

Kindergarten Orientation

Spring 2024



Meet our Administration

- Administrative Team
 - Principal-Ashley Mize
 - Assistant Principal-Bileni Teklu
 - Assistant Principal-Zach Mathis



Meet our Kindergarten Team



Meet our Office Staff

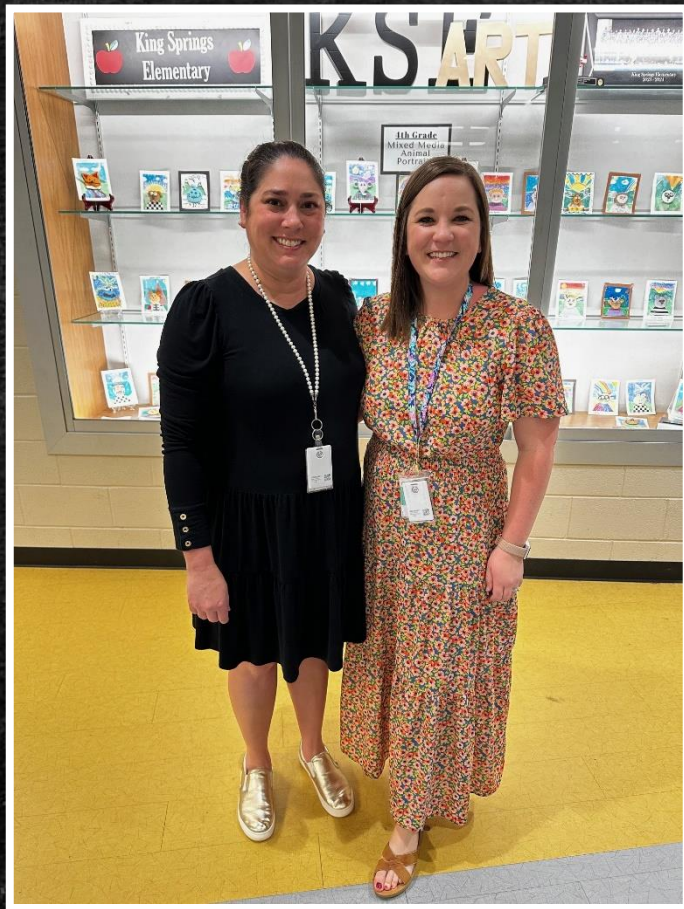


Amy Yarbrough-School Secretary



Shannon Hardy-Bookkeeper

Meet our Office Staff



Whitney Taylor-Enrollment Clerk
Katherine Craig-Attendance Clerk



Heather Sheahan-School Nurse

KSE at a Glance



- We are the Lions-Springers
- We have 1115 students in kindergarten through 5th grades
- We have 57 Homerooms- 9 Homerooms in Kindergarten.
- We have approximately 20 students in each kindergarten classroom
- We ARE the Best School in Smyrna!!!

Our Mission and Vision at KSE



- Our **KSE Mission** Is...
Set the Bar High.
Measure Up.
Reach Beyond.
- Our **KSE Vision** Is...
Empowering Students to Achieve
Their Potential

Sample Kindergarten Schedule



Mrs. Coleman & Mrs. E'S CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

7:10-7:50 Breakfast, Arrival, Morning Choice

7:50-8:00 Announcements

8:00-8:20 Calendar and Morning Meeting

8:25-8:40 Reader's Workshop Mini Lesson

8:40-9:20 Reading Centers

9:20-10:20 Writer's Workshop/Phonics Lesson

10:20-10:40 Recess

10:47-11:17 Lunch

11:20-11:40 Content

11:40-12:25 Specials

12:30-1:00 Complete Phonics/Handwriting

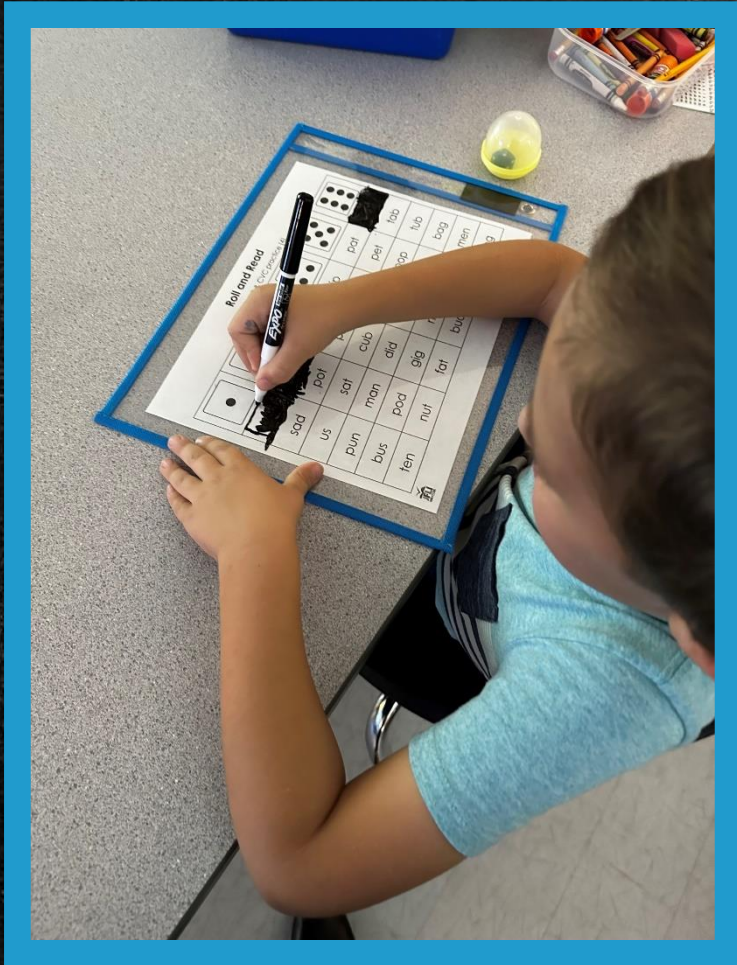
1:00-1:15 Math Mini Lesson

1:15-1:45 Math Centers

1:45-2:00 Pack-Up/Snack/Read Aloud

2:00 Dismissal

What Your Springer Will Learn In Kindergarten...



Phonics and Reading

- In Kindergarten, our Springers learn foundational reading skills. They learn the alphabet and letter sounds as a first step to reading. Once our Springers have learned letter sounds and how to put those sounds together to make words, they are ready to begin reading! Sight words will help students in reading and writing.
- Our teachers start with simple patterned books. As students develop reading strategies, we move on to the books with dialogue and multiple lines of text.

End of the Year Reading Level 1-Level D

Little Monkey is Brave

"Where is Lion?"
said Little Monkey.

"Look," said Elephant.
"Lion is asleep.
Lion is asleep
under the tree."

*Level D books often have a little bit
of simple dialogue between characters.*

"Oh! I see Lion!"
said Little Monkey.

"Shhhhh!" said Elephant.

"Shhhhh!" said Giraffe.
"Lion is asleep!"



What your Springer Will Learn In Kindergarten...



Writing

- In Kindergarten, your Springer will use the knowledge of letter name and sounds to compose different writing pieces. Examples include:
 - -narratives or stories
 - -informational and how to pieces
 - -opinion writing about what they like

Writing Example



FIRST I WOT
IN MY TWO
CUSINS WRT THAR
I WAS NRVIS
THOS DAY. Latre



Then I Sordid
Irning one
thing I Irning
was nuBRS ISet



Then I Sotw my
techrS ther
name was mis.
coleman and mis. E.
then I got a

What your Springer Will Learn In Kindergarten...

Math



- In MATH our Kindergarten Springers will focus on numbers and number relationships.
- Kindergarten students count to 100, read and write numbers, represent numbers and objects and drawing, as well as add and subtract numbers within 10

King Springs PRIDE Expectations

ARE YOU SHOWING



PRIDE?

P

POSITIVE:

optimistic,
hopeful that
things will work
out well.

R

RESPECTFUL:

to express honor
or esteem (good
feelings) towards
someone.

I

INCLUSIVE:

including
everyone.

D

DEPENDABLE:

capable of being
trusted, reliable.


E

ENGAGED:

involved in an
activity, greatly
interested,
committed.

King Springs PRIDE School-Wide Expectations

School-Wide Expectations

	Hallway	Cafeteria	Recess	Restroom
	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00aaff; color: white; padding: 2px;">Level 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Walk on blue line ◦ Face forward ◦ Personal Space ◦ Hands and feet to self 	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00b050; color: white; padding: 2px;">Level 1-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Walk ◦ Raise your hand ◦ Keep your area clean ◦ Eat your own food ◦ Stay in your seat ◦ Enter and exit in ABC order ◦ Talk with those near you 	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #6a329f; color: white; padding: 2px;">Level 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Walk on sidewalk ◦ Stay in designated area ◦ Share and take turns ◦ Include others ◦ Listen for teacher ◦ Use and care for equipment properly 	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #00aaff; color: white; padding: 2px;">Level 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Privacy and personal space ◦ Hands and feet to self ◦ Wash hands ◦ Keep the floor clean

Things to know about Safety



- Door open at 7:10 for entry and are locked after 7:50. Door Access System-Ring the bell
- All visitors sign in via the computer when they visit. The system requires you to scan your ID to get a visitor badge. Always bring your ID
- Monthly Drills (Kindergarten learns all the drills in the first week of school)

Morning Arrival



- Buses drop off in the bus port beginning at 7:10.
- Carpool lines run in the front of the school and drop off begins at 7:10. An additional carpool line begins in the bus port at 7:30.
- School begins at 7:50 AM. Students should be in their classroom no later than 7:50 AM.

Afternoon Dismissal



- Dismissal begins at 2:10
- Buses pick up students in the bus port. Adults walk the children to the buses.
- Carpool lines are in front of the school. Carpool numbers are required for pick-up.
- Daycare Vans pick up in front. Legacy Academy, PSC Learning Center, Kindercare, Tutor Time, Kids R Kids
- ASP – After School Program is a pre-paid program

ASP-After School Program



- Daily – Dismissal until 6:00 PM
- \$20.00 Registration Fee per child
- \$10.00 per day per child.
- Your first payment will need to be cash or check. After your child has stayed in ASP, you will be able to pay online.
- Snack, outdoor play, gym time, games, etc.
- ASP Pick Up is at the door closest to Reed Road

Payments



- Items that require payment:
- Pay online using the **Mypaymentsplus** account
- **Breakfast & Lunch** – applications for the free/reduced lunch program are available online
- **Field Trips**
- **After School Program** is a pre-paid program – pay before you stay. Payment system is **ELEYO**

Technology Usage



- Computer lab has been added to the specials rotation for all grade levels. Students learn basic typing skills and use web-based programs to refine reading and math skills.
- Every child will have a laptop for classroom use.
- iPads and desktops for each classroom

Learning Commons (Media Center)



- Students visit the Learning Commons to check out books, listen to stories, learn about literature, and develop a love of reading.
- Kindergarten students are allowed to check out two books every visit.
- Most kindergarten classes visit weekly.

Ways to Get Involved

KSE PTA

KSE
Foundation

Dad's Club

Tips for Kindergarten Preparation-Things to do in the weeks leading up to Kindergarten

1. Do a count down to the 1st day with either numbers or a paper chain. Talk about all the fun things they will do and learn in kindergarten, and show your excitement so they can feed off that.
2. Practice skills
 - Walking with their backpack and lunch box
 - Getting in and out of the car on their own
 - Going to the bathroom unassisted
 - Tying shoes
 - Lunch-Make sure they can open all items-yogurts, cheese sticks and so on and make sure they clean up on their own and close items
 - Sitting on the carpet-listening to a story and keeping their hands to themselves, sitting crisscross or mermaid (staying on their bottom)
 - Independence



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3. Patience- It takes time to adjust to kindergarten

It's major life event just like we as adults have major life events this is one for your 5 year old.

Be patient with your child and their teacher as they adjust to school routines, relationships with others-The 1st weeks of school are all about teaching routines and how to be a student. Don't worry if you don't hear a lot about academics. Routines come first so we can teach the content effectively. Building the classroom community is very important.

Important App to Download and Set Up

ParentVUE (PVUE)

- Get one through registration
- 1 account per household
- Report Cards, Field Trips, Updating Contacts – release to etc..
- See your new teacher

CTLS Parent

- School and district posts
- Teacher messaging platform
- Can login w or w/o PVUE credentials





Frequently Asked Questions

- Will parents be allowed to walk their kids into class on the first day? **Yes. Prepare yourself for parking lot. It will be VERY busy!**
- Does school cafeteria have vegetarian or vegan lunch options? **There is a vegetarian option every day.**
- I registered back in March but received nothing from the school. **You are not an official KSE student yet. When registrations are imported by the district, you will receive an abundance of communication.**
- Will we be able to tour the school, meet the teacher, see the classroom, get the daily schedule prior to the first day? What supplies will students need to bring? **Sneak A Peek will be on July Supply lists will be posted on the website. We also have a Popsicle Playdate on July for new kindergarten children and parents to meet new friends.**



Frequently Asked Questions

- Will there be a practice run for school bus riders who have never been on bus before? **And if so, when? Yes! Stay tuned for the date.**
- **How many Kindergarten classes are there and approximately how many students in each class? We will have 9 classes next year. The maximum class size is 24 in kindergarten with a full time paraprofessional.**
- **What programs do you have for advanced kids ? "Target" is the gifted program in the Cobb County School District. Kindergarten students are screened in the Spring for eligibility for the program. The district website has the details about qualifications.**

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the school uniform/dress code if any?** No uniforms required. We ask that the children are dressed appropriately for a busy day of learning. Gym shoes are required on PE days.
- **Is there a school handbook?** Yes you can locate it on our school website and we recommend you read it ahead of time.
- **If I have additional questions after this orientation, what is the best way to speak to someone about my concerns or inquiries?** You are welcome to email any of the school administrators for additional information. You are also welcome to reach out to our PTA board members.

Kindergarten Events



- Popsicle Play Date-July 27th at 10am
- Meet and Greet-TBA-A message will be sent to families
- First Day of School August 1st

Thank you for coming, and
Welcome to the PRIDE!

