

ABC's of Kindergarten

A

Absence: If your child is absent, please contact the school office at 303-982-5760. You need to let the office know and your child's classroom teacher via email.

Allergies: Please inform the office of any severe allergies that your child may have. Children cannot take any medication at school without parent permission, and parents must leave any medication with the school clinic (nurse).

Arrival: Each day students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:35 a.m. through our classroom's outside door.

B

Backpacks: Please send your child to school with his/her backpack every day. It needs to be large enough to hold a 2-pocket folder, lunch box, and a jacket. **Please make sure your child's name is on their backpack and all belongings.**

Birthdays: Kyffin is a participant in "Healthy Schools". Birthdays will be celebrated in our classrooms with singing and making a birthday crown. You may also donate a book to our library for your child.

Books: We will check out library books each week. Please read the books with your child and return them to school. Please help your child care for these borrowed books. Your child will also build their at-home library with books sent home each week that relate to our new learning in their Read Every Day (R.E.D.) Folders.

C

Communication: It is important to maintain consistent communication with your child's teacher. If you have any concerns or questions, please email. There will be availability for parent volunteers later in the school year.

Conferences: More information will be sent home as we get closer to conference time. You will be able to sign up for a conference time via Sign Up Genius.

D

Dismissal: Students will be dismissed through the classroom outside door if they are a car rider, walker, or if a sibling is picking them up. If your child falls in one of the previous categories, please plan on meeting them at the door for the first week of school. Bus riders, SAE, and other daycare providers will be escorted to the appropriate location. Please make sure your child's teacher knows how your child gets home from school. Please discuss with your child how they get home and make sure they know all appropriate procedures (i.e., bus number).

If there are any changes to your child's dismissal, please notify the office and send an email to your child's teacher. However, if emailing, please make sure you receive a response. We may not be able to check our email throughout the day.

E

Emergency: Please let the office and your child's teacher know if your home, work, or cell phone number and e-mail address change during the year.

Extra Clothes: Please keep a change of clothes in your child's backpack and change them out each season.

F

Field Trips: We will be taking field trips this year! More information to follow.

Folders: Each Friday, your child's Friday Folder will come home with student work and important school/classroom information. Please look through the items in the folder, celebrate your child's great work, keep the papers, and send the folder back to school each Monday. If you have a note or form for the teacher/office. This is a great way to ensure it gets to the right place.

Flex Testing: There is no school on August 22nd and 25th; however, your child will have testing. Please keep an eye out for an email containing a Signup Genius link to choose your desired time.

G

Graduation: Kindergarten graduation will take place at the end of kindergarten to celebrate a wonderful year!

H

Homework: More information regarding homework will be explained at Curriculum Night on August 25th.

Hundredth Day: Yippee! We are 100 days smarter! This is a happy day that takes place on the 100th day of school.

I

Illness: Your child's presence at school is important to us, but so is the health of your child and the rest of the students in our class. If your child is running a fever or has recently vomited, please take precautions and keep them home from school. Please call the office to report absences.

Independence: As your child becomes more familiar with their classroom and school routines, they will become more independent. We encourage this independence by having the children put away things like their backpacks and lunch boxes by themselves. Responsibility is encouraged and increases as the year goes on.

J

Jiggle: Our daily routine in Kindergarten is age appropriate, and we have a lot of learning activities and brain breaks where we "jiggle" and have fun.

K

Kindness: Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all classmates and others with kindness and respect.

Kindergarten philosophy: Classroom activities focus on keeping all students actively involved in the learning process through a combination of large group, small group, and individual

activities. These interactions help develop their sense of independence and responsibility, as well as respect for themselves and others.

L

Lunch: Our lunchtime is from 11:05 - 11:45

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Menu: The lunch menu is available on the Kyffin website.

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Names: Please make sure your child's name is on **everything** that they bring to school.

Newsletter: Weekly newsletters will be emailed to you. This newsletter will describe what your child has been learning throughout the week, how to continue our learning at home, as well as important upcoming events.

O

Office: Our school office number is 303-982-5760.

Outdoor Recess: The students will be going out three times for recess every day, unless severe weather doesn't permit. Please keep this in mind and send a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket with your child when appropriate. Students will always get a recess following lunch. We will discontinue our morning recess around November.

P

Pick-up: If someone different is picking up your child, or the pick-up plan changes, please let us know immediately. You may call the school or email your child's teacher. Please always make sure you receive a response back.

Q

Quick Goodbyes: Please use quick goodbyes in the morning. A quick goodbye leaves dry eyes.

Questions: If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us. We can be reached at 176562e@jeffcoschools.us (Emily Bennett), 186509e@jeffcoschools.us (Lucy Grylicki) or bardan@jeffcoschools.us (Bryan Ardan)

R

Report Cards: The school year is divided into three trimesters.

S

Snack: We have snack time twice a day. Please send your child to school with 2 healthy snacks in their backpack (NOT lunchbox) every day. We ask that this be a quick snack and not something too messy. Starting in November, we will go down to just one snack time daily, but we will send out an email to remind everyone. Please also send a water bottle (with a lid) to school with your child every day. Be sure to label the water bottles with your child's name.

T

Tardiness: Your child will be considered tardy if he/she is not in the classroom at 8:35 am when the bell rings. Your child must arrive at school on time. Please go straight to the office if your child is tardy.

U

Understanding: We always have your child's best interests at heart! It is important to us to have good communication and understanding between both parents and teachers.

V

Volunteers: Volunteers are welcome in our classroom! We will inform you when we feel like our classes are ready to take volunteers. It is important that we get to know each other, establish a daily routine, and learn the classroom procedures before we invite parents into the classroom.

W

Website: Don't forget to check out the [Kyffin website](#) for useful information and updates. We also have a [kindergarten website](#) that will be updated weekly with curriculum, links, and our newsletter.

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eXcited: We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Y

You: Please remember that you are your child's first and most important teacher. Your support of your child's education will mean the world to him/her. We look forward to working with you to help your child grow as a learner. You know your child the best, so we want to work together to best support your child.

Z

ZZzzzz: Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a reasonable bedtime is a wonderful gift. It will help your child to be alert and ready to learn each day!