

Kindergarten FAQ

What's the kindergarten registration process (for those not already registered)?

- Paperwork can be found at registration.ocps.net
- Contact Mary.Inman with any questions

How many kindergarten classes do you anticipate and how many new kindergarten students?

We're looking at 6 classes of 18 for the 21-22 school year. We have about 70 Kindergarten students registered for the new school year. If you know of any families waiting to register, please encourage them to enroll their child at their earliest convenience.

What does the typical day look like for a kindergartner?

Teachers open the classroom for their students at 8:30am. They have morning meetings, including calendar, weather check, and a general overview of the day. Each day students will work on activities in the areas of reading, writing, math, and science. Social skills are infused throughout the curriculum and their day usually wraps up with center learning, where students have some freedom to interact with their peers in a play based learning environment. Throughout the week, Kindergarteners will attend special areas on a rotating schedule including PE, Yoga, Music, and Art. Kindergarten also has lunch and recess each day.

Do kindergartners have homework?

The most important thing for kindergartens is that you read to your child or let them read to you each night. Teachers will send home skills to practice that should be completed independently, there will be no new content coming home. We never want your child to reach the point of frustration with homework, so be sure to communicate with their teacher how it's going at home.

What can parents expect on the very first day of school?

We will have all kinds of admin on hand to help get your little one to their classroom on that first day. We will ask that you go through the car line if they're car riders, or wait across the street at the church if they're walkers. Students will be greeted with lots of smiling faces who will get them where they need to go.

How will students be matched to classes?

We welcome your input on your child-you know them best! Contact Danielle.Stevenson@ocps.net for a parent input form if you have not already completed one. The team does their best to match one of our fabulous Kindergarten teachers with the learning styles of your student.

Is communication between teachers and parents encouraged or only if there is a specific need or problem?

We encourage communication! Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions!

If a child needs some additional help or learning along the way is that available and what would that look like?

We are fortunate to have a great resource team that allows for us to provide support academically, behaviorally, and emotionally to those students that need it.

What are the enrichment opportunities for kindergartners?

Our Kindergarten teachers specialize in differentiating their instruction and work to meet the needs of all learners. We are also lucky to have a teacher dedicated to providing enrichment to students who would benefit from an extra push.

How is drop off / pick up coordinated?

There are a variety of ways your child can get to and from school. Please be sure to communicate with your child's teacher regarding how they will get home that first day and any subsequent changes. Students can be car riders, bikers, walkers, bus riders, or extended day. Be sure to contact our extended day coordinator, Noelle Cox, at Noelle.cox@ocps.net if you would like to reserve a spot for your child in extended day. In the morning, students are escorted from the car loop, walker area, or bike racks to their classroom.

Can parents walk their children to their classrooms?

Unfortunately at this time we are unable to welcome parents on campus. We look forward to the time when we are able to invite you to visit our beautiful school.

Do all kindergarten classrooms have access to daylight?

Yes, all classrooms have multiple windows throughout all grade levels and special areas.

Do kindergartens play on the playground every day?

They do! We have a playground dedicated to our littlest learners, and the teachers create a schedule so that it's not too crowded at any point in the day.

How will kindergarten assessments be handled during the current COVID situation?

We have a team of people in place to help assist with kindergarten assessments so that we are able to identify areas of need early on and hit the ground running!

Do you prefer kindergarten registration forms be submitted electronically or in person?

We just want the registrations! We're happy for them to be dropped at the front office and can also take them electronically.

What can parents expect between now and the start of school?

Stay connected with APSK8 through our social media. Postcards with class placement will be sent home in late July, this is a good opportunity to make sure we have your correct home address on file.