

July 31, 2020

Dear Kenwood Kindergarten Parents,

I want to thank you for sharing your child with us at Kenwood Elementary. We are so excited about the new class of kindergartners and have prepared for our first ever pandemic school year to keep your child as safe as possible.

I want to share with you some information about the first two days of school so you can prepare. I am also going to share this information on a Zoom call on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM so if you have questions or just need to hear this information again, please join us. The link is on the school website calendar on Wednesday, August 5th or you can find this in an email.

All schools in the Kearney Public School system will have a half day transition program for the kindergartners for the first two days of school. The purpose of this program is to help ease their transition into an all day kindergarten program and to help determine the most beneficial groupings of students. During these sessions your child will work with the kindergarten teachers as well as receive extra assistance from the paraprofessionals. Along with learning our safety precautions, they will be learning kindergarten curriculum, procedures, routines, and taking building tours to get acquainted with our building.

The half day sessions will begin on the first day of school, Thursday, August 13th and end on Friday, August 14th. Your child will attend class from 8:05-11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. If students choose to come for breakfast, that begins at 7:45 AM. Our doors open at 7:45 AM even if your child doesn't eat breakfast. It is our hope that you will have ample time to find appropriate daycare for your child during these first two days. Beginning on Monday, August 17th, your child will be attending school all day, 8:05-3:25 PM. Your child will be in the assigned teacher's class that was given to you in an email. Just as a reminder, we do reserve the right to move a student up to two weeks into the school year. Out of all years, this year will be one where we will more than likely be moving students since we didn't get the opportunity to know more about them ahead of time.

Students will enter through the west kindergarten doors. Use the west driveway (flagpole side). Do your "Kiss and Go" (Give them a kiss, tell them to have a great day, and then depart) so the student learns the routine from the very start. Please only have them exit nearest to the curb. Unfortunately, parents aren't allowed in the school for the first few days. If you need to come to the building in the future, park in the west parking lot and enter through the west main doors (blue tile). Use the button to speak to the office staff and we'll be able to help you from there.

Plan on attending Open House on Monday, August 10th. This will help them with the transition to school. Use the west driveway and 16th Avenue Street and use the kindergarten west doors to enter. You may tour the building after your session time. I'll have building maps available. If your last name starts with these letters, please come during these times:

4:00-4:20 A-F

4:30-4:50 G-L

5:00-5:20 M-R

5:30-6:00 S-Z

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing your child in August!

Sincerely,

Jill Clevenger
Elementary Principal