

Family Responsibilities:

Children should attend school regularly, but should not be in school if ill. Families are notified if a child becomes ill at school so they can come and get their child. The school needs an emergency home number in case the family members cannot be reached.

Your child should arrive at school on time but not more than ten minutes before, as we cannot provide supervision prior to the start of the school day. Most neighborhood schools offer YMCA childcare before school and after school. Please call the YMCA 357-6609.

If your child must take medication at school, please bring it to the office (in its original container). Washington State law and school district policy requires you to complete a form including the doctor's signature giving permission for the child to take the medication under the supervision of school personnel.

Please check your child's backpack/book bag each day for notices, newsletters, and other treasured artifacts of learning.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

When dressing your child for school, remember activities will include such things as painting, sitting on the floor, or using climbing apparatus every day. Clothing should be comfortable and washable.

Tennis shoes are recommended. Heavy boots, sandals, clogs and shoes with slippery soles can make activities difficult and even hazardous.

Get easy-to-manage clothing that will allow your child to take care of his/her own needs. With some clothing, this may mean a little practice at home.

Getting Your Child Ready For School

Ideas for helping your child have the best start at school.

1. Start the day with a good breakfast.
2. Start the day well rested.
3. Practice taking the route to school (bus or walking) before your child's first day.
4. Talk about your positive school experiences.
5. Have a health exam that lets you know your child is feeling well, seeing well, and hearing well.
6. Practice self-help skills such as putting things away when finished, putting on clothing, fastening coats, and hanging them up.
7. Provide the opportunities to look at books and hear a story daily. Read at least 20 minutes each day.

Give your child opportunities to:

1. Be separated from you.
2. Play with other children.
3. Practice recognizing his/her name, address, and telephone number.
4. Use pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue.
5. Have a special place to display work.
6. Play with balls and bean bags.
7. Skip, hop and jump.
8. Use language to make wants known.
9. Practice taking turns talking and listening while others are talking.
10. Go on trips to the zoo, library, mountains, ocean, grocery store, aquarium, etc., to enrich experiences and language.

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**2010-11 Enrollment Starts:
March 29, 2010**

**INFORMATION
360-596-6100**

Elementary Schools' Phone #s

Boston Harbor	596-6200
LP Brown	596-6800
Centennial	596-8300
Garfield	596-6900
Hansen	596-7400
Lincoln	596-6400
Madison	596-6300
McKenny	596-8400
McLane	596-6600
Pioneer	596-6500
Roosevelt	596-6700

Welcome to Kindergarten: Basic Information

Dear Families:

We intend kindergarten to be a place where children learn to think for themselves, develop independence, develop their potential and experience success.

As a staff, we believe that a high quality kindergarten program provides a safe and nurturing environment. The program helps children develop knowledge and skill in all developmental areas (physical, intellectual, emotional and social) while helping to establish a foundation for lifelong learning.

While we realize that there are differences between teachers in every kindergarten class in Olympia, there are certain philosophical approaches that are shared, and toward which we all strive:

1. Since children learn most easily through their own activity, it is important to provide for hands-on learning.
2. Interaction among children is important to help them learn cooperation, turn-taking, expressing their own needs and respecting the rights of others.
3. Play is an integral part of learning.
4. It is important to teach a sense of community.
5. We must share the joys of literature and provide a print-rich environment.

We look forward to working together with you to make kindergarten a happy and successful experience for your child.

Enrolling Your Child In School

To enroll your child, go to your neighborhood school. If you are not sure which attendance area you are in, call the Superintendent's Office at 596-6117.

Enrollment begins March 29, 2010, before kindergarten starts in September.

You are welcome to pick-up the registration packet the week of March 22nd, in preparation for registration week.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

•**Bring your child's birth certificate.** Entering kindergarten, children must be five years of age on or before August 31.

•**Bring your child's immunization records and health information.** Children cannot attend school without the completed Certificate of Immunization status.

THE KINDERGARTEN DAY AND SCHOOL PROCEDURES

There are three different types of kindergarten sessions offered throughout the Olympia School District, but not all are available at all eleven schools. Due to bus transportation issues and planning times, start and stop times may also vary. Please check with your school's office for their offerings and time of operation.

You will learn which session your child is assigned to in late August. Information about bus routes and times will be available the first week of school. Be sure to fill out a bus transportation request form in the school office at time of registration if your child will be riding the bus.

School Procedures

Notify the school office when your child:

- Will be absent or tardy. Please call the school between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.
- Has changes in daycare, address or telephone number, including emergency phone numbers.

All information needs to be kept up-to-date in case of emergencies.
- Has a communicable disease.
- Is going to move to another school, within or outside the Olympia School District. Families should notify the school several days before the child is withdrawn so they can sign a withdrawal slip and get the child's records brought up-to-date.

Write a note to the teacher when your child:

- Is absent, tardy or to be dismissed early.
- Is to go anywhere other than his/her regular destination at the end of the kindergarten day.
- Is going to be picked up by someone other than yourself.
- Brings money to school. Label the envelope in which the money is sent:

child's name, teacher's name and

purpose of the money.

PLEASE LABEL all clothing and personal items with your child's name.