



Pinewood Kindergarten Information

Welcome to Pinewood Elementary! We are excited that you will be starting your educational pathway at our wonderful school with our highly-qualified and passionate teachers. Please allow us to introduce you to some important procedures that only apply to our Kindergartners and their families. Feel free to contact me at 704-836-9138 with any questions!

Mrs. Tyler West, Principal

Kindergarten Screening

Aug. 12th 9:00-11:00 a.m. OR 1:00-3:00 p.m. *DROP-IN*

Students are invited to come to Pinewood and sit down with a Kindergarten teacher to answer questions about letters, colors, shapes, etc. This informal assessment will help us assign students to teachers. Families can choose the time above that works best for their schedules. This is a "drop-in" event. The screening will last about 15 minutes, but you may have to wait in line. We will assess students on a first-come, first-serve basis. While this is not mandatory, we certainly hope you will allow us to meet your child and gather information about them if you are in town on this date.

Pinewood Meet the Teacher Night

Aug. 19th 4:00-5:30 p.m. *DROP-IN*

We invite students and parents to visit their classroom and meet the teacher! Parents will also sign up for a staggered entry day (see below). Our Open House is for all grade levels, and information about bus routes will be available. All families will be given a car tag to display at pick-up during the year.

Staggered Entry Days

Aug. 23rd - 25th 8:30-11:30 a.m.

August 23rd, 24th, and 25th are half-days for Kindergartners. **Your child will only attend school on one of these half-days, which you will find out at Open House.** A portion of the class will attend school each day, which helps the children get to know the teacher and the class procedures in a small group setting. Students should be walked to class by a parent at 8:30. Lunch will be served around 10:30, and students can either eat a lunch from the cafeteria or from a lunch box. All Kindergartners should be picked up at 11:30 in the car rider line on their staggered entry day. (1st - 5th grade siblings will attend school all day on these days.)

First Full Day of Kindergarten

Aug. 26th 7:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. (normal school hours)

Thursday, August 26th is the first full day of Kindergarten for all students. Kindergartners can begin riding the bus on this day. Kindergarten parents who wish to park and walk their students to their classrooms on Thursday and Friday can do so from 7:30 to 7:45 only.

***After the first week of school, our Kindergartners gain confidence and independence by following morning procedures without parent assistance. (Don't worry! Staff will greet students off the bus or out of their cars and help them to their classroom each morning.)*

Thank you for entrusting your child to us. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead!