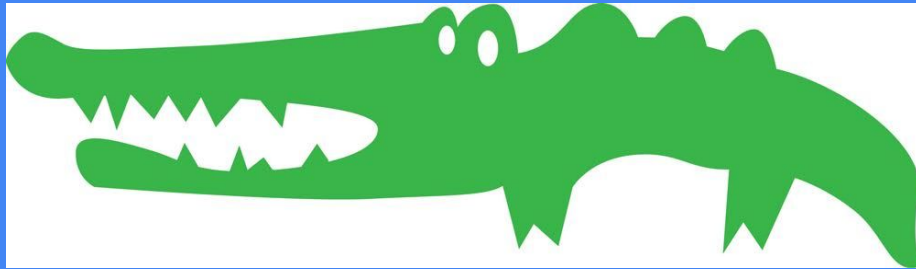
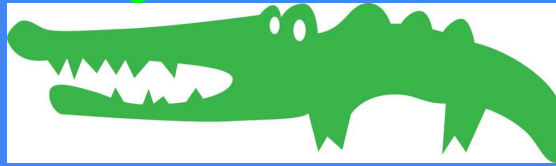


Welcome to  
**Alston Ridge Elementary**  
Kindergarten Orientation



Principal: Ms. Teresa Caswell  
Assistant Principals: Mr. Cline and Mr. Schutte  
School Counselors: Mrs. Damrauer and Mrs. Mathews

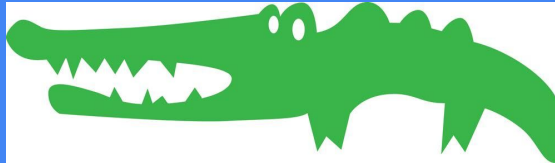
# How Can I Encourage School Adjustment?



- Show enthusiasm.
- Daily attendance is key to your child's success.
- A consistent morning routine.
- Be on time each day.



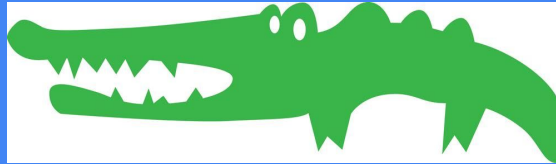
# What If My Child Is Not Eager To Start School?



- Encourage him/her to talk.
- Talk realistically and positively.
- Take them seriously.
- Be available to listen.

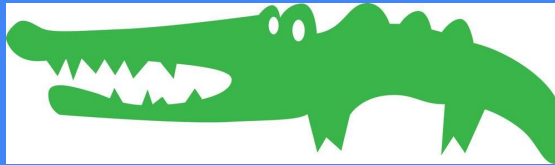


# Health Concerns



- Medicine to be given at school (prescription or over the counter) must be signed into the main office by parent/guardian with WCPSS Form 1702, completed/signed by doctor and signed by parent.
- Keep in mind the health and safety of the other students, please keep your child home from school if he or she is sick. If your child has a health issue that may require a care plan, please contact the school nurse (see contact information below)
- Questions or concerns? Please contact the School Nurse, 919-524-6639

# Attendance Information



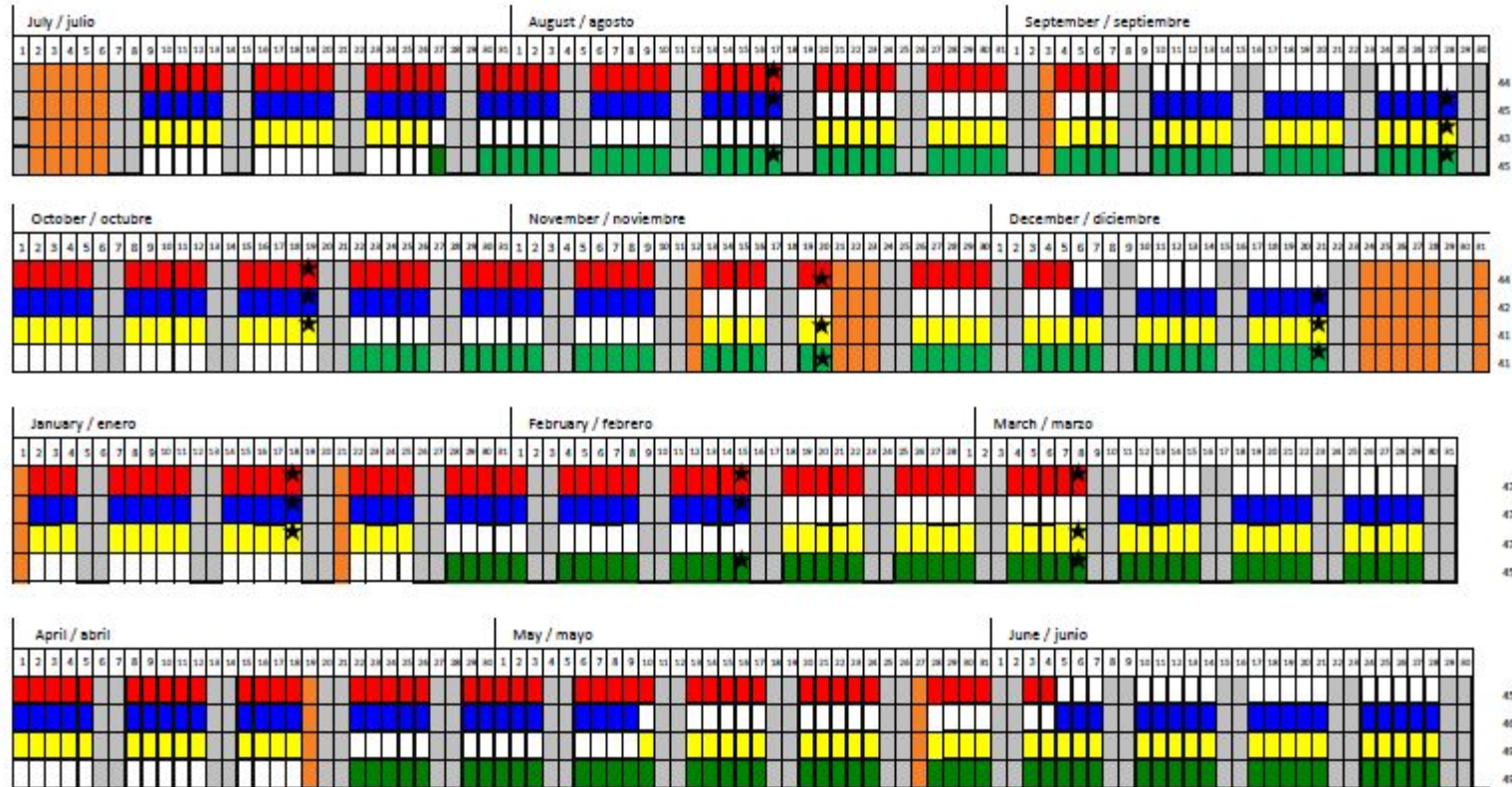
- Call the school (919-544-2474) when your child is sick.
- A hand-written note is required on day the child returns.
- Arrive to school on time each day.
- Please try your hardest to plan family vacations and trips during the weeks over track out.





# 2018-2019 Year-Round Multi-track Calendar

Calendario de Ciclo Continuo



## LEGEND / LEYENDA

- Track 1
- Track 2
- Track 3
- Track 4
- Weekend / Fin de Semana
- Vacation Day / Día de Vacaciones
- ★ Early Release Day / Día de Salida Temprana

In accordance with the NC Calendar Law, if the school district must close schools, the superintendent will update this calendar to provide additional days/time by using scheduled teacher workdays, banded instructional hours\*, scheduled vacation days, or on Saturdays to meet legal requirements. If students attend school on Thursday or Friday of a week when school has been closed, there may be a make-up day the Saturday of the same week if possible. Students will attend no more than two Saturdays in a row. In extreme cases, holidays may be used for weather make up.

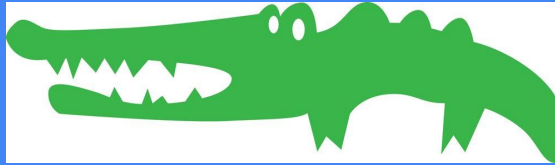
\* Hours accrued by schools over the required 1025 instructional hours

De acuerdo a lo establecido por la Ley de Calendarios de Carolina del Norte, si el distrito escolar tiene que cerrar las escuelas, el Superintendente actualizará este calendario deberá ser actualizado para proporcionar días/horas adicionales, utilizando los días de salida temprana como días completos, días laborales de los miembros, vacaciones, horas acumuladas de instrucción\*, o días programados de vacaciones para cumplir con los requerimientos de ley. Si se utilizan los sábados, estos serán días completos de instrucción. Si se terminan todos los demás opciones, se puede utilizar los días festivos como días de recuperación de clases debido al mal tiempo.

\* Horas acumuladas por las escuelas, por encima de las 1025 horas requeridas de instrucción.

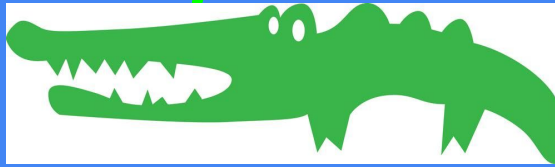
MORE INFORMATION / MÁS INFORMACIÓN  
[www.wcpss.net/calendars](http://www.wcpss.net/calendars)

# School Rules & Procedures

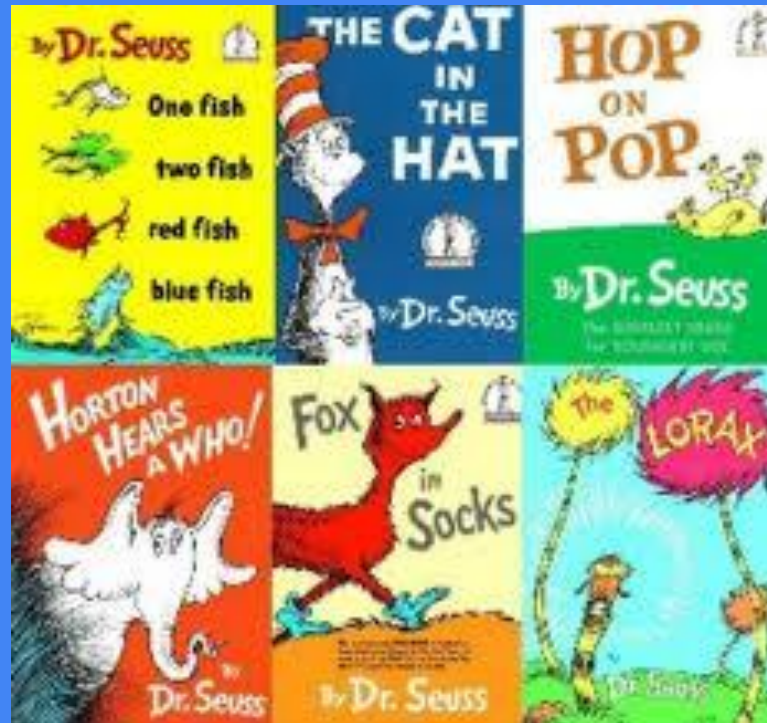


- Each child is taught the school procedures for many areas in the building and for transportation. Every student receives a copy of Wake County Public School Rules/Policy Rules for School Bus Safety and Behavior.
- Parents will receive a copy of the school handbook at the start of the school year.

# Birthday Celebrations

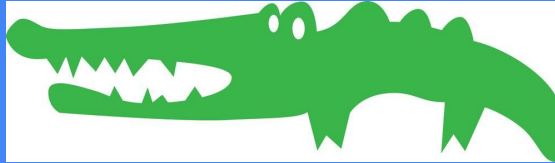


- For birthdays, we are encouraging parents to buy a book to read to the class on their child's birthday, then donate to the classroom library (in lieu of food).





# English As A Second Language



- Our students have come from various countries around the world.
- All ESL classes are taught in English!
- They work in small groups, receiving intensive instruction in English.

For further information or questions, contact Jennell Little, [jlittle2@wcpss.net](mailto:jlittle2@wcpss.net) or Lily Liu, [hliu@wcpss.net](mailto:hliu@wcpss.net)

# Kindergarten Readiness

Remember that all children grow, learn and develop at their own pace

"Readiness" is not based solely on academic skills

General developmental expectations:

- Curious and confident in ability to learn
- Pays attention to tasks for a short period of time (approximately 15 minutes)
- Persists with tasks even when difficult
- Plays cooperatively and participates in a group
- Follows basic rules and routines
- Follows 1, 2, 3 step directions
- Demonstrates self-help skills

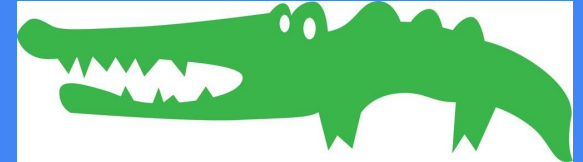


# Ways to Prepare Your Child

- Talk positively about kindergarten
- Adjust bedtimes to ensure he/she is getting enough sleep
  - Take into account the loss of nap time
  - Your child should be getting 10 hours of sleep each night
- Read everyday and talk about the pictures and story
- Provide a daily routine that includes regular times for meals
- Interact frequently with your child each day by talking and listening
- Provide opportunities to play with other children and form relationships
- Practice opening food containers



# Ways to Prepare Yourself



Recognize you are in a transition stage

It is okay to feel scared and sad in addition to feeling excited

Plan for food, transportation and schedule changes

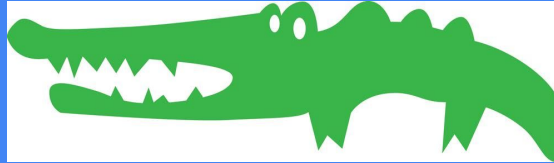
Don't be afraid to ask if things seem confusing!

Get involved! Volunteer in your child's class or join the PTA

Your attitude determines your child's attitude!

[https://projectenlightenment.wcpss.net/kindergarten\\_readiness/easing\\_the\\_transition.html](https://projectenlightenment.wcpss.net/kindergarten_readiness/easing_the_transition.html)

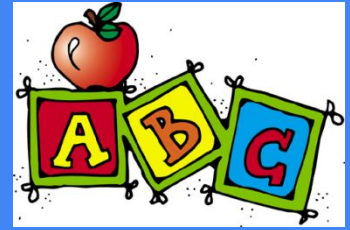
# A Typical Day in Kindergarten



- Children can begin arriving at school at 8:45
- The tardy bell rings at 9:15, instruction begins
- Dismissal begins at 3:45
- Please have your child at school on time so that their day will begin smoothly.



# What do we do all day in kindergarten?



## Reading

- Alphabet/sounds
- Phonemic awareness
- Sight words
- Simple sentences
- Simple books
- Reading comprehension

## Writing

- Narrative
- Informational
- Opinion
- How to...

## Math

- Number sense
- Geometry
- Addition/Subtraction
- Measurement

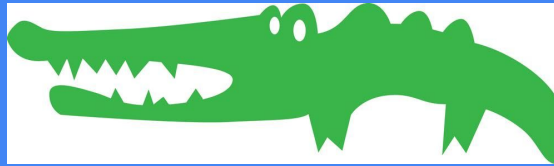
## Science

- Earth Systems, Structures and Processes (Weather)
- Structures and Functions of Living Organisms (Animals)
- Matter, Properties and Change
- Force and Motion

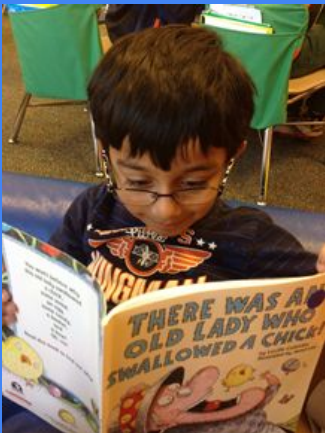
## Social Studies

- "I Am a Citizen"
- "We Are Alike! We Are Different!"
- "What's Around me?"
- "We Have Needs and Wants"

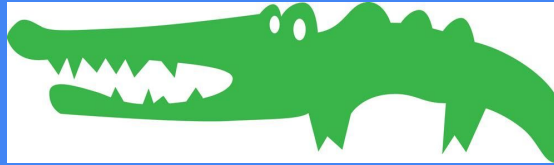
# Daily Reading



- Children work on literacy skills daily. In the beginning of the year, we work on letters and sounds, print concepts, sight words, and reading simple sentences.
- Children are instructed at their individual reading level starting at the beginning of the year.



# mCLASS



## What is mCLASS?

- mCLASS is a reading program that measures reading skill development of K-5 students using the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and the Text Reading Comprehension (TRC) assessments.

## Home Connect Letters

- Provide information about the student's results for completed measures
- Explain the relevance of the DIBELS Next measures and TRC to parents
- Recommend targeted activities for the student to practice related skills at home



# Number Knowledge Test

- 3 Times a Year
- Progression of Skills
- K-2 Assessment
- Developmental Test
- Conceptual knowledge of number sense
- Created to guide instruction



Math



Science and Exploration



Phonics



Independent Reading



Art



Recess



Writing



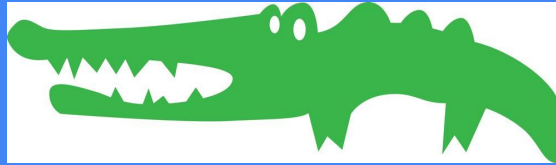
Raz Kids

# "Specials"

- Art
- Media
- Music
- Physical Education (wear tennis shoes)
- Science
- Technology



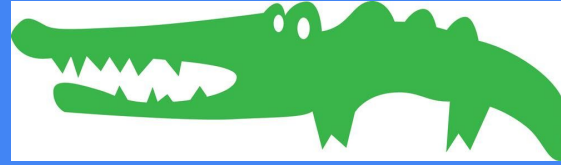
# Lunch



- You can pay for meals (breakfast and/or lunch) daily, weekly or monthly
- Payment Options
  - [mylunchmoney.com](http://mylunchmoney.com)
  - send money in an envelope with child's name and lunch number
- Account balances can be monitored on the internet and restrictions can be set. More information will come home about how to set up an account.
- Extra items can be purchased.

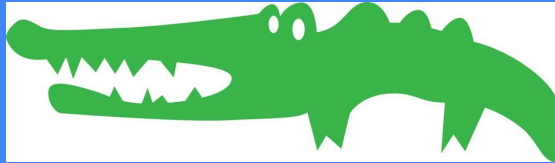


# Helpful Tips



- No toys, please
- Regular size backpack; no rolling bags please
- Send a healthy snack each day
- A full change of clothes in a labeled bag
- Save your child's carpool tag and return it to school daily for the first several weeks of school.
- Insure your bus rider has a tag on their backpacks that shows child's name, bus number, bus stop, etc. ARE will provide this tag.
- Check your child's green folder daily.
- Every Friday is Spirit Day , a great day to wear an ARE T shirt!
- Be consistent about the way your child goes home from school.

# Reporting Your Child's Progress



- First grading period: Report Card
- Second grading period: Report card
- Third grading period: Report Card
- Fourth grading period: Report card
- At least one conference per year.
- However, we are available at anytime.
  
- Standards Based Grading: 1,2,3,4

## How am I doing?

Shoot for the stars. Even if you miss you will land among the stars. -Les Brown



### Out of this World

{Exceeding}

I'm working on a higher level.  
I can explain how to do this.  
I can teach others.



### Flying High

{Meeting}

I can do it by myself!  
I can show how I understand.  
I make little or no mistakes.



### Taking Off

{Developing}

I am starting to understand.  
Sometimes I need help  
or an example.



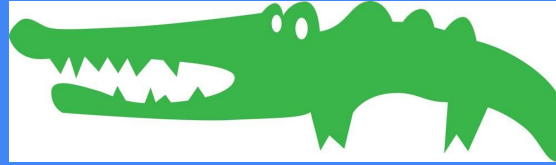
### Ready to Go

{Beginning}

I am starting to learn this.  
I can't do it by myself yet.



# Volunteers Are Welcome!

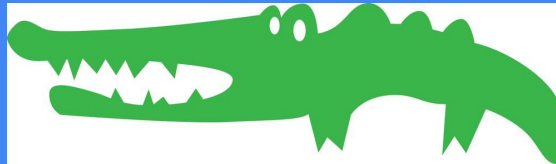


## Ways to Help:

- Register as a volunteer
- Work at school with students
- Prepare materials at school and/or home
- Field trips (you must register as a volunteer)
- PTA involvement

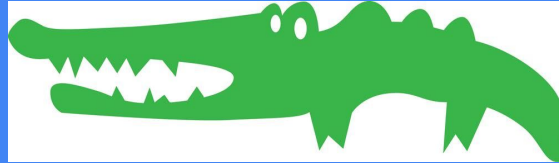


# Available Resources



If you have concerns about a special need your child may have in speech, language, academics or motor skills, please express this to your child's teacher. There are a variety of methods and interventions for different learning styles and abilities. The special programs team is available for assistance as warranted.

# Car Pool or Car Rider Information



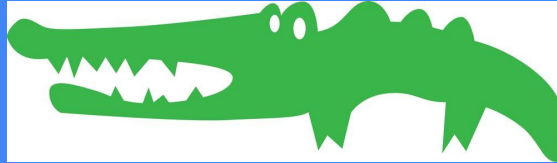
- Students are dismissed from the classroom via the television.
- Carpoolers have cards (numbers/colors)
- Walkers
- Bus riders / Daycare Van riders
- After School
- Please send a handwritten note to your child's teacher if you need to change the way in which your child will go home.

# Bus Safety Information

- Bus tags will provide important information. These need to be secured on your child's backpack.
- Again, please send a note to your child's teacher if there are any changes as to how your child will go home. (Please do not call the office or email your child's teacher with changes for safety reasons.)

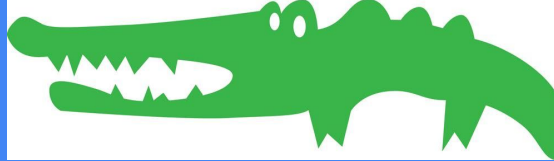


# Early Arrival and After School



- Professionally staffed with teachers/teacher assistants
- Early Arrival begins at 7 am
- After School lasts until 6 pm
- Fees set by the school board each year
- Children are involved in activities
- \*Space is limited. Registration will begin in June-see email from Mrs. Caswell for dates by track.

# Staggered Entry Assessments



- Students will only attend one day during the first week of school. Days will be announced the beginning of June for Tracks 1, 2, and 3 and beginning of July for Track 4.
- The students are assessed during staggered entry so that we may build well balanced classes
- Students are introduced to learning centers and to typical parts of kindergarten such as specials, lunch, recess
- Individualized assessment data will be shared during the first conference

Thanks for coming today. We're looking forward to a wonderful year!

