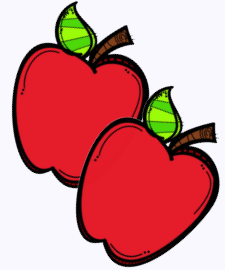


Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night!



Turner Creek Elementary

6820 Turner Creek Road

Cary, NC 27519

919-363-1391

Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Kindergarten health matters
- Transportation
- Preparing for the 1st day
- Curriculum
- Lunch
- Communication
- Volunteer opportunities
- Questions



Our Staff



- Principal: Lisa Spalding
- Assistant Principal: Doug Cox

Kindergarten Teachers

Track 1: Kari Glenn & Omekia Wilkes

Track 2: Serena Buckner

Track 3: Cherie Atwood

Track 4: Kate Boone-Briscoe



Our Mission Statement

- Our mission is to inspire and teach children to become accomplished readers, writers and problem solvers who demonstrate independent thinking, creativity, inquisitiveness and strong positive character traits.



Warm Welcomes from:

- Our school counselor
Ms. Bowers
- TCE's Amazing PTA!



Kindergarten Health



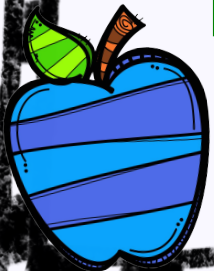
- Turner Creek has an assigned Wake County Health and Human Services nurse.
- Tammy Hudson is assigned to our school and can be contacted with questions at: 919-524-6790



Kindergarten Health



- Must be current.
- The parent, guardian or responsible person has 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to present the required written proof of immunizations. The child CAN be excluded from school until proof is provided.
- If you have any questions about your child's immunizations please contact the school prior to the start date.



Medications



- Medications will be administered at school ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form 1702 is completed.
- These forms are available in the front office.
- All medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian.

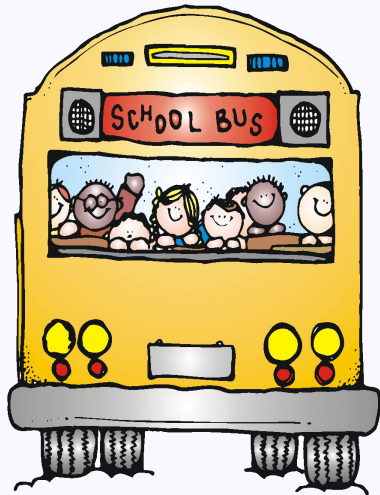
Sick Children



- Your child must stay home for 24 hours after he/she has had a fever.
- Students should also stay home if they're experiencing symptoms such as:
 - red, watery eyes with yellow drainage
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - Severe headache
 - Undiagnosed rash
- Please call the office if your child will be out sick. You will also need to send a written note to your child's teacher when he/she returns.

Transportation

**Please help our staff easily identify your child's transportation by making sure he/she has a 'transportation tag' pinned to his/her shirt each day for the first several days of school. Teachers will distribute these at Meet the Teacher.*



Transportation Tag

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Lunch (circle one): Buying Brought lunch

How I will be going home today*:

*(include Bus # or carpool #)

Ways to Travel



- ❖ Carpool
- ❖ Bus
- ❖ Daycare Vans
- ❖ YMCA: Before and after school care
- ❖ Walker



Carpool and bus numbers will be available at Meet the Teacher.

Please send a written note any time your child has a change in transportation. You may also contact the office if you have a last minute change in transportation.

The first weeks...



- Parents are welcome to walk kindergarten students to their classrooms on the first day of school.
- A “kiss and go” routine reduces the likelihood of tears.
- Upon arrival by bus or carpool, kindergarten students are escorted to their classrooms by staff members.
- In the afternoons, kindergartners are escorted to buses and carpool by teachers.



Arrival Procedures

Arrival (8:45 -9:15am)

- Children may not arrive at school until 8:45am unless enrolled in the **YMCA Before School Care program**.
- Carpool and buses begin unloading at 8:45am.
- A child arriving after 9:15 will need to go the office for a tardy slip.
- Any unexcused absence will receive a phone call from the automated message center.



Dismissal Procedures



- Dismissal time is 3:45pm.
- Students may not be checked out after 3:15.
- During the first weeks of school, all Kindergartners are accompanied to their designated areas afterschool.

Dismissal Procedures



- **CARPOOLERS**: At 3:40 carpoolers go to the lobby. When their carpool number is called they walk outside to the designated color cone where their car will drive up.
- **WALKERS**: At 3:40 walkers go to the lobby to meet their parents.
- **YMCA**: YMCA afterschool care students go to the gym for the YMCA.
- **BUS RIDERS**: Bus students wait in the classroom until their bus is announced. At that time they walk to the bus loop to board.

Meet the Teacher Dates

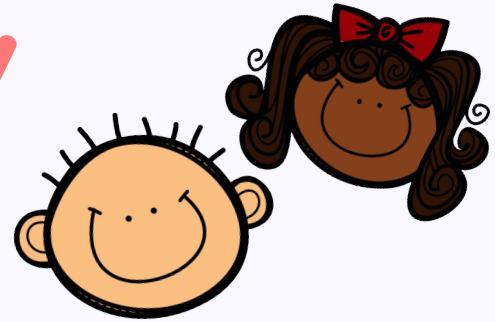


Tracks 1,2,3 – July 7 from 3:00-4:00pm
Track 4 – July 28 from 4:30-5:30pm

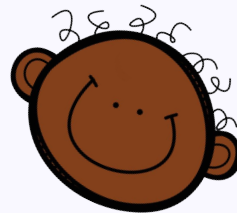


- During Meet the teacher your child will meet his/her track teacher(s) and will get to explore the classroom he/she will be in!
- Specific school supply lists will be handed out at Meet the Teacher.

Staggered Entry



Your child's very **FIRST** day of
Kindergarten
!





Staggered Entry

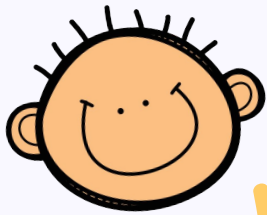
What is it?

- Staggered entry is a transition activity aimed at helping to ease your child's (and the parent's!) transition into kindergarten.
- Each kindergartner will only come to school for one day during the first week of school.

***Be sure to sign up for a staggered entry day today!*

Sign-up tables are across the hall in the ART room.



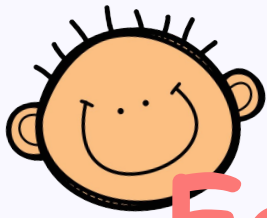


Staggered Entry



What will my child do?

- Smaller group sizes allow the staff to offer individual attention and support as children try new things.
- An informal assessment is integrated into the day through play activities.
- This assessment, along with observations over the first weeks of school will allow the teachers to plan your child's instruction.



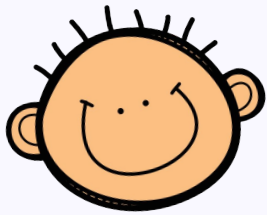
Staggered Entry

For those on Track 1



- Students assigned to double-tracks (a track with 2 classes of kindergarten) will be assessed prior to being assigned to a teacher.
- WHY? So that we can create balanced classes that will facilitate a successful year of learning.

Students on double-tracks will be informed of your child's class placement by phone. Kindergarten teachers will call each parent on the Friday of Staggered Entry week – leaving a message if necessary.



Staggered Entry Dates



Tracks 1, 2 and 3:

You will select ONE date for staggered entry

- July 11,12,13 or 14 - Staggered Entry Day
- July 15 – NO Kindergarten Students attend
- July 18 – Begin regular daily attendance

Track 4

You will select ONE date for staggered entry

- August 1,2,3 or 4 - Staggered Entry Day
- August 8 – Begin regular daily attendance

Helpful Hints



- Talk to your child about how he/she will go home in the afternoon.
- Talk about snack and lunch – have your child pack both in his/her backpack so they know which is which.
- Allow plenty of time in the morning to arrive at school on time.

Supplies for the First Day

❖ Students will need to come to school with the following supplies on their staggered entry day:

- ☐ A **large backpack** without wheels....*mini backpacks don't hold our stuff :)*
- ☐ A **towel** for rest time labeled with child's name (*no blankets or pillows please.*)
- ☐ A **healthy snack** labeled with child's name and packed separately from lunch. Please do not send cookies or sweets for snack. Think brain food!
😊
- ☐ A full **change of clothes** (including socks & underwear) packed in a large Ziploc bag and labeled with child's name
- ☐ A **BIG SMILE!** It's going to be a wonderful day!

***You will receive a list of additional supplies from your teacher tonight or at "Meet the Teacher".*



Kindergarten Curriculum

- North Carolina curriculum is based on the National Common Core State Standards.
- These guidelines describe the skills and knowledge that students should master for grades K-12.
- These standards set high expectations for all students ...including kindergarten children



By the end of the 1st nine weeks students will be able to (in literacy & math):

- Demonstrate understanding of print concepts (ID parts of book - front, back, title, title page)
- Identify and name all letters
- Write a string of many letters left to right, top to bottom
- Express thoughts clearly and audibly
- Follow agreed upon class rules
- Count to 20
- Write numbers to 10
- Count to answer how many in a group
- Compare groups to tell more/less/equal



Kindergarten Curriculum

- More specific information regarding Common Core Curriculum will be given at the Open House.

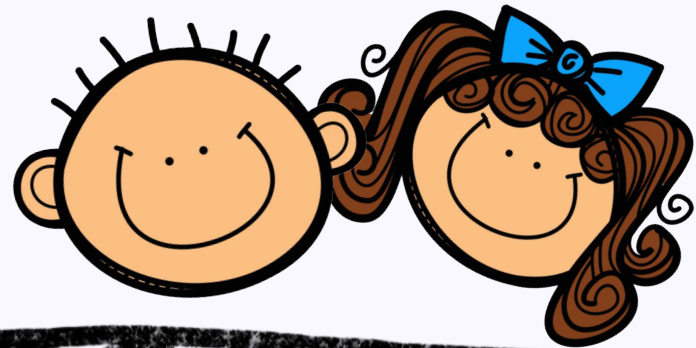
- Website to Common Core Curriculum

<http://www.corestandards.org/read-the-standards/>



A Typical Kindergarten Day...

- Morning Meeting
- Literacy Block
- Snack
- Special Classes: Art, Music, PE, Media, Technology
- Sharing/Shared reading or writing
- Lunch
- Recess
- Quiet Time
- Math
- Science/Social Studies
- Social Centers



Lunch Time!



If you would like to have your child purchase lunch at school...

Payment options:

1. Pre-pay online (preferred) [Click Here](#)
 - You may do this online via the link on the TCE homepage.
 - You will need your child's student ID number to pay online.
2. Send a check made out to "TCE cafeteria" for an amount you choose in your child's daily folder.

Additional info:

- Your child's lunch account number is the same as their student ID.
- Free & Reduced Lunch forms will be mailed to each students' home.
- Students will wear name tags that also list their lunch #.
- To pay for lunch students type their lunch # into a key pad.
- Prices: Lunch - \$2.00 Milk - \$.50 Breakfast - \$1.00



Home/School Communication

- ["Ribbit Report"](#) – emailed weekly
- Turner Creek's [website](#)
- Classroom Newsletters
- Friday Folders
- Conferences
- Report Cards
- Email – best method for contacting
your child's teacher!





Home/School Communication



- The “Ribbit Report” is Turner Creek’s School newsletter.
- It is emailed weekly and can also be found on the TCE homepage.
- Be sure to read this newsletter each week to know about important happenings at school! ☺
- *Sign up tonight or contact the school office to add your email address to the distribution list.*



We LOVE Volunteers!

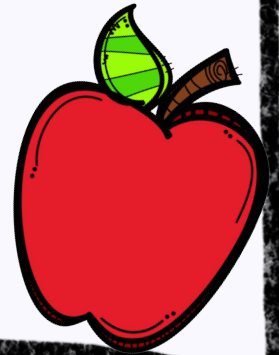
- Field trips
- Classroom events
- Learning centers
- Lunch Bunch
- PTA Events
- Media Center





BEFORE you Volunteer:

- Wake County requires ALL volunteers who will be working with students (in class activities, on field trips, etc.) to register as a volunteer.
- All interested volunteers should register at the beginning (after July 1st) of the year using a designated computer in the Media Center.
- All visitors/volunteers MUST check in at the front office before coming to classrooms.



"You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!"

-Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*





Thank you for coming
and welcome to
Turner Creek Elementary!

We are so **HAPPY** you're here!

QUESTIONS?

