



Welcome to Hawks Nest STEAM Academy!

The upcoming school year will be an exciting time for you and your Kindergarten student. Please read over the following procedures that apply to all Hawks Nest Kindergarten students and their families. Please contact us if you have any questions at 704-866-8467.

Ms. Tammy Mims, Principal
Emily Thornburg, Lead Teacher

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

AUGUST 12 and AUGUST 17

Students will need to come to Hawks Nest and sit down with a Kindergarten teacher for the Kindergarten screening. Students will answer questions about colors, letters, shapes, numbers, etc. This informal assessment will help when assigning students to their classes. **PLEASE USE THIS LINK** to sign up for a time that best suits your schedule. The screening should take approximately 15 minutes. (Sign up for a time slot at <https://bit.ly/HNSAKINDER>).

OPEN HOUSE AND PARENT ORIENTATION

AUGUST 17, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Alphabet Last Name A-L @ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Alphabet Last Name M-Z @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

At Open House and Parent Orientation, you will meet your child's teacher, visit the Kindergarten classroom and learn about Kindergarten procedures and expectations. During that time you will also learn about the staggered attendance plan for the first week of school where Kindergarten students will attend a half day in a small group to help them acclimate to the school setting.

KINDERGARTEN STAGGERED ENTRY DAYS

AUGUST 24 and AUGUST 25, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

August 24 and August 25 are staggered entry days for Kindergarten students. A percentage of the class will attend school on each of these days. This will help your child get to know the teacher and the class procedures in a small group setting. Students should arrive at school between 8:00-8:30 AM. All Kindergarten students should be picked up at the front entrance of the school around 11:30 AM. Students will be provided lunch before they leave school. Your child will **ONLY** attend **ONE** of these half days. Your child's teacher will share your child's assigned half day when you attend Open House and Parent Orientation. *Kindergarten students will NOT attend school on Monday, August 23.* Teachers will reach out to schedule Kindergarten screening make-ups for August 23.

FIRST FULL DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

AUGUST 26

Thursday, August 26 is the first full day of Kindergarten for all Kindergarten students. Kindergarten students should be dropped off between 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM at the back entrance of the school. (Don't worry! We will be there to greet them and help them get to their classroom.) Please use the driveway at the left entrance of Robinson Elementary School to access the back entrance of Hawks Nest STEAM Academy. Kindergarten students should be picked up each afternoon starting at 3:30 PM at the front entrance of the school.

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

\$5 – Raz kids year subscription

1" binder for data notebook

Small Soft-Sided Pencil Pouch

1 pair of headphones (not expensive)

1 pack of glue sticks

1 pack of pencils-12 count(Ticonderoga if possible)

1 pack EXPO dry-erase markers

2 composition notebooks

1 pack of Crayola Twistable Crayons

1 pack of washable paint

1 pack of markers

Baby Wipes

1 box quart (boys) & gallon (girls) size

zip-loc bags

1 pkg. post-it notes

Hand Sanitizer

Tissues

Duct Tape/Masking Tape

A Card or Board Game appropriate for

Elementary

Beads

Pipecleaners

Colored pasta

1 box of Band-Aids

Lysol/Clorox Wipes

Wish List Items

Playdoh, Legos

Magnetic Tape

Colored/White Cardstock

Laminate sheets

"Gaston County students are not required to bring any supplies with them to school in order to access our educational programs. If you would like to purchase personal supplies for your child, this list may act as an optional guide. While the following items are not requirements, donations by parents, businesses, civic organizations, or faith-based organizations are always greatly appreciated."

HAWKS NEST KINDERGARTEN TEAMS

Amy Hofferbert (teacher) and Corinna Greene (teacher assistant)

Kara Lofton (teacher) and Rachel Beardsley (teacher assistant)

Kellie-Marie Patz (teacher) and Tara Gingles (teacher assistant)

