

Welcome to Kindergarten!

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I am looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your child!

GENERAL INFORMATION

School begins at 9:00 a.m. and students are dismissed at 4:00 p.m. Breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m., for those students eating at school. Our principal is Dr. Sheri McFarlane and the school phone number is 635-6629.

CONTACT INFORMATION

I am easily reached by email (lcampbell@eupschools.org) or on the Sault Schools app. I will do my best to respond quickly to any questions or concerns. If you need something immediately you can call the school 906-635-6629, or if it is after hours you can message me on the Sault Schools app and I will do my best to get right back to you.

ATTENDANCE

Your child needs to be at school by 9:00 a.m. or they will be counted as tardy. If your child is going to be absent or has an appointment, please contact me or the office. If your child needs to leave school early or is leaving by a different procedure than normal, we **must** have a written note or a phone call to the office 635-6629.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Required Supplies for Kindergarten Students

Shoes (**Please Label**) (If your child is unable to tie shoes please send in velcro or slip on shoes)
Extra Clothes (please send in a labeled ziploc bag with a full change of clothes)

Recommended Supplies for Kindergarten Students

Headphones (**Please Label**) (the school will provide ear buds for each child, but they often do not fit the younger student's ears)

2 Boxes of Kleenex

1 Container of Clorox/Cleaning Wipes

1 Box of Gallon Freezer Bags

Crayons

1 Box of Pencils

4 Dry Erase Markers

2 Packs of Glue Sticks

2 Large Pink Erasers

Students DO NOT need pencil boxes, notebooks or folders.

Any unneeded supplies will be returned for students to use at home.

ARRIVAL TIME

School begins at 9:00 a.m. If families need to drop their child off earlier than the start time, Washington School will be offering before school supervision that starts at 7:30 a.m. and is located in the gym. Upon arrival, please drop your child off at the front door entrance. Your child will enter the main entrance of the school and go straight into the gym if they are eating breakfast at school and/or going to before school supervision. If your child is dropped off after 8:30 a.m. and he or she is not eating breakfast, they will still enter the building through the front doors and go straight outside the doors that are located on the south end of the building (the doors that are at the end of the kindergarten wing) to the playground. A recess supervisor will be outside with the children from about 8:30 a.m. until school starts at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting). **Students are not allowed to go down to the classroom until I pick them up outside when school starts at 9:00 a.m. When the bell rings, all students will line up outside at the south end of the building and wait for their teachers to get them before entering the building.** If your child is late, please walk with your child into the office and sign them in.

DISMISSAL TIME

School ends at 4:00 p.m. At the end of the school day (if your child is not riding the bus), please pick your child up outside the south doors by the kindergarten end. (I will walk your child outside to you). Please let me know that you have your child before taking them. Children walking home will leave the building through the main, front doors. Bus riders and extended day program students will go to the gym to wait for the bus. If you pick your child up early, please go to the office to sign your child out and the office will call down for them. **Please do not come down to the classroom to get your child as this is not school policy for safety reasons.**

TRANSPORTATION

Please indicate on the online or paper form how your child will typically go home from school.

If your **normal routine is changing** for any reason (i.e. your child is getting picked up instead of taking the bus) please send a **written note or phone the office (635-6629)** this will help us avoid mistakes. Please **DO NOT** email or message me with end of day changes in case I do not have time to check my messages before the end of the day.

LUNCH and SNACKS

If your child has any food allergies please let me know as soon as possible.

Your child may bring **two healthy** snacks each day, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Snack time is to help keep the students full and focused. The best way to achieve this is by providing a healthy snack packed with protein and/or fiber for your child.

Your child can either bring a sack (cold) lunch or purchase a hot lunch. If your child brings their own lunch please make sure to write their name on their lunchbox. Lunch menus and information will be sent home and the information can all be found on our school's website/app. If your child will be eating hot lunch please make sure students have appropriate funds in their lunch accounts. **During the first few weeks of school please talk with your child about lunch and make it clear to them what type of lunch they will be having (hot, cold, or cold with milk). Kindergarten students struggle with this concept at first!**

In Kindergarten students will have 15 minutes to eat their lunch before heading out to recess. This is one of the hardest adjustments for students the first few weeks of school. Many students will struggle to focus and eat their lunch in all of the excitement! Please allow them time to adjust, and know we are working with them to get as much food eaten in that time as possible.

RECESS

We always go out to recess unless it's below **-10** degrees. **Your child will need to always dress appropriately for the weather!** No children can stay inside unless they have a doctor's note.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

School Rules- Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready to Learn

Our school follows a positive behavior plan. We teach expectations, procedures and routines to students. We recognize students that follow the expectations and reteach when necessary. At home you can talk to your child about the rules and expectations at school.

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Take Home Folders: I have made a take-home folder for your child to bring back and forth from school to home each day. These folders are important tools for home and school communication. Please be sure to check your child's folder each night, remove the contents, and send it back to school in the morning. You can send lunch money, notes, schoolwork, notes about absences or transportation changes and more back to school in this folder. I empty the folders every day and will be sure the contents are properly taken care of.

Sault Schools App: The Sault Schools App is a great way for us to stay in touch! I can post information and pictures as well as send messages and reminders. You can message me through the "Reach" portion of the app as well.

Newsletters/Calendars: I will keep you informed through newsletters and calendars which will go home weekly and monthly.

HOMEWORK

Each week there will be a small amount of homework for students to complete. This is not meant to be a stressful thing, students have 7 days to complete the booklets so they can do it all at once or just a little at a time. It is a good way for families to know what we are working on in school. After the first few weeks, students will also have a reading passage each week to practice. Quarterly I will send a list of sight words we are working on. It is also very important that students participate in reading every night. That can be them reading or telling a story to you, or you reading a book to them.

BIRTHDAYS

If you chose to send a birthday treat it **must** be an individually wrapped and **store** bought item.

If your child is having a birthday party he/she **cannot** pass out invitations at school. If you choose to send out invitations, please do so **outside** of the school.

ITEMS FROM HOME

It is best if students leave toys and other items from home at home. There is not a time when they will be permitted to take them out to play with.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Every few months a Scholastic book order will be sent virtually. If you choose to purchase books for your child please complete the online order form Our class code is GZRXC.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET: (please fill out and return to the teacher)

My Child's Name _____

Our Names _____

Phone Numbers

Home Phone _____

Cell Phones _____

Email Address _____

Please indicate (by circling) how your child will go home the **first week of school:**

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bus # _____	Bus # _____	Bus # _____	Bus # _____
Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____
	After School Program	After School Program	After School Program

Please indicate (by circling) how your child will TYPICALLY go home from school the REST of the school year:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bus # _____	Bus # _____	Bus # _____	Bus # _____	Bus # _____
Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____	Pick up by _____
After School Program	After School Program	After School Program	After School Program	After School Program