

Welcome to Lynn Road Elementary Preschool

“Home of the Lions”



2025-2026 School Year

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Class Website: <https://sites.google.com/wcpss.net/prek-welcome/home>

Welcome to the Pre-K Program at Lynn Road Elementary.

We are looking forward to having a successful year.

About Our Class

Our main goal is for your child to become as independent as possible. We work on skills that are imperative for kindergarten and everyday functioning. Our classroom is based on the TEACCH philosophy. Our curriculum focuses on eight main areas: Structure, Communication, Motor Skills, Social Skills, Cognition, Independent Living Skills, Play Skills and Work Behaviors. You will see these areas addressed during “task time” and “work with teacher time.”

In addition, we use the Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum, Letterland Curriculum and Creative Curriculum. Handwriting Without Tears is designed

to teach preschoolers the necessary pre-writing skills needed to be able to: write letters and numbers, draw shapes and pictures. Letterland is used to help preschoolers understand letters, letter sounds and their function when reading them. Similar to Handwriting Without Tears, Letterland uses research-based practice to create a sensory based curriculum for little ones. We also use Creative Curriculum and SEFEL (Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning techniques in our classroom. Teaching Strategies Gold is the assessment tool for preschool.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ Review the WCPSS Student/Parent Handbook
- ✓ Review the Classroom Handbook
- ✓ Arrive promptly with your child daily
- ✓ Attend workshops, IEP meetings, family school partnership day activities
- ✓ Check your child's book bag daily for work and important paperwork
- ✓ Complete and return all paperwork promptly
- ✓ Share any incidents or concerns that occur outside of school and may impact your child's school day (examples: illnesses –child/family, change in family status)
- ✓ Dress your child in comfortable and seasonal-appropriate clothing
- ✓ Honor the Student-Parent-Teacher-School Partnership Contract
- ✓ Read and play with your child daily
- ✓ Walk your child to the front door. Have them carry their own bookbag.

School Information

Our school day is from 8:00-3:00. The students may start to arrive at 8:00 but the instructional day does not begin until 8:30. **Please do not bring your child to school before 8:00.** We will be preparing for the upcoming day or we will have meetings. We will dismiss at 3:00 either from the playground or the classroom. Please let us know if you are picking your child up early, so we can have them ready to be walked to the front office at the time you tell us you will be at school.

1st Day of School

The first day of school for preschoolers will be September 8th for everyone. You will receive a staggered entry date at Meet the Teacher on August 25th.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is very important in ensuring your child's success. If your child has consistent attendance issues their spot will be given to children on a waiting list for Wake County Public Schools. Children should be at school every day by 8:30 a.m. If you are going to be absent, please let us know on Talking Points and send a note the next day so that it can be excused. If there is no written note, it will be an unexcused absence.

In addition, if you are going to be late, please call the classroom or Talking Points us to let us know. If your child arrives after 8:30 and we have not received a call, they will be counted tardy. Also, your child should be picked up promptly by 3:30. Miss Stafford has afterschool at 3:15 and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Mallory have meetings starting at 3:30.

Sick Policy

If your child is sick, please call us and let us know and keep your child at home. Children must be fever free WITHOUT Tylenol or antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child becomes sick at school, we will call you so you can immediately pick your child up. If your child has a fever, they will be sent home immediately. Please keep your child home if they are sick. This helps prevent the spread of germs in our classroom.

Carpool Procedures/Transportation

If you are willing to bring and pick your child up from school, please note our parking procedures. Please do not park in the bus loop. This prevents buses from getting children to the building. Parents may park only in designated parking spaces as they drop students off and pick students up. You must have a carpool tag in your car to park in preschool parking spaces. The tag will be provided to you at the beginning of the school year and must be visible from your car windshield.

Please walk your child to the front door and find a teacher to drop your child off with them. Try to prevent carrying them into school, as we are trying to prepare them for Kindergarten which requires them to walk to their classroom. If you need help getting your child to walk into school,

please ask a teacher for help. Also, have them carry their own backpack. It is important that you are on time for arrival and pick up so that we can protect our instructional time.

If your child rides a cab, it is your responsibility to call your bus or cab drivers if your child will not be at school or is not using transportation that day. Remember to call for both ways. Also, remember to allow 7 to 10 days for any changes in transportation. If you change daycare or move let us know the effective date as soon as possible; when moving to a new home a new proof of residency will be required for transportation changes to be made. Mr. Rebecca Wachholz, our Assistant Principal, takes care of transportation. If you have questions you may call her at 919-870-4074 or email her at rwachholz@wcpss.net. Please let me know of changes and I will fill out the appropriate paperwork. Please do NOT make arrangements with the bus driver directly because the changes will not be official.

Celebrations

If you would like to bring/send in a special treat for your child's birthday, please speak with your child's teacher(s) to make the arrangements. In planning to send in a treat for your child's birthday, please find out if there are any dietary restrictions or known food allergies among the other children in your child's class. Store bought items are accepted, not home baked.

Items Needed for School

- Backpack (large enough for a folder and blanket to fit in).
- A towel or small blanket for rest time. Please put your child's name on it. The blanket will be sent home every Friday. Please wash and send back on Monday.
- A COMPLETE change of multiple clothes (shirt, shorts/pants, underwear, socks). Please place it in a zip-lock with your child's name on it.
- If your child is not toilet-trained please send in pull ups or diapers that have Velcro sides that can be reattached and baby wipes.
- Snack and juice/water
- Lunch and/or breakfast money

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT!

Meals and Snacks

Your child will need to bring lunch from home or have lunch money. Lunch from the cafeteria is \$3.75 unless you have qualified for reduced lunch. If your child is not getting breakfast at home we can also provide breakfast. **Breakfast is served from 8:00-8:25. If your child arrives at school after 8:25 the cafeteria will be closed and breakfast can't be provided.** The cost of breakfast is \$2.00, unless you qualify for reduced. You can find the free and reduced lunch form on our website. You can pay online or give money to one of the teachers and we can run it to the cafeteria. Please visit www.wcpss.net to learn how to pay online. We eat one snack late in the afternoon. Please send in two snack options and a juice/water. Snack time and lunch time provides us an opportunity for communication with students! Students are never forced to eat snack, it is always optional.

We are unable to make any “alterations” to food unless approved by a doctor's order. This includes heating, cooling, cutting, omitting items due to allergies, etc. If packing a lunch, please include ice packs when necessary. If your child uses an alternative way of feeding, please send all feeding supplies.

Snack Suggestions:

- Cheerios/Chez Mix
- Pop-tarts
- Nilla Wafers, animal crackers, graham crackers, cheese crackers
- Carrots/Fruit
- Goldfish crackers
- Bagels, muffins
- Yogurt
- Granola bars
- Pretzels

***Please bring juice boxes or water.

PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR HOME:

Preschool Programs encourages the following activities to support continued growth and progress for preschool students in their home:

1. Read together daily with a family member to develop a love and appreciation for books.
2. Find ways to engage your children in daily activities that can naturally build rich conversations and expand their vocabulary. (Ex. cooking together, doing an art project, sorting laundry together, bath time play, grocery shopping, etc.)
3. Seek opportunities that allow your child to connect with others to help them naturally build their social emotional skills (playing family games, story times, social groups, visits in the community, etc.)

Upon request, you can ask your teacher for ideas or an activity calendar to build your collection of developmentally appropriate activities that support language, literacy, and social emotional development in the home.

PTA Information

Please join the PTA!

<https://lynroades.memberhub.com/store?category=Memberships>

Contacts

Please refrain from calling during the school day unless it is an emergency. We are busy with the children and instruction and are not always able to talk. Feel free to leave a message via the Talking Points app and we will get back to you or email Mrs. Johnson at scjohnson@wcpss.net

Dress code

Children should be dressed appropriately for school everyday. Shirts must cover their stomachs, shoulders and backs. As the weather turns colder please send a coat. Please remember we do a lot of sensory activities and art projects everyday and we do get messy!!!

Daily Photos Home/Monday Folders

Each day there will be a picture taken of your child showing what he/she did at school that day. Please download Talking Points so that you can receive a daily photo. This can also be used as a communication tool for you to use to ask your child questions about their day.

We will also send home a folder each Monday. Please review its contents and return the folder on Tuesday. In this folder will be important class and school news.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOKBAG DAILY AND EMPTY IT.

ASSESSMENTS

Your child's teacher(s) will conduct assessments and evaluations throughout the year to track your child's progress. In addition to these assessments, he/she will consistently observe your child and make notations about these observations. This information will be shared with you during your child's IEP meeting.

Family School Partnership Days

We will follow the traditional WCPSS calendar with one additional "no school day per month" known as Family School Partnership Days. On these days we will be doing family related activities. There will be no school for students, but we will be going on outings and having workshops. Due to our small class size, we are not allowed to obtain a school bus. Therefore, parents will be required to attend and transport their children on family school partnership days. Please check the newsletter to find out about Family School Partnership events scheduled.

Family School Partnership Dates:

September 5th

September 26th

October 31st
December 5th
January 30th
February 27th
March 27th
April 24th
May 8th
June 5th

Inclement Weather policies can be found in your WCPSS Parent/Student Handbook.
Holiday/Vacation/Teacher Workdays can be found on the WCPSS School Calendar(s).

IEP Meetings

We will be meeting throughout the school year for IEP meetings, progress report meetings and transition meetings. Please make sure you check your voicemail and book bags so that I can get in touch with you to schedule meetings. IEP Meetings will occur virtually.

Show and Tell

We will do Show and Share every Wednesday. If it is your child's turn to bring an item, there will be a paper in your child's Monday Folder stating they need to bring an item. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to share and talk about items that they enjoy or an item that represents their family/culture. We will do this the entire year and with such few kids they get to share frequently. Please try not to forget to bring an item. Also, if it is NOT your child's turn please don't send an item in that week. Save it for your child's show and share week.

Photos

If your child has photo permission, we will be taking photographs of your child daily and sending them via the Talking Points App.

Talking Points

To help with communication we will be using the Talking Points app. I encourage all parents to download the free app. It will send you text message reminders of all our events in a quick and efficient manner.

Class Website

<https://sites.google.com/d/1-ZsAiqdOwFCUV3kAV-o37ZHPEPRk6AC/p/1IR7gTa2Zs9UjbPa64SlovN6xvuWcL2Sb/edit>

Wish List

If you would like to donate to our classroom, our Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1ZS4KB614TBZ/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

I have received a copy of my child's classroom handbook.

Yes/No (Please circle one)

I will adhere to the policies and procedures that are in my child's classroom handbook.

Yes/No (Please circle one)

Name of parent(s)-please print

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Date