

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Starting school is an important milestone in your child's life! Being a part of the Creekmoor Elementary family will be a unique and exhilarating experience for students!

This packet is a resource for you and your family. Answers to many questions can be found here. However, please feel free to contact us whenever you have a question or concern.

We are very excited to partner with you in the growth, development, and learning of your special child!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Oldham



1. **School Day:** 8:35-3:50, Early Dismissal days: 8:35-1:05
2. **Breakfast:** Students eating breakfast should arrive at 8:15 and report to the cafeteria. Students not eating breakfast at school should arrive after 8:20 and report to their rooms.
3. **Dismissal:** Dismissal procedures have been provided by the front office, however, as a reminder: If your child changes his/her mode of transportation, you must email lisa.baird@raypec.org and your teacher or call the office at 892-1675 by 2:00. If a last minute change arises, please contact the front office and they will notify me. Your child's safety is of utmost concern!
4. **Lunch & Snack:** Lunch is at 11:10. Our snack will be in the afternoon due to our earlier lunch. Please remember to send a snack with your child every day.
5. **Communication Folder:** Folders will be sent home daily that will contain daily work. Important office communications and other work will come home as needed. Please check this folder every day and make sure to send back appropriate papers. Thank you for your support with this!

6. **Parent Communication Log:** You will find a communication log in the front pocket of your child's communication folder. Although email is a primary means of communication, this log can be used for quick notes or questions.

8. **Special Classes:** The students will have a special class each day (Art, Music, PE). Tennis shoes need to be worn on PE days. I will communicate our schedule to you. We will have Art the 1st day of school. Our library check-out day will be communicated soon. Your child will be able to check out and return a book each week.

11. **Working collaboratively:** The Kindergarten Teaching team works collaboratively. Teachers plan together and follow the same curriculum. Students have recesses together and at times may rotate through classrooms for different activities. This is a great way to build friendships among our grade level! In addition, our class will have 4th grade learning buddies. This will help us pair with older students in the building for reading, other special activities, and building community.

12. **Curriculum:** Primary focus at the beginning of the year is problem solving, following classroom routines, and school rules. We will also focus on an introduction of letters and sounds, handwriting/letter formation, writing first and last name, counting aloud, and basic shape and number recognition. Second quarter we will begin our work on literacy skills, sight word recognition, small group reading instruction, independent writing, and number sense. Extension at home is key for success, so please be sure to encourage opportunities to use these skills at home! Read to/with your child on a daily basis!

13. **School Supplies:** School supplies have been ordered by teachers for your convenience. Donations for special projects are requested in newsletters and on our websites. If you are able to contribute it would be greatly appreciated!

14. **Contact information:** Please keep current contact information on file with the office. In case of an emergency, it is crucial that we are able to reach you!

15. Recess: Kindergarteners will have a morning and afternoon recess. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. If the temperature and/or wind-chill is above 20 degrees we **will** go outside!

16. Communication: Teachers are not available by phone to keep from disrupting instruction. If you need to get a message to me during the school day, please call the office at 892-1675. However, the best way for us to communicate is through email: elizabeth.oldham@raypec.org. I check my email often. If you would prefer to leave me a message, a voicemail system through the office is in place and I will try to return your call before or after school within 24 hours.

20. Student Birthdays: Per district policy, all birthday snacks **MUST** come off of the approved snack list which can be found on our district website. We are **not** able to pass out birthday invitations at school, so please refrain from sending them so we do not break any little hearts. 😊 Please refer to the PTA Directory for addresses and emails of classmates.

21. SeeSaw: You will be provided with a QR code to connect with our class and your child's individual online portfolio on SeeSaw. This code can be used to connect other family members with your child as well. (Grandparents are usually big fans!) I will send class pictures, videos, and announcements via SeeSaw, and your child will learn to post items (videos, work samples, recordings, etc.) to his/her journal on SeeSaw as well. SeeSaw also has a messaging option that we can utilize as well. This is an AMAZING communication tool!!

22 Teacher Websites: School Information/links and resources can be found on your teacher's website. Most information is shared via Seesaw, however this is a great place for some of our regularly needed resources.

I look forward to working with you
and your family this year!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Oldham

<http://mrsoldhamskindergarten.weebly.com/>

