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# Kindergarten Round Up

Cogburn Woods  
Elementary  
School

March 2019

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# Welcome to the Home of the Cogburn Woods Cougars

Our dynamic team!

Jennifer Bedenk

Chrissie Fennimore

Stephanie Franklin

Jodi Luxton

Emily McGuire

Alisha Sexton

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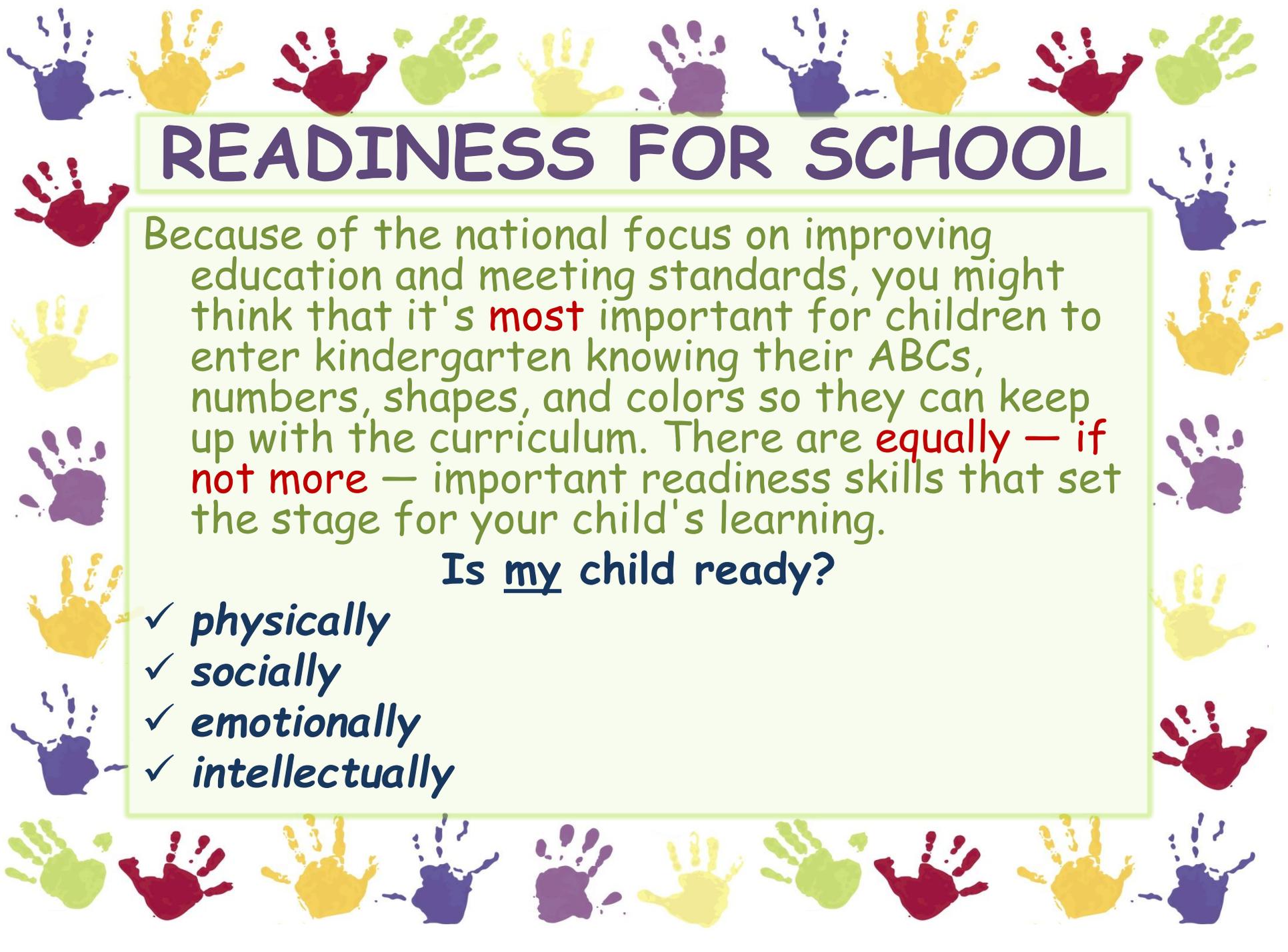
# School Mission

Collaboratively  
Working to  
Encourage  
Success



# Our Kindergarten Mission

- We recognize that children grow at varying rates
- We support opportunities for individual growth
- We stimulate social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development
- We allow children to learn through hands-on exploration of their physical world
- We provide a creative and stimulating environment where every child is made to feel safe, secure, and important!



# READINESS FOR SCHOOL

Because of the national focus on improving education and meeting standards, you might think that it's **most** important for children to enter kindergarten knowing their ABCs, numbers, shapes, and colors so they can keep up with the curriculum. There are **equally — if not more** — important readiness skills that set the stage for your child's learning.

Is my child ready?

- ✓ *physically*
- ✓ *socially*
- ✓ *emotionally*
- ✓ *intellectually*



## HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

### *Physically*

- play a variety of indoor and outdoor games
- design and construction activities
  - scissors, glue
- draw and scribble
  - crayons, paintbrush, pencils
- practice opening lunch box, drink container and food packets
- establish routines - meal times, story time, bed times



## HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

### *Socially-*

- Ensure opportunity to play with other children
- **Teach how to**
  - share and take turns
  - recognize and look after own belongings
  - recognize own name
- **Practice**
  - good personal hygiene (using restroom independently, washing hands, buttoning pants, using and disposing tissues)
  - talking to other adults and communicating needs
  - following simple directions



## HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

### *Emotionally*

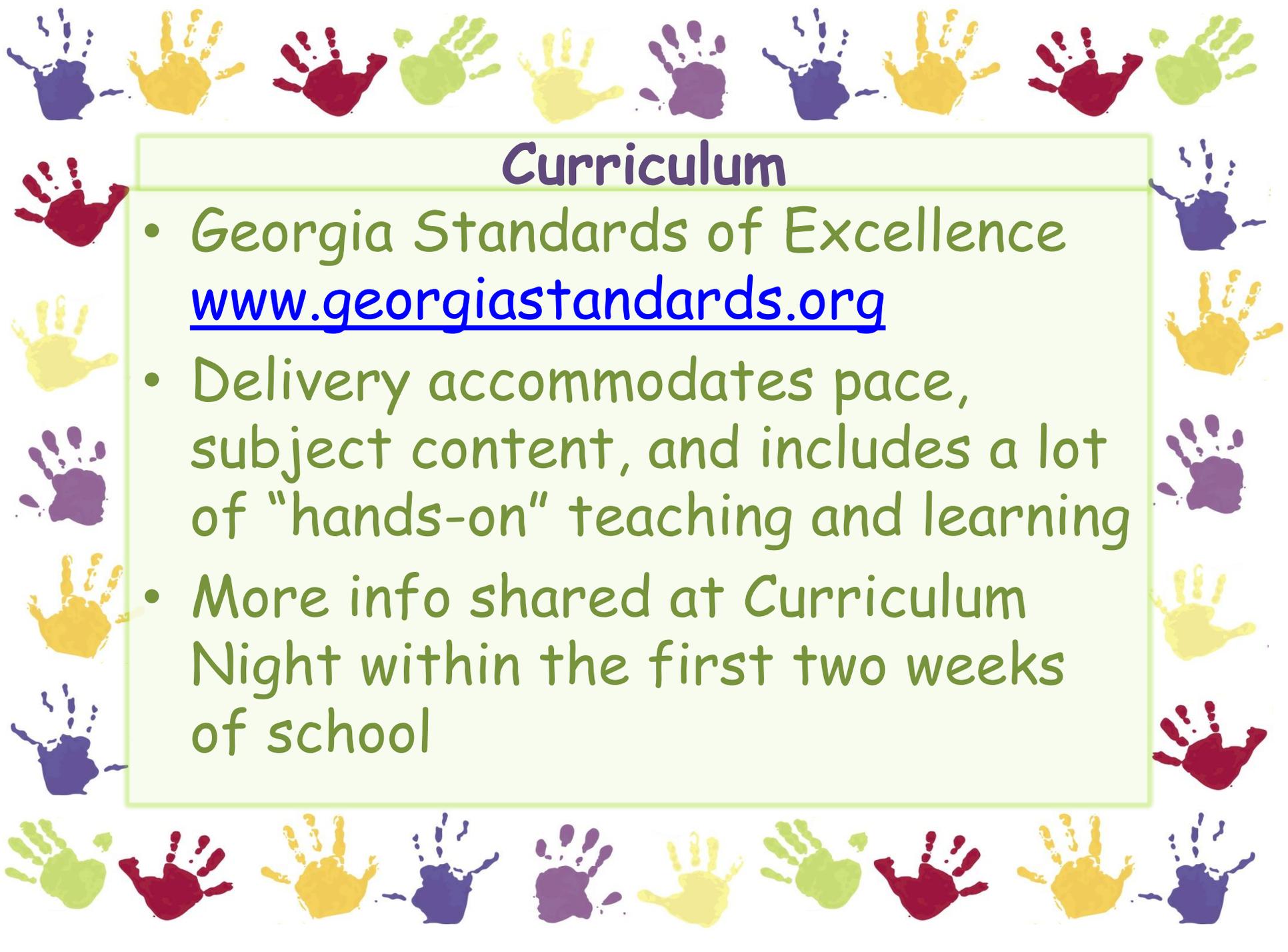
- Build respect
  - encourage independence
  - give positive feedback
  - focus on their assets and strengths
  - accept them as they are
  - give them responsibilities (feed a pet, clean up after themselves, help with dinner routines)
- Provide a sense of security
  - give simple, clear instructions
  - have a few simple, age appropriate, rules
  - time without you

## HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

### *Intellectually*

- Share and enjoy books
- Sing nursery rhymes
- Play word games- I Spy, Simon Says
- Puzzles
- Talk about shapes, colors, position words quantities, groups
- Balance screen time with personal interactions and play time



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## Curriculum

- Georgia Standards of Excellence  
[www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org)
- Delivery accommodates pace, subject content, and includes a lot of “hands-on” teaching and learning
- More info shared at Curriculum Night within the first two weeks of school



# Communication

- A variety of ways; Bloomz app
- Conference during first 6 weeks of school
- A personal or telephone conference can be requested by parent or teacher at any time
- Kindergarten Progress Assessments are sent home three times per year and report cards are sent home four times per year. (S,N,U)
- Sign and return papers are sent home regularly in folder.
- Monthly newsletters with curricular updates



# Registration

## Tracy Hopson, Data Clerk

**You will need the following documents to register:**

Original Birth Certificate with State Seal  
Social Security Card

Immunization Certificate (GA form 3231)

Eye, Ear and Dental Certificate (GA form 3300)

Two Proofs of Residency



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## by Robert Fulghum

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