 7:35-9:35- ELA Block
 - Phonics
 - Reading -Reading lesson, Guided Reading, Small Groups
 - 8:40 - 9:30 - EIP Reading
 - Writing
- 9:35-10:05- Science
- 10:00-11:00- Lunch, restroom, and Recess
 - 10:05-10:25 - Recess
 - 10:25 - 10:55 - Lunch
- 10:55-11:35- Specials

Day	Special
Monday	PE
Tuesday	Art
Wednesday	Music
Thursday	STEM
Friday	World Language

- 11:35-12:05- Social Studies
- 12:05-12:50- IF Time/EIP Math
- 12:55-2:15- Math Block
 - Math Lesson, Guided Math, Small Groups
- 2:15- Dismissal

ALWAYS REACHING EXCELLENCE - EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING