



Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

We are excited to welcome you and your rising kindergartener to Baucom Elementary. The kindergarten team is gearing up for another fun-filled year of learning and exploring as we anxiously await your child's arrival.

We believe communication is key to building a solid relationship between home and school as we strive to support you and your child during this exciting transition into elementary school. In an effort to alleviate some of the stress of the beginning of the year, we'd like to go ahead and pass some important information and resources along.

Websites for Parents:

<http://baucomes.wcpss.net/main/>

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/what-to-expect-grade/what-kindergarten-teachers-wish-parents-knew>

<http://www.icanteachmychild.com/33-ways-to-prepare-your-child-for-kindergarten/>

<http://pagingsupermom.com/2012/08/kindergarten-readiness/>

<http://www.kiwicrate.com/blog/10344/back-to-school-printable-routines/>

<http://www.greatschools.org/parenting/behavior-discipline/slideshows/4403-brain-kindergartner.gs?page=1>

Websites for Kids:

<http://www.starfall.com/>

http://www.abcya.com/kindergarten_computers.htm

<http://pbskids.org/>

<http://www.switcheroozoo.com/>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>



Important Dates

August 11th: PTA Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00pm

All parents & staff members are always welcome to attend these monthly meetings to stay up to date on events and programs happening at Baucom. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, there are a few chair positions open. You can find more information about our awesome PTA organization at <http://www.baucompta.org/> and by following them on Facebook.

August 22nd: Kindergarten Playdate hosted by the PTA

Incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to come hang out on the K-2 playground behind the school from 9:30-11:00am. Please make note that there will be no restrooms available and the school will not be open during the playdate.

August 22nd: "Kick-off to Kindergarten" from 9:00am-5:00pm hosted by Marbles Kids Museum in Downtown Raleigh

Celebrate the major milestone of heading to kindergarten with playful practice for school success. Experience what it's like to hop on a school bus, make healthy food choices in a pretend cafeteria, participate in circle time, radical recess and much more! This event is free for rising kindergartners and their families.

<https://www.marbleskidsmuseum.org/kickofftokindergarten>

August 24th-26th: Kindergarten Assessment/Staggered Entry Days

During the first week of school, Kindergarteners only come one day. This gives all Kindergarten teachers a chance to get to know your child and complete beginning of year assessments. Also, students will have the chance to become acclimated to a typical day at school in a small group setting. If you have not signed up for an assessment day, please call the front office (387-2168) and do so. On your scheduled day, your child can be dropped off between 8:45-9:15am and will be dismissed at 3:45pm. Please send them to school with a lunch or \$2.00 to buy lunch and a healthy snack (including a drink). You will receive more information regarding their specific assessment day and what room your child will be assessed in the week before school starts.

August 28th: Kindergarten "Meet the Teacher"

The finalized class lists will be posted today at 12:30 on the windows outside of the front office. Drop in anytime between 12:30-2:00 to meet your child's teacher, explore their new classroom and drop off any school supplies that are too heavy for your child to bring in on the first day of school.

August 31st:



The first full day of school for all kindergarteners!

Kindergarten Supply List

- large backpack without wheels
- 1 box of Dixon Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 3 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 pair of small, blunt Fiskar brand scissors
- 12 glue sticks (Elmers or Scotch brand)
- 1 pack of large pink erasers
- lanyard
- paper towels
- tissues
- baby wipes
- Clorox wipes
- gallon size Ziploc bags (boys)
- sandwich size Ziploc bags (girls)



***Please try to purchase the brands mentioned above. We have found that these specific brands work the best and last the longest! 😊**

***Individual teachers may have additional supply lists that are specific to their instructional programs. These lists will be available on Meet the Teacher Day.**

You're on your way to K!

The transition to kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their school experience.

You bet, I'm ready for K!

Personal Needs Without help, can they...

- Put on and take off coat
- Tie their own shoes
- Wash their hands
- Snap, button, zip, and buckle

Social Skills Can they ...

- Listen to an adult & Follow simple instructions
- Cooperate with other children
- Sit for short periods of time
- Follow simple two-step directions

Intellectual Skills Do your children...

- Sit and listen to a story
- Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- Know their first and last name
- Tell and retell familiar stories
- Know colors, shapes and sizes
- Counts 0-10

Intellectual Skills (continued)

- Saying the ABC's
- Holds scissors & pencil appropriately
- Recognizes and writes first name (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name.) M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T
- Recognizes the letters within their name

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas, provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your children socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others.

Additional Resources



The Leap Frog Letter Factory DVD is a fun and engaging way to teach children the letters and the sounds of the alphabet.



StarFall.com has several free educational videos and games for teaching children the letters of the alphabet, and more!

See you soon!

-Mrs. Enderline, Ms. Rushin,
Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hickman and
Mrs. Olive

