



Welcome, Kindergarten families, to Oak Grove School!



We are very excited to meet our students and their families as we embark on a new year of learning and enriching experiences.

In preparation for a successful year of Kindergarten, we have created a developmentally appropriate schedule that allows our youngest learners to ease into this new environment at OGS. The schedule was carefully and intentionally planned with shorter days in the beginning of the week, building to a full day of school by Friday, August 25th. This progressive design will ensure a smooth transition for your child as they begin their formalized education journey.

We understand additional childcare may be necessary for some families. Below you will find the schedule with free childcare options outside of the required portion of each student's first week of Kindergarten.

One more note: Your child's classroom teacher will not be assigned until the afternoon of Thursday, August 24th. This is also intentional, as we strive to create balanced classrooms. We gather information about academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs from individual students, as well as the group collectively, so that we can create appropriate groupings for a successful year of learning.

Sincerely,
Katie Fitzgerald
Becky Honaker
Wendy Miller
Jenna Sobey
Kelly Zanon

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First Week of School

Date	Event	Optional Childcare
Monday, August 21	<p>Appointment-ONLY Kindergarten Screening (link to Sign-Up Genius to schedule an appointment)</p> <p>Students will arrive at their scheduled time for a 1-hour appointment on <u>one</u> of these days. Parents may wait outside for their child to complete the assessments, or may leave and return to pick up their child at the end of the hour.</p>	<p>8:20-3:20 pm</p> <p>If you are in need of free childcare outside of your child's screening appointment time, please contact Rob Rendon at rendon@ogschool.org.</p>
Tuesday, August 22	<p>Teachers will evaluate students' knowledge and skills in reading and math, as well as their speech-language development. Students who speak a language other than English may also be screened for qualification of English Learner services. Assessment results will be shared with families at a later date. Kindergarten Screening allows teachers to create classrooms that are balanced in academic needs. This process also allows our support specialists to identify students who may benefit from their services.</p> <p><i>*Kindergarten Screening used to take place in the Spring before a school year began. We have moved this practice to the first week of school so we may gather the most accurate and updated academic information on our students.</i></p>	<p>Our Extended Care staff will be able to assist in child care and will bring your child to and from their screening appointment. Normal extended care is still available until 6:00.</p>
Wednesday, August 23	<p>9:30 am - 12:30 pm Practice Kindergarten Day 1</p> <p>Students will rotate through different stations, participating in various activities that support school readiness.</p> <p>*Kindergarten-only bus routes will run for both pick-up and drop-off.</p>	<p>12:30-3:20 pm</p> <p>If you are in need of free childcare during these hours, please contact Rob Rendon at rendon@ogschool.org.</p> <p>Normal extended care is still available until 6:00.</p>

Thursday, August 24	<p>8:20 am - 1:00 pm Practice Kindergarten Day 2 Students will rotate through different stations, participating in various activities that support school readiness. This day will be slightly longer to increase student's stamina for school.</p> <p>*Students will have lunch at school. You may pack your child with a nut-free lunch OR sign them up for our school's catering program, Marla's Lunch.</p> <p>*Kindergarten students may join our other OGS students on the normal bus route for pick-up and drop-off (8:20-3:20).</p> <p>1:00 - 3:20 pm Extracurricular Presentations Students will be able to enjoy various presentations from Nanny Nikki, GLSA, and Cook Memorial Library.</p> <p>*Classroom teacher assignments will be emailed home this afternoon!</p>
Friday, August 25	<p>8:20 - 3:20 pm First Full Day of Kindergarten! Students will transition into their new classroom for the school year! Upon arrival at school, students will play on the playground with the rest of the 1st-4th graders. Around 8:12, students will line up with their new Kindergarten teacher and head to their classrooms for a fun day of learning.</p> <p>*Kindergarten students may join our other OGS students on the normal bus route for pick-up and drop-off (8:20-3:20).</p> <p>*Students will have lunch at school. You may pack your child with a nut-free lunch OR sign them up for our school's catering program, Marla's Lunch.</p> <p>1:45 - 2:45 pm Parents Meet the Teacher Any time within this hour, we ask parents to drop by the classroom to meet their child's teacher. You may take your child home with you after Meet the Teacher, or they may stay for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH YOU TO THIS EVENT! Interested in ordering a school supply pre-pack? Click here for info (deadline to order is July 25).</p>

The following week of August 28th will follow our normal hours of 8:20 to 3:20 pm for the rest of the school year.

Beginning the week of August 28th, [Extended Day Care](#) is available for a cost outside of the normal school hours. Please contact Rob Rendon at rendon@ogschool.org for more information.