

EXPLORING NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

WELCOME!

Please give us your information so we can add you to our mailing list.

Use our Surfaces or your own device.

Use the link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7pfamnh>
or the QR code below to complete:



CURRENT STUDENT-TEACHER RATIOS

Kindergarten

20:1 (Full-Time Assistant)

We can go up to 25 students

Currently, we have 6 kindergarten homerooms and are projected to have 6 classes next year.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NORTHWOOD KINDERGARTENER...



Arrival

- Breakfast and/or Get Fit Program before coming to the classroom
- Students unpack and get ready for the day
- Early Morning Activities
- Explorer Vision – Northwood’s Morning Announcements
- Morning Meeting and Calendar right after announcements

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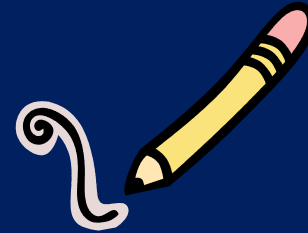


Morning Meeting and Calendar

- During Morning Meeting we do the following:
 - *“Get to know each other” activities*
 - *Student Shares*
 - *Building Classroom Community activities*
- During Calendar time sight words and sounds are used in discussions and calendar activities.

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Writing



- Writer's Workshop
- Teachers model the writing process and guide students so they begin writing independently
- Teachers conference with students focusing on individual strengths and weakness

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Reading/Language Arts

- Focus on Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Harcourt Reading and Language Arts Series
- Small group instruction includes reading strategies, basic decoding, fluency, and comprehension strategies
- Integrated Social Studies and Science – standards are taught through reading and language arts

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Science/Social Studies/Health

- Science – Harcourt Science series

- *Focus on hands-on experiences both in the classroom and our Science Lab*

- Social Studies – New Resources coming in 2019-2020

- *Large portion of our units focus around holidays and traditions as well as important people.*

- Health – Harcourt “Your Health” series

- *Focus on keeping our body healthy and safe.*

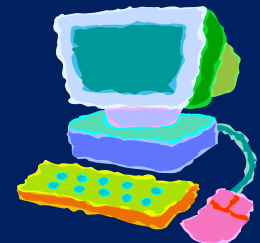


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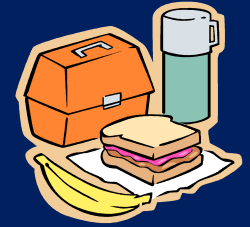


Specials

- Art and Music – once a week
- PE – twice a week
- Computer Lab – twice a month
- Media Center Lessons – once a month
- Guidance Lessons – once month



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Lunch

- Our cafeteria provides hot lunches with a variety of choices
- This year's lunch price is - \$2.45 (breakfast costs \$1.10)
- You may pre-pay and add money to your child's account for lunch and/or breakfast – there are two accounts – GENERAL and MEAL
- Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children AFTER the first two weeks of school at our visitor's table
- Please help us by teaching your children to open containers and other lunch items



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Recess

- Children have recess every day for at least 30 minutes
- This is an opportunity to build relationships with friends.



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Math

- Number Talks focus on various math skills such as number sense, place value, skip counting, patterns, sequencing, etc.
- Focus on Georgia Standards of Excellence
- McGraw Hill “My Math” Math Series
- Many hands-on experiences, problem solving and students explaining their math thinking.
- Small group instruction focuses on individual student needs.

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SRA – Reading Mastery

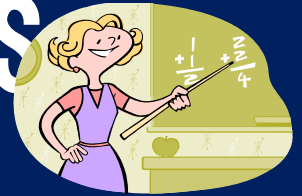
- SRA is a phonics based reading program unique to Northwood.
- Students learn sounds and begin to blend them in order to read words and then sentences.
- These groups are based on where students are in the reading process and change throughout the year.

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End of Day Activities,
Pack-Up, Dismissal



REPORTING PROGRESS TO PARENTS



- Teachers communicate student progress throughout the year through conferences, phone calls, emails, etc.
- Formal parent/teacher conferences are held at the beginning of the year and as needed to discuss your child's progress.
- GKIDS reports are sent home three times throughout the year.
- Report cards are sent home four times throughout the year.
- Work folder and daily behavior progress sheet are sent home for your review and signature each day.

ASSESSMENT

- Teachers assess throughout the year using observation, student work and end of unit assessments.
- Kindergarten students are flexibly grouped throughout the year in order to best meet each child's needs.
- Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS)
 - *Students are assessed throughout the year*
 - *A final report goes home in the spring*
- Math and Language Arts standards are assessed throughout the year.



THE BASICS



■ Emergency Contacts

- *Please make sure that you fill out all paperwork with correct emergency contact information*
- *Update throughout the year as needed*
- *Be sure to send a note if there are any changes throughout the year*

■ Safety

- *All doors are locked, and all visitors must enter through the front doors*
- *Visitors sign in at the front office and receive a badge to wear while in the school*

■ Transportation Changes

- *A note must specify any transportation changes – please, no phone calls,, faxed notes or emails*
- *Please try and keep dismissal as consistent as possible for your child*

THE BASICS



■ Attendance/Tardies

- *Having your child at school on time each day is important to us*

■ Health/Allergies

- *Please make sure that you let us know if your child has any health concerns or allergies*
- *Any medicine (including cough drops and Tylenol) must be accompanied with a medical form and be given to the children through the clinic*

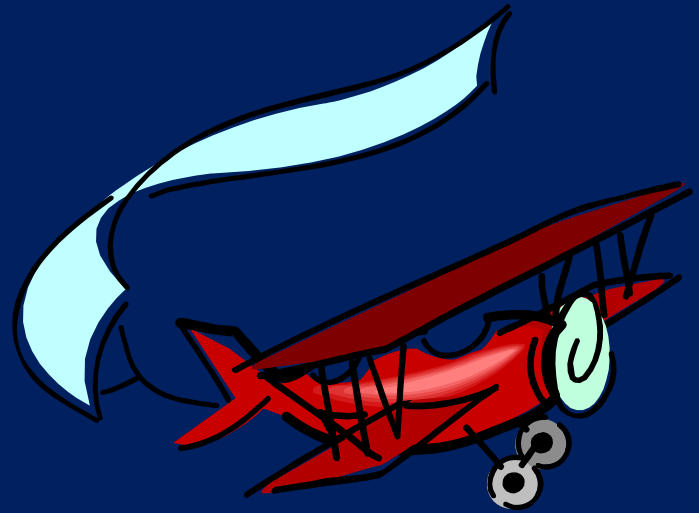
IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Sneak Preview

Thursday, August 8, 2019

First Day of School

Monday, August 12, 2019



WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

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THANK YOU FOR COMING!



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF OUR
NEW EXPLORERS IN AUGUST!**