



Olympia School District
2020-2021

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 9, 2020



INFORMATION: 360-596-6113

Elementary School Phone Numbers

Boston Harbor 360-596-6200

LP Brown 360-596-6800

Centennial 360-596-8300

Garfield 360-596-6900

Hansen 360-596-7400

Lincoln 360-596-6400

Madison 360-596-6300

McKenny 360-596-8400

McLane 360-596-6600

ORLA Montessori 360-596-7730

Pioneer 360-596-6500

Roosevelt 360-596-6700

Welcome to Kindergarten! Basic Information

Dear Families:

Kindergarten is an exciting 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. Our 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 there are differences between teachers in every kindergarten class in Olympia, there are certain philosophical approaches that are shared:

1. Since children learn most easily through their own activity, it is important to provide hands-on learning.
2. Interaction among children is important to help them learn cooperation, taking turns, expressing their own needs and respecting the rights of others.
3. Play is an integral part of learning.
4. We teach a sense of community.
5. We 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, you can visit the OSD website (www.osd.wednet.edu) and/or go to your neighborhood school. Enrollment begins March 9, 2020, for students who will enter kindergarten in September.

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, 2020.

- **Bring your child's immunization records and health information.**

Children cannot attend school without the completed Certificate of Immunization status and/or if they have a Life-Threatening Condition.

The Kindergarten Day:

Kindergarten is a full day at all schools.

The Olympia School District also offers a Montessori program through the Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA).

If your child will be riding the bus, fill out a *Transportation Registration Request* form at the time of registration. Information about bus routes and times will be available prior to the first day of school or on the Olympia School District website, <http://osd.wednet.edu>.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

Notify the school office when your child:

- Will be absent or tardy. Please call the school between 8:00 and 9:00 AM.
Send a completed *Student Absence Verification Note* (form) with your child upon their return to school.
- Has changes in daycare, address or telephone number, including emergency phone numbers.
All information must 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.

Notify the teacher, in writing, when your child:

- Is absent, tardy or to be dismissed early.
- Is to go anywhere other than their 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 with your child's name, their teacher's name and the purpose of the money.

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

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 emergency contacts and current phone numbers in case 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.

If your child must take medication at school, please bring it to the school office (in its original container). Washington state law and school district policy requires you to complete a form which includes 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 each day for notices, newsletters, and other treasured artifacts of learning, as well as the email address you provide the school office.

School Clothing:

When dressing your child for school, remember activities will include such things as painting, sitting on the floor, or using a 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 their 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 a great start at school:

1. Start each 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.

At home give your child opportunities to:

1. Be separated from you.
2. Play with other children.
3. Practice recognizing their name, address, and telephone number.
4. Use pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue.
5. Go on trips to the zoo, library, mountains, ocean, grocery store, aquarium to enrich experiences and language.
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.