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COME FROM  
GREAT  
BEGINNINGS.



## Transition to Kindergarten- Kindergarten Orientation 2025-26





# Expectations and Outcomes



- **More about**  
*Poe GT/AIG Basics Magnet Elementary*
- **Kindergarten Readiness**
- **Kindergarten Curriculum**
- **Registration and Staggered Entry**
- **Family Resources**
- **Q&A**



# Poe GT/AIG Basics Magnet Elementary



- 2024-25 Magnet School of Excellence!
- 69 years old
- Magnet School for 40 years  
*Formally Montessori and International*
- Title I
- Around 300 students for the 2025-2026 school year





# Meet Our Kindergarten Team



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# Meet Our Administrative Team



**Mrs. Story**  
Principal



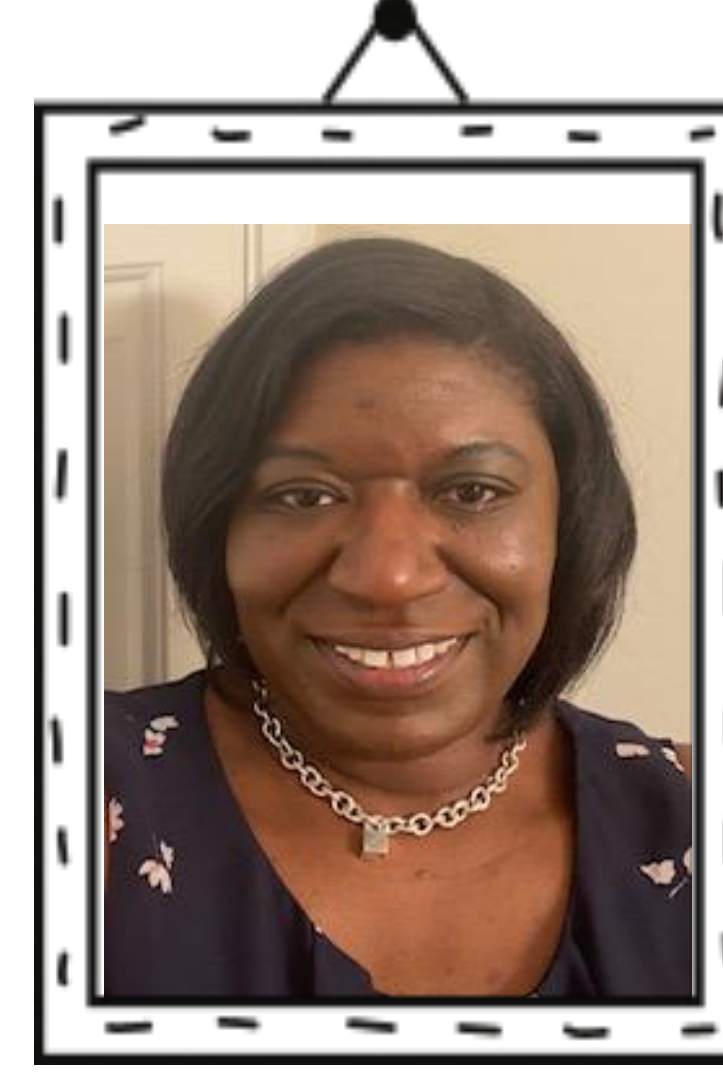
**Mrs. Stewart**  
Assistant Principal



**Dr. Chinni**  
Magnet  
Coordinator



**Mrs. Shrader**  
Guidance  
Counselor



**Ms. Williams**  
Instructional  
Facilitator



**Mrs. Cosco**  
Literacy Coach





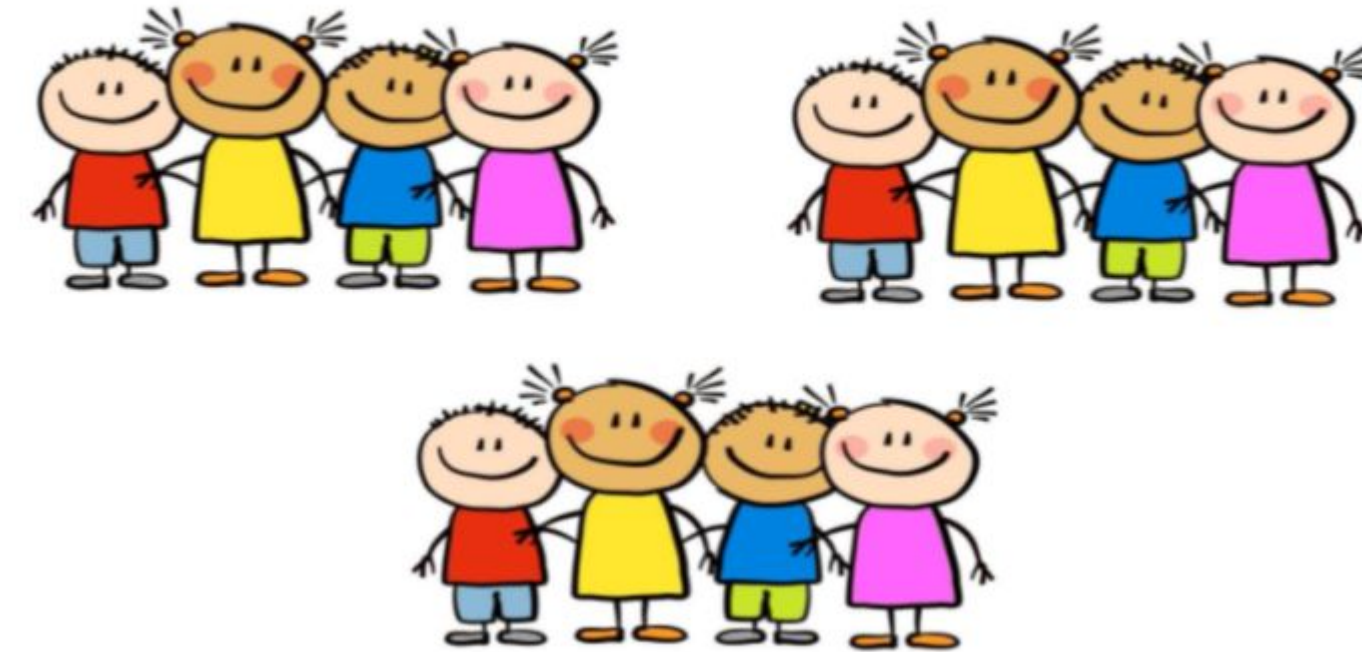
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# Shifts from Preschool to Kindergarten

## Staffing: Preschool



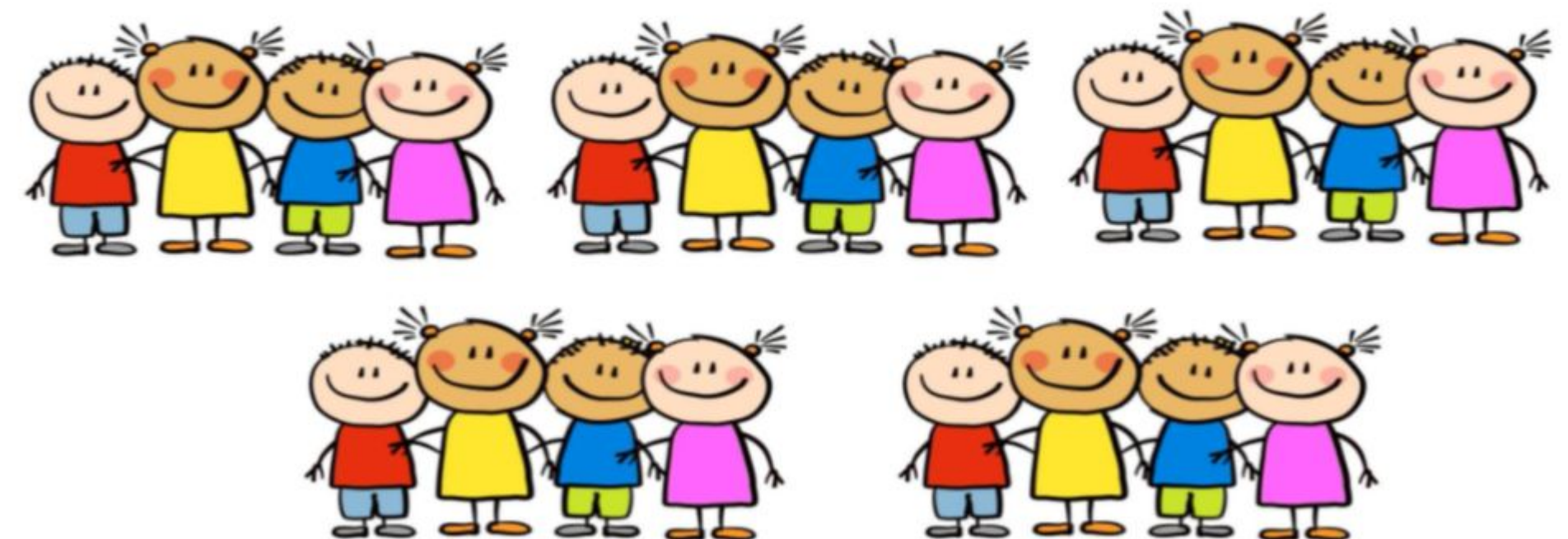
## Class size: Preschool



## Staffing: Kindergarten



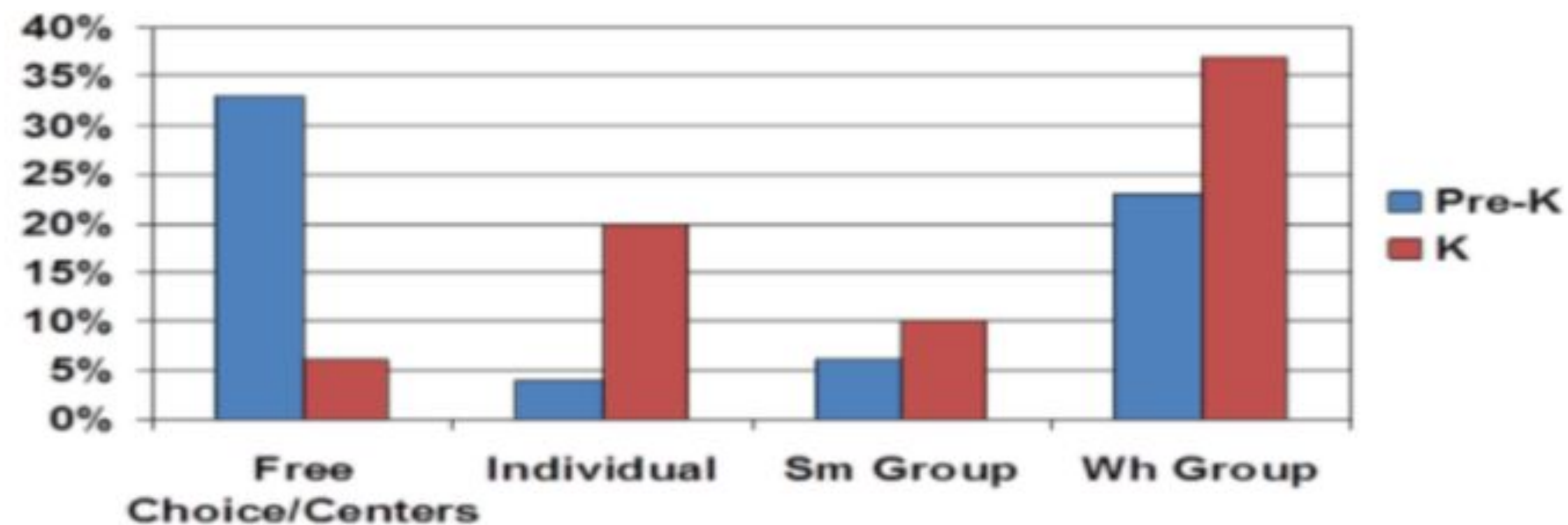
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## CHANGES FROM PRE-K TO KINDERGARTEN



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# What will my child do during the school day? (Typical Day)

## AM

### 8:35- Arrival

Breakfast and/or Morning Work

### 9:15- Literacy

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### 10:35- Specials/K-2 Elective\*

Dance, Drama, Art, Music, PE

### 11:20- EL

### 11:55 Lunch



## PM

### 12:20- EL cont.

### 12:45- Math

### 1:45- Snack/Read Aloud

### 1:55- K-1 Elective\*

### 2:40- Recess

### 3:10- Modules (Science/S.S.)

### 3:35 Dismissal



# Kindergarten Specials/Elective Schedule

**1st quarter - 1 elective**  
**2nd quarter - 1 elective**  
**3rd quarter - 2 electives**  
**4th quarter - 2 electives**

For more information on electives  
please click [here](#).



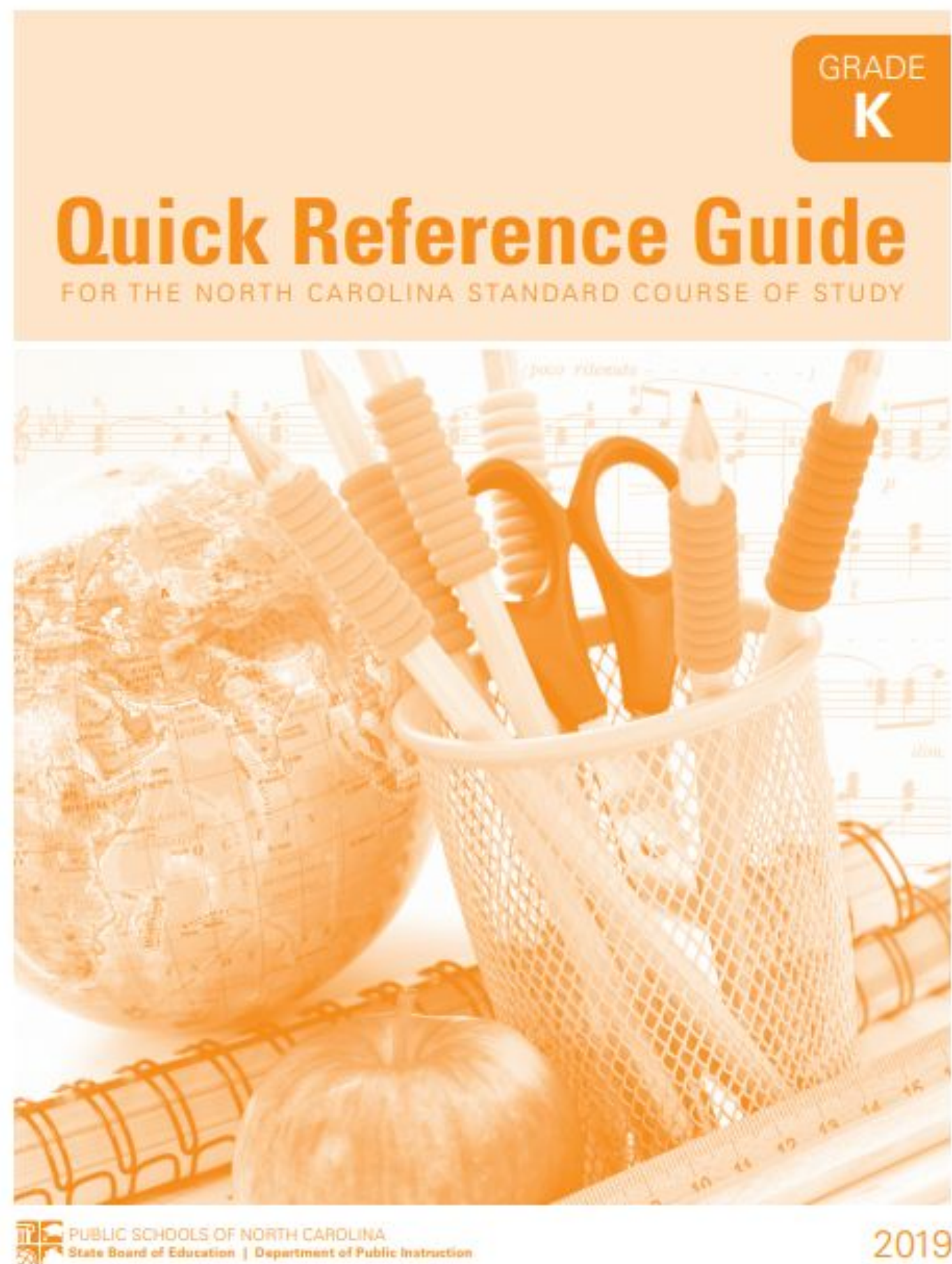


# More about Kindergarten in WCPSS





# Kindergarten Curriculum



## NC Standard Course of Study

- Math
- Arts Education
- English as a Second Language
- Healthful Living
- Information and Technology Skills
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Languages
- Guidance

\*standards define what students should be able to do by the end of the school year



## PBIS

*Positive Behavior Intervention  
and Supports*

- Focused on desired behaviors
- Prevent negative behaviors
- Teach replacement behaviors
- PAWS
  - **P-** remember your **PURPOSE**
  - **A- ADVOCATE** for yourself
  - **W- WE** care
  - **S- SAFETY** first

## Conscious Discipline

*Safety. Connection. Problem-Solving.*

- Greetings at the Door
- Breathing Techniques
- Safe Place (Self-Regulation Skills)
- Time Machine (Conflict Resolution)
- Wish You Well

## Classroom Guidance

*Second Step*

- Social Emotional Learning
- Culturally Relevant Content
- WCPSS District Recommended



# Implementation of Conscious Discipline at Home



## ABC's for parents of little ones...



### AWARENESS

Be aware of your own inner state. Is your heart rate elevated? Are you feeling tense/frustrated, etc.? Children can FEEL our upset, so the next step is BREATHE DEEPLY and bring yourself back to the present moment.



### BREATHE

Take deep belly breaths. Inhale through your nose for at least 5 seconds, and exhale through your mouth for at least 10 seconds. Do this at least 3 times.



### CLOSENESS

They want to be close to you because you are their Safe Place™. Co-regulation and connection/bonding happen when they are close to you. Take deep breaths with them in moments of closeness.

To learn more about Conscious Discipline such as S.T.A.R Breathing Technique to practice this summer click [here](#).

-Conscious discipline helps teacher and students be mindful of their actions.



# Transportation

Transportation changes must be in by 3:00 PM!

*It is important to communicate transportation plans with your child's teacher.*



## ❑ School Transportation (Bus/Van/Cab)

- Transportation / Bus Rider Registration
- Bus Rules and Expectations
- Transportation Tags (**RED** for Kdg)
- Here Comes the Bus

## ❑ Carpool

- Arrival and/or dismissal
- Issued 2 tags per family
- AM drop off 8:35 - 9:05 (tardy after 9:05)
- PM pick up 3:35 - 4:00

## ❑ Walker

- K and 1st graders must be signed out
- No parking on Peyton Street** to pick up



# Meals and Snacks

## ☐ Breakfast

-8:35 - 9:00 AM

## ☐ Lunch

-usually around 11:00 AM  
-25 minutes

## ☐ Snack- whole class

-Healthy Snack (Calendar Sign-up)

## Free-and-Reduced Application



Whats for lunch today?



# Before & After Care

Contact Person: Ms. Register

- **Days: Monday to Friday**  
(when school is in session)
- **Times**
  - 7am - 8:35am - Before
  - 3:50pm - 6pm - After





# Health and Wellness



- Required health forms and vaccinations
- Student medication - 1702 Form
- Illness policy
  - Return to school
- School Nurse Contact: **Ashley Campau, RN**
  - Email: [acampau@wcpss.net](mailto:acampau@wcpss.net)

**Ashley Campau is looking forward to partnering with you!**  
**Video**



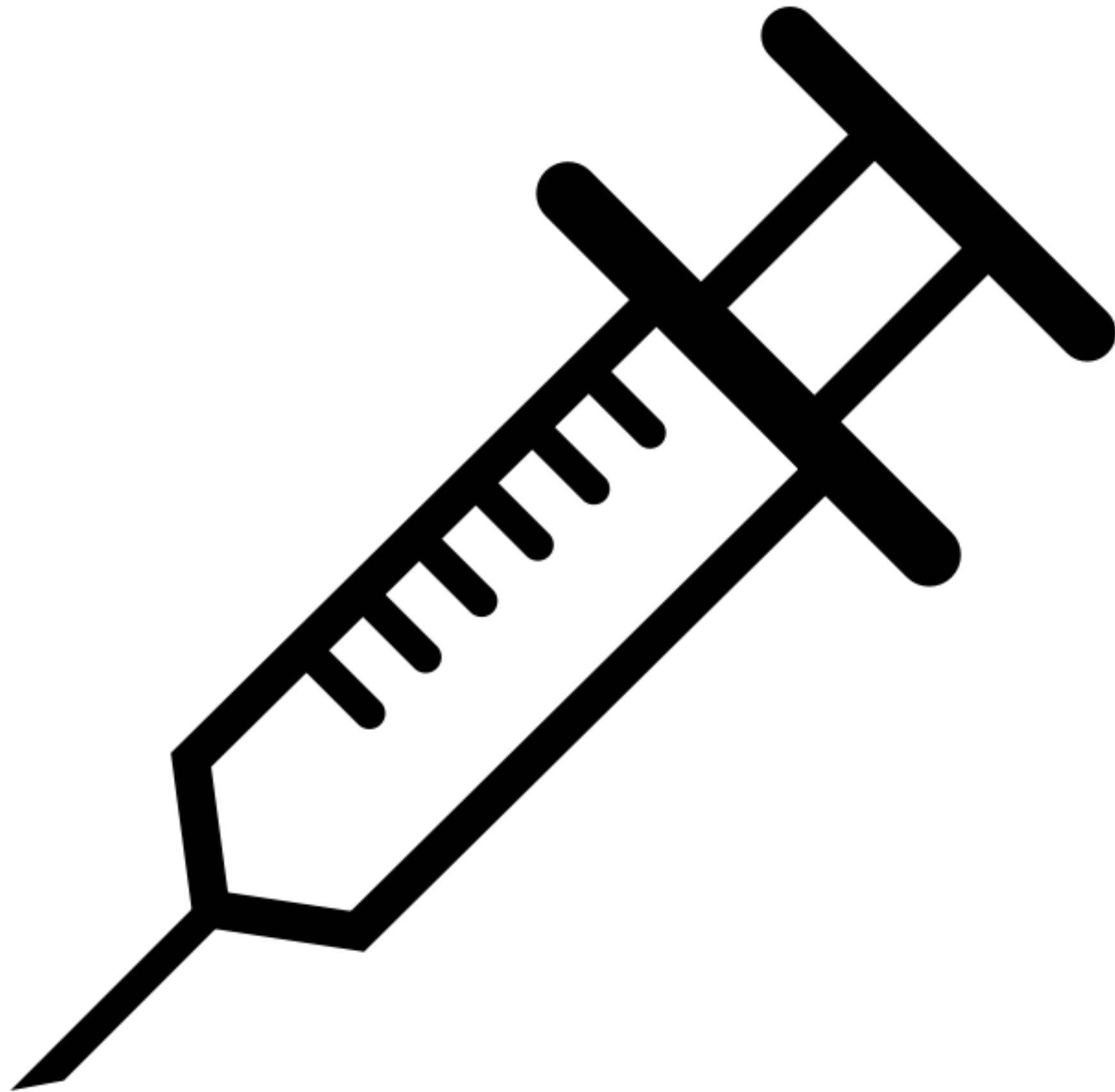
# School Nurse



- School Nurses in Wake County are employed by Wake County Human Services, Wake County Public Schools and serve 2-3 schools each.
- Nurses provide services 2-3 days per week in each school.
- One goal of School Health Services is to keep all students healthy and safe in order to improve attendance and educational outcomes.



# Immunizations



- 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.



# Kindergarten Health Assessment (Kindergarten Physical)



- The parent, guardian or responsible person has 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to submit the required health assessment form to the school.
- The child CAN be excluded from school until proof of the assessment is provided.



# Medications



- Medications will be administered at school ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by physician and parent and is in the possession of school officials.
- These forms are available at the front office.
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- ALL medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian.
- ALL medications must be in the original pharmacy container with original label on it.
- Parents may bring other medications to be administered at school such as cough drops, Motrin or poison ivy creams, etc. ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by physician and parent and the medicine is in its original container



# When should I keep my child home?

## Children should be kept home when

- Fever of 100.4 or higher (Should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school).
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Severe headache.
- Red, watery eyes with yellow drainage.
- Undiagnosed rash.





# Keeping Your Child Healthy

- Children learn best when they eat a healthy breakfast and receive adequate sleep. Five year olds require 10-11 hours of sleep every night.
- It is important for your child to attend school daily and to be on time.
- Studies show that frequent hand washing prevents colds and flu.
- Instruct your children in good hand washing techniques.



# Children with Chronic Illness

- If your child has a chronic illness such as diabetes, severe asthma, severe allergies or seizures, please contact your school nurse.
- A health care plan can be developed indicating steps to be taken if your child requires medical care at school.



# Poe School Nurse Contact Information

School Nurse Contact: Ashley Campau

- **Email: [acampau@wcpss.net](mailto:acampau@wcpss.net)**
- **Phone: 919-609-5303**



# School Calendar



Traditional Calendar Info can be found on WCPSS [website](#):

## Important Dates

- **2025 Staggered Entry Dates**  
Monday, August 25  
Tuesday, August 26  
Wednesday, August 27
- **Kindergarten Meet the Teacher**  
Friday, August 29
- **First Full Day - Tuesday, Sept. 2**



# Staggered Entry

- ❑ Attend only ONE day first week of school
- ❑ Small group of students
- ❑ Gradual transition
- ❑ Informal assessments

**First Day of School**  
***Tuesday, September 2***





# What are some ways you can prepare at home?



## Healthy Routines

- Establish a bedtime that gives 10+ hours of sleep.
- Ensure immunizations and health exams are current.
- Stick to regular times for meals.

## Positive Approaches toward Learning

- Provide toys and games for exploration and discovery.
- Create opportunities to stay on task for 15 minutes (or more).

## Social and Emotional Development

- Talk about feelings.
- Facilitate friendships with other children.
- Set basic rules and allow child to adapt to change.
- Celebrate independence..

## Language Development

- Talk, talk, talk at home!
- Read together every day.
- Give multiple step instructions (1, 2, 3).
- Encourage sentences of several words.

## Health and Physical Development

- Run, jump, climb, swing, and throw together.
- Develop independence- dressing, eating, and personal hygiene.
- Share a space to use scissors and crayons.

## General Knowledge

- Teach first and last name.
- Learn basic colors.
- Practice numbers and letters.
- Retell stories together.



# Local Community Agencies and Resources

[Boys Club Raleigh](#)

[Girls Club Raleigh](#)

[Hispanic Mama](#)

[Kidznotes Raleigh](#)

[Poe Center for Health Education](#)

[Project Enlightenment Parent Resources](#)

[Raleigh Parks Programs](#)

[Ready Set School Family Playdates @ Marbles](#)

[Richard B. Harrison Community Library](#)

[Sensory Friendly Playtimes @ Marbles](#)

[WakeMed Playwell Park](#)

[YMCA of the Triangle](#)

[Youth Escape School \(Teacher Workdays Program\)](#)

***Questions about Local  
Community Agencies and  
Resources?***

Please reach out to  
Ms. Shrader our school counselor!

Email:  
mpmartin@wcpss.net



## Kindergarten Playdates



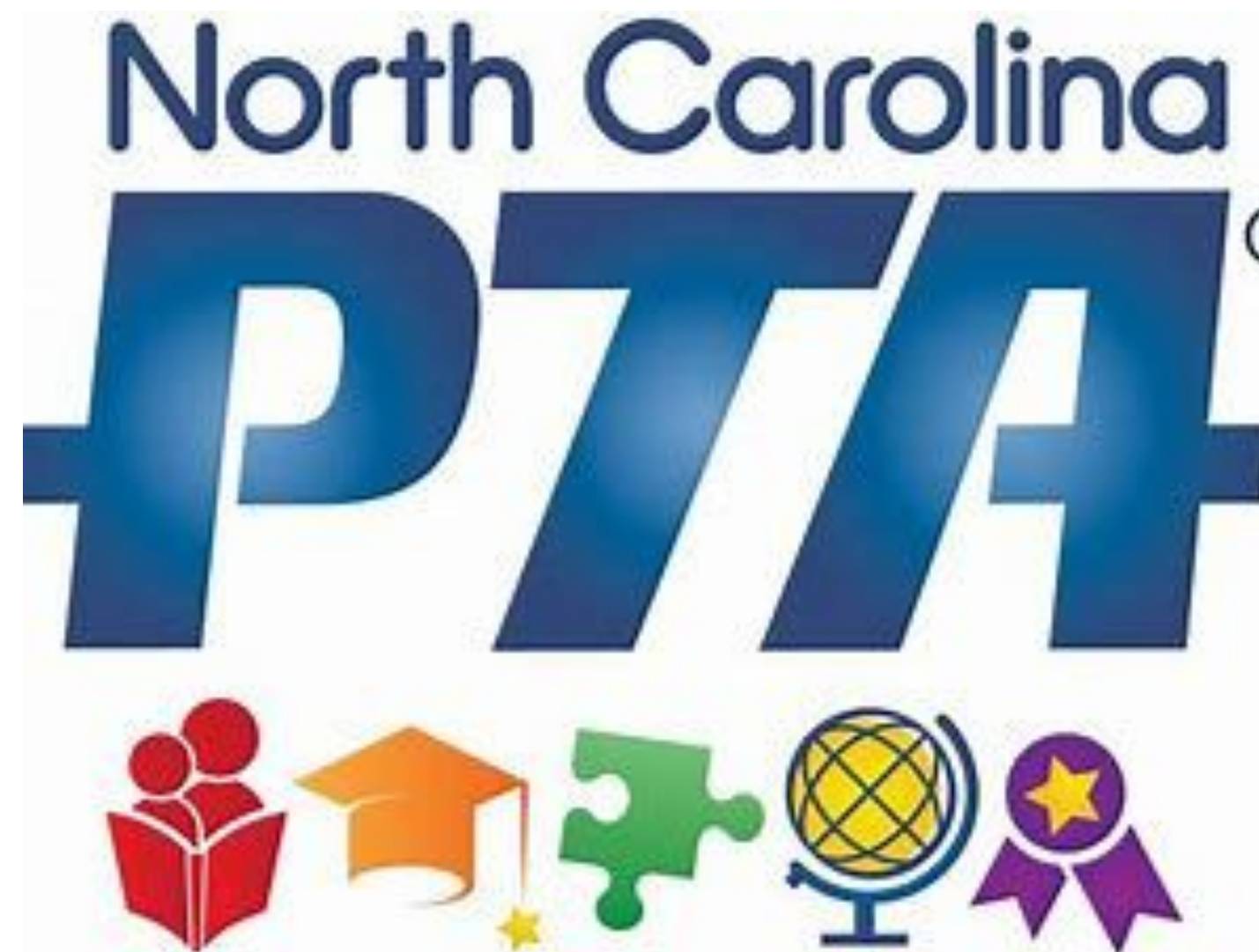
- Monday, 6/16 Poe Playground:  
1 - 2 PM
- Saturday, 8/23 Marbles Kindergarten Kick-off  
10 AM - 12 PM
  - (Marbles kickoff from 9a-5p)

Questions?  
PTA President  
Betsy John  
poepta1@gmail.com



# PTA

## How do you join the PTA?



## PTA Activities and School Support



Questions?  
PTA President  
Betsy John  
[PoePTA1@gmail.com](mailto:PoePTA1@gmail.com)



# What Starts Here Changes Everything

We look forward to supporting your family and  
student the next six years while at  
Poe Magnet GT/AIG Basics Elementary!

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If you have any questions over the  
summer please contact us at  
919-250-4777





## Kindergarten Homework Resources

**Tag our Session Today:**  
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