

Kindergarten Orientation Frequently Asked Questions for 2020-2021

What is the first date of school next year?

The first date of the school year is August 17. (This change of start date was mandated by state legislation and new calendars were approved at the June 2 Board of Education meeting.) Information regarding staggered entry will be sent out to parents in late July or early August, as we are still waiting on guidance from the state and district regarding the start of the school year.

What will next school year look like with covid-19, social distancing, masks, etc?

Guidance for next year was recently released from the state. The school district is developing a plan that will be communicated by mid-July.

Will specials continue next year?

The plan is for all subjects to continue in any setting. We believe all of those components of development are really important for children. We will have to be creative in keeping with size and distancing regulations in order to keep children safe.

If you already have an older student at Baileywick with a carpool number, does the kindergarten student need a new number?

The Kindergarten student will use the same carpool number as the older sibling.

What has remote learning looked like for students during the 2019-2020 school year?

We have created a weekly workboard for students. Every day begins with either a morning meeting, either live or interactive with videos on Flipgrid. There is a prerecorded math and reading lesson every day with an independent assignment for students to complete. There is also a large menu of optional Activities for students to complete each day, including art, PE and educational apps. Additionally, as Kindergarten teachers, we have been mindful of how much screen time we are asking of our students. Many of our activities encourage students to get up and do something physically, then share digitally. For example, students engaged in a scavenger hunt for objects that begin with a letter sound and then took a photo to share.

How many kindergarten classes will there be?

At this time, we are preparing for 3 Kindergarten classes.

How many children will be in each class?

There will be fewer than 20 students in each class.