

Transitional Kindergarten **Orientation**



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Mrs. Becky McNichols p.m.

How is this program unique from Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten

Students work on content standards and progress towards mastery

Program follows a curriculum that meets the academic and social needs of young children
*flexibility

Students have more time to master content standards creating a solid foundation

Kindergarten

Master of content standard expected

Program follow a curriculum dictated by a pacing guide

Students may be retained if content standards are not mastered

Benefits!

- Students better prepared to succeed in traditional kindergarten and beyond
- Improves social-emotional and cognitive development
- Increases test scores
- Reduces grade retention and special education placement
- Develop fine motor skills need for writing
- Enhance self-regulation skills

School Schedule

Clarke a.m.

- **8:15 School begins**
- **11:50 School ends**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday
- **8:15 to 10:50 on**
Wednesdays

McNicols p.m.

- **11:50 School begins**
- **3:25 School ends**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday
- **11:50 to 2:25 on**
Wednesdays

Breakfast/Lunch

- **Morning 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.**
- **Afternoon: 11:20 – 11:45**
- **You may pack a snack/lunch for your child, open an account, pay daily, or apply for free or reduced lunch. All parents will be responsible for bringing their child to the cafeteria if interested. A supervisor will walk the children to the classroom.**
- **(snack/recess times a.m. 10:00-10:20 ---- p.m. 1:45 to 2:05)**





Arrival-Tardy-Dismissal

- **Arrival**: Gate will be unlocked at 8:10 a.m./ 11:50 p.m. Students will go directly to color dots (on playground) and line up.
- **Tardy**: If your child arrives tardy, please get a late slip from the office to bring to class.
- **Dismissal**: 11:50/3:25 Morning and afternoon TK children will be in front of the handprints to the left of the office. The children will be taught to say goodbye to the teacher to make sure the correct person picks them up.

Teacher Contact



- We are more than happy to talk with you about your child's progress.
- Please know that arrival and dismissal time is a busy time. It is best to contact us about your child to arrange a time to meet.
- E-mail is our preferred method of contact, but please feel free to send a note or call.

Remind

	Mrs. Clarke	Mrs. McNichols
Send a Text Message to:	81010	81010
Text	@cclark15	@mcnic1516

Classroom Management

- We are firm believers in positive reinforcement to shape negative actions. We believe that life-long success depends on self-discipline. We have developed a Classroom Discipline Plan that gives every student the opportunity to manage his or her own behavior. Your child deserves the most positive educational climate possible for academic growth.**

Homework

- **Homework will be sent home on Mondays and will need to be returned on Fridays. Take-home library books will be a part of the homework. Homework will be sent home in October.**



Wednesday Envelopes

- Knob Hill envelopes with information will be sent home on Wednesdays. Please read the contents and send the envelope back to school the next day.



Snack

- Bring a healthful snack
- “No Nuts” table



Common Core Standards

Common Core is a set of standards that our state adopted to guide teaching and learning in our schools. These set of standards continue to build from kindergarten through 12 grade. Common Core Standards cover the subjects areas of mathematics, English Language Arts and literacy.



Backpacks

- Please send a standards size backpack with your child daily.
- Name!



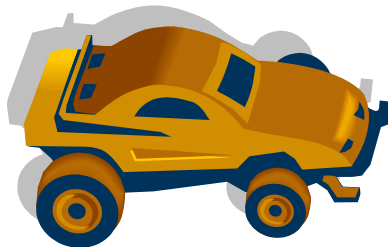
Clothing:

- Please write your child's name inside sweaters, jackets, and hats.
- Please make sure that you follow school's dress code.



Toys

- There are NO toys allowed on school premises.



Birthdays



- **The district is promoting a healthy lifestyle for our schools. We will recognize your child's birthday in class.**
- **We will have a birthday celebration as a class in early December to celebrate everyone turning 5!**



Buddy Bear

We will send Buddy Bear in a bag with instructions on the weekend activity. You will write in his journal about the weekend adventures with Buddy Bear.



Volunteering

We welcome and love volunteers!

- **Working with students**
- **Prep Work**
- **Volunteering from Home**



Donations

If you would like to donate items to the classroom, we would greatly appreciate:

- white X-paper
- scrap paper
- glue sticks
- small treasure box items
- mailing labels
- ziplocs (sandwich, pint, and gallon sizes)
- disinfectant wipes
- HP printer ink in black 61 or color 61



Thank you!

First Day



- Have your child wear their name tag for the first week of school. We may continue this into the second week as well.
- Please be sure to say good-bye outside the gate prior to the gate opening.

This will help us all have a great first day! 😊

Forms we need today!

- Student Information Form
- Dismissal Form
- Volunteer Form

