Welcome to Kindergarten!



Back to School Night

2026–2027

Piney Ridge Elementary School

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

Meet the Team



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Ms. Baldwin

Kindergarten Teacher

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Ms. Laughman

Kindergarten Teacher

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Kindergarten Teacher

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Ms. Oates

Team Leader

B **Ms. Bennett** Instructional Assistant (IA)

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Our Day

8:45 am – 3:45 pm



8:45	Arrival
9:15	ELA
10:15	ELA SPOT
10:45	Lunch
11:15	Recess
11:45	ELA
12:45	Content
1:15	Math & snack
1:45	Specials
2:45	Math
3:45	Dismissal

Reading & Writing · Math · Specials · Lunch & Recess · Science & Social Studies

EVERY MORNING

Arrival

8:45 – 9:15 am

Unpack independently. Students are responsible for unpacking their own backpacks.

Send notes in the folder. Remind your child if they have a note for the teacher.

Packer or buyer? Students sign up each morning — be sure they know their choice.

Arrive between 8:45 and 9:00 am. Instruction begins promptly at 9:15. Students not in their homeroom by 9:15 are marked tardy. Bus riding is encouraged.

WHAT WE LEARN

English Language Arts

ELA



- Alphabetic knowledge
- Letter formation
- Concepts about print
- Reading
- Phonemic awareness
- Fluency
- Phonics
- Comprehension
- Writing
- Vocabulary and oral language

WHAT WE LEARN

Mathematics

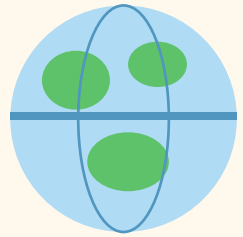
Math



- Numbers 0–10 and their relationships
- Measurement
- Geometry and positional language
- Math facts
- Numbers 0–20 and counting to 100
- Problem solving

WHAT WE LEARN

Science & Social Studies



Science

- Interdependent relationships in ecosystems
- Force and motion
- Weather

Social Studies

- Civics
- Geography
- Economics
- History

IN THE CAFETERIA

Breakfast

30 minutes



Students receiving breakfast will unpack and then go the cafeteria.

Nut-free table available.

Coordinate with the school nurse.

Meal accounts.

Purchase breakfast and lunch daily. A prepaid account is easiest. Free and reduced meals available.

IN THE CAFETERIA

Lunch

30 minutes



30 minutes in the cafeteria.

Each class has its own table.

Nut-free table available.

Coordinate with the school nurse.

Meal accounts.

Purchase breakfast and lunch daily. A prepaid account is easiest. Free and reduced meals available.

Packing lunch?

Use containers your child can open. Pack food that fits the time slot.

Packer or buyer?

Be sure your child knows which one they are each day.

BECAUSE LUNCH IS EARLY

Afternoon Snack

One item



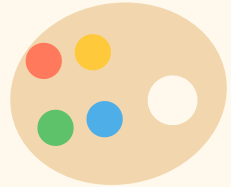
- One item only
- No candy
- Water only (send a water bottle)
- Nut-free — allergies in class
- Easy-open packages
- No glass containers



Snack ideas yogurt tubes · fruit · veggies · protein bar · cheese and crackers · applesauce pouches · pretzels

EACH WEEK

Specials



Phys Ed
3× weekly

Music
2× weekly

Media
2× weekly

Art
1× weekly

Health
1× weekly

Guidance
1× monthly

Students wear sneakers on PE days.

END OF THE DAY

Dismissal

3:45 pm



Students pack up themselves. They are responsible for gathering their own belongings.

Keep dismissal consistent. We recommend minimal changes. Send a note in your child's folder, or email in the morning explaining the change.

Last-minute changes: call the office. Changes are accepted until 2:30 pm and must go through the office — teachers might not see a late email.

BEFORE THE FIRST DAY

Reminders



Name tags

Worn until September 11.



Extra clothing

Send a labeled baggie on the first day — seasonal and growth appropriate.



Supplies

Please bring them to Open House tomorrow.



Emergency card

Fill out the card you received today, sign it, and return it to the teacher.



Check folders daily

Backpacks and Dalmatian folders should be emptied every day.



Label everything

Backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, coats — anything that travels.

STAYING INVOLVED

Volunteering & Reports



Volunteering

Your teacher will reach out with ways to volunteer inside and outside the classroom.

Training required: finish the online course at least 7 days beforehand.



Report Cards

Report Cards and Interim Reports are distributed quarterly.

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

THREE TIMES A YEAR

Parent–Teacher Conferences



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	MARCH
29	18	11

TIME
4:15 – 7:10 pm

LENGTH
15 minutes each

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Early Dismissal Days

Dismissal at 1:00 pm



- Sept. 18
- Oct. 15
- Nov. 4
- Nov. 20
- Nov. 25
- Dec. 14
- Dec. 23
- Feb. 12
- Mar. 12
- Apr. 7
- April 30
- May 28
- **June 11**
  Last Day of School

BEING HERE MATTERS

Student Attendance

94%

or better

Children are required to attend 94% or more of school days.

More detail: **student handbook** or the **Student Services Manual** at carrollk12.org

Reporting an absence

1. **Email us — fastest.**
   Email the address below — no automated call.
2. **Or call the school office.**
   Every day your child will be out.
3. **Send an excuse note.**
   All absences must be documented in writing.

PREAttendance@carrollk12.org

We are a PBIS School

- All children can learn and show appropriate behavior
- It is teachable, positive, and proactive
- School-wide consistency in language and expectations
- It grows knowledge and character

Our PAW behaviors help create a safe, orderly, and friendly place to learn — and match the words in our school pledge.

HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER

The PAWsitive Behaviors

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Perform Respectfully

- Use kind words and actions
- Be a good listener
- Help and be kind to others

A

Act Responsibly

- Follow directions
- Be prepared
- Complete your work

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Work Resiliently

- Work hard and bounce back
- Learn from your mistakes
- Solve your problems

September

Name _____ Teacher _____



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Congratulations!

You've completed Kindergarten Orientation.

Questions?

Remember to be positive when you send your child to school!

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