



Welcome Class of 2026!

Grand Prairie

Kindergarten Round Up 2017!



What is today about?

- Welcome your child with open arms and send them off to start getting acquainted with Grand Prairie!
- Background
- Nice to Know
 - Bus/Car, Snack/Lunch/Recess, Birthdays, Afterschool care
- Need to Know
 - Registration 411
 - Medical forms



We're here to
support your child!

- The Office
- Speech Pathologists
- Social Workers
- Special Education
- Reading Specialists
- Math Interventionists



School Within A School

- Creates a “small school” learning environment
- Three Learning Communities:
 - Green, Purple, and Gold
- Students tend to stay within the same community for Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Siblings are typically placed within the same community



August will be here soon!

School begins on August 23rd!

On Monday, August 21st , a Kindergarten Curriculum Night will be held.

This is a night for parents to gain an understanding of the learning that will take place throughout the school year!

On Tuesday, August 22nd , GP holds a Meet and Greet in the morning @ 11:00.

This is a time, you can come with your child to meet their teacher, explore the classroom, and drop off supplies.



Opportunities to acclimate to GP!

Kindergarten, Here We Come

Session One:

Session Two:

Emergent Literacy

"The Itsy Bitsy Spider!"

Session Two:

Tour

Mathematics

"Ants Go Marching"

Session Three:

Kindergarten Readiness

Growth Mindset

How do we get to know your child?

That first week...



- Day One:
 - Kindergarten teachers will be stationed out in the front court
 - Staff will direct your child to their teacher - an auxiliary adult will be assigned to each Kindergarten teacher to help
- Week One:
 - We promise to be there every step of the way for your child
 - You will be asked to please be sure your child wears their shape/colored name tag to school for the first week.



What happens if I am a bus rider?

- Early in August you will receive notice of your child's bus number and assigned time to arrive at bus stop
- Each day bus riders are dropped off right in front of the building!
 - A monitor will be out in front each day to greet your Kindergartener
 - For several weeks, there will be adults in the foyer to direct students
 - A morning recess occurs from 8:05 until 8:23
- At the end of the day, all students are lined up inside the building with rest of their bus mates. An adult leads them out to the busses.



What happens if I am a bus rider?

SAFETY CHECK

- For the first month, every child is checked getting on the bus for their bus symbol. **For example: Bus 1 students are an apple. An apple shape with a label containing your child's name and teacher will be attached to their backpack.**

What happens if I am a car rider?



- Car riders are dropped off on the east side of the building off Sutton Dale Drive
- An adult will help your child exit the car safely if necessary, otherwise we encourage students to exit once the car is adjacent to the sidewalk
- Students enter the building through the front playground door
- An adult will be in the foyer to help direct students to the recess area
- Each family will receive a blue card with your family name for the dashboard to assist with dismissal



Meet the Friendly Office Staff

- Peggy Ryan
- Sue Kojs
- Michelle Barrera
- Jean Dyer, RN



- Grand Prairie 815.469.3366 to report an absence. You can call at any time. If your child is absent and we do not receive a call, we will call you to verify.
- For safety purposes, any child arriving after the bell rings must sign in with the office.
- Tardy or early release that is after/more than 15 minutes is recorded on attendance record as a half-day absence.

Nurse Jean, at your service.



- Up to date school physical with immunizations –
Dated within of the first day of school –
So Don't Wait, schedule now!
- Eye exam due by October 15th
- Dental exam due by May 2018
- School Policy – Please be aware for the health and safety of all – Children should be 24 hours fever free without medicine! This is imperative for the health of all Grand Prairie. Little ones share germs far easier than older students and sickness can spread easily!
- Be sure to read the Nurse's Corner for health updates monthly!



I'm hungry!

- Students will enjoy a brief snack break each morning
- Please pack a healthy snack of fruits or veggies each day
- You may send your child to school with a water bottle - Please understand that juice will not be allowed



Lunch and Recess!

- All Grand Prairie students enjoy a supervised lunch and recess
 - Lunch time is 11:20-11:40
 - You child's teacher will settle your child into the lunchroom and be sure milks are open, etc!
 - Recess follows from 11:40-12:00
- Allergies - Each lunchroom has an allergy table
- We welcome parents in as lunch volunteers!
Great opportunity to spend some time with your child.
FSP will be setting up a sign up. Stay tuned!

SIDE NOTE:

- Please be sure to LABEL your child's lunch box with his\her name



Fine Arts

- Music
 - Once a week for 30 minutes
- Art
 - Once a week for 30 minutes
- ELC - Library
 - Once a week for 30 minutes
- Computers
 - Once a week for 30 minutes
- Physical Education
 - Daily for 30 minutes
 - * Gym shoes needed to participate





Field Trip Opportunities

- Three/Four field trips possibilities
 - Pumpkin Farm
 - Gymkinetics
 - Picnic
 - Play
- Volunteers will be needed but the amount can vary depending on the type of trip. We ask that you understand that while we will try to accommodate every parent at least once to attend a field trip in the end it may not be possible.

Time to go home already?



- Your child's take-home folder will come home each day and should be sent back to school each morning.
- Please check all correspondences and clean it out each evening.
- Weekly newsletters will be available on the district website each Friday highlighting important events and dates to remember.
- Please access the Virtual Backpack through our district website for important information.



Afterschool Care

- After school day care is provided by the Frankfort Park District right here at Grand Prairie!
- If you are interested, please contact the Prairie Care program at 815.464.2887.



It's My Birthday!!

- Your child's birthday will be celebrated in his/her classroom.
- We ask that you understand:
 - For the safety of all, we are unable to allow edible birthday treats.
 - We encourage you to volunteer time in the classroom or come and read a story to celebrate your child's special day
 - Invitations may not be passed out at school unless there is one for everyone, all boys or all girls.



Pokemon and the like!

- Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school unless a specific request has been made by the classroom teacher.
- The school is not responsible for lost/stolen toys brought to school.

Lost and Found overflow



- Please be sure to label any and all removable clothing.
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Great idea - 

- An EXTRA complete change of clothing should be sent to school in a bag labeled with your child's name on it. This helps us be prepared for accidents and spills throughout the school year.

Sign me up!



- Registration paperwork can be found on our website www.fsd157c.org
- Registration is by appointment only
 - Monday through Thursday
 - Call 815.469.5922
 - Head to the district and sign up for an appt today!
- You will need to bring with you:
 - Original birth certificate – office will make copy
 - THREE Proofs of residence –Property Tax/Lease, 2 utility bills
 - Driver's License – register you in Raptor



Don't be a Stranger!

- We want to keep building that connection with your child while helping support you with what you can do this summer to help continue to prepare them for August!
- "Kindergarten, Here We Come!"
 - March 2nd - Literacy, Phonemic Awareness
 - April 27th - Tour of building, Number Sense
 - May 18th - Growth Mindset, Assessment
- Summer Opportunities

Ways to Get Involved!



- **Education Foundation**
 - Honor grant requests from teachers to enhance classroom experience
- **Family School Partnership (FSP)**
 - Monthly events for all students
 - Book Fairs
 - Teacher Appreciation



Burning Questions?

How can we help?

Always feel free to call 815-469-3366
and speak to Mrs. Nelson or Mr. Rhoads

Or email

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