

Hi Friends! Soon it will be your first day of Kindergarten. Kindergarteners come to school by bus, car, or they walk!

Parents, please check the bus route before the start of school, and talk to your child about the school bus safety guidelines. Call 467-1905, option 3 if you have questions.

Friendly teachers, staff and principal help you find your room or the cafeteria for breakfast. Once you get to your classroom, you'll find your own special place to hang up coats and book bags. Make sure your book bag is a large one and your name, address, and phone number is on the inside! Bring it everyday.

Wow! Look at this room! Even though each Kindergarten classroom is different, each has tables and chairs just your size!

It's time to learn! There's large group time when the teacher reads stories to the class, leads calendar time, and tells us special things about each day.

The teacher makes sure we know where the bathroom is.

There's lots of work stations to explore; a classroom library, listening center, writing center with many tools that you'll use, pocket chart activity, and magnetic letters. There's a writing center with many tools that you can use.

Teachers always help you when you need help.

Boys and girls work in small reading groups.

It's time for lunch! Tell your first and last name to the person at the computer station. This is kind of like a fast food window! The food is really delicious!

Then, it's time for recess. Playing with friends outdoors gives you lots of exercise and fresh air. Recess is a good time to learn to share and take turns. If you get hurt, there's always someone to help: the school nurse or secretary know just what to do!

There are so many more fun experiences in school! You'll use your senses in science activities, have fun with math, and learn about our world. I almost forgot! Each week you'll go to Phys Ed in the gym, music class, art class, and the media center where you can check out books to take home. You'll have many teachers!

And before you know it, it's time to go home. Teachers and school staff make sure you get on the right bus or into the right car.

Special wrist bands tell adults where you are going. Wear it everyday the first week of school.

If you are walking home, have an adult practice walking with you.

Patrols watch out for you too! Come back tomorrow! Everyday attendance is IMPORTANT, especially in Kindergarten.

Parents – don't panic if your child is not on their bus. Call the school. The school will call the dispatcher. Parents remember to arrange all transportation changes by calling 467-1905, option 3.

Make sure your child is at their stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time. Dress for the weather! Go over bus safety rules with your child:

- Quiet on the bus.
- Stay in the seat.
- Listen to the driver.

I almost forgot! Make sure your family reads the helpful pages ***Getting your child ready for school*** and ***Easing those first day jitters!*** in the Summer Family Activity Calendar. They have useful tips on what you need for a fantastic start to a Kindergarten school year.

Don't forget to come to school for Kindergarten Conferences in August. It's a special day for you and your parents to meet your teacher before school starts. Check the date on the Summer Family Activity Calendar.

Nurse script:

First time school experiences can be exciting and also cause some nervousness. Fort Wayne Community Schools Health Services and the school nurse are here to make that transition a healthful experience.

School nurses

- ✚ Assist you when you get sick or are injured
- ✚ Check your vision
- ✚ Listen to your concerns
- ✚ Provide support in many health related areas – just ask!

Your child's school success in school is important to us. Healthy children are eager to learn.

Don't send your child to school if:

- ✚ Their fever is over 101
- ✚ They are vomiting or have diarrhea
- ✚ They have a rash or communicable disease like chicken pox
- ✚ They appear obviously ill
- ✚ They have a constant cough

Family is the most important thing when your child is injured or ill. We need your help!

Provide us with:

- ✚ Complete and accurate information
- ✚ More than one emergency contact.
- ✚ Specific health information
- ✚ The names of those who are authorized to pick up your child. If someone is not on the list, they will not be allowed to pick up your child.

Be sure to update, update, update information when changes are made.

Children that are healthy are better able to listen, concentrate and learn. Visit your health care provider and dentist before school starts.

Contact the school nurse if your child has any chronic health conditions, like diabetes, asthma, food allergies, etc. Follow medication procedures. All medications sent to school must be in the original container. Fill out the form in your packet. Talk to the school nurse.

Indiana law requires that all students must have completed or be up to date on certain immunizations before attending school. A list of places you can get FREE shots is on the Super Shot page in the Summer Family Activity Calendar or call 449-7561.

Finally, home or school, get your child off to a good start with a healthy breakfast. Call your school nurse or nutrition services if you have any questions or concerns.

The FWCS web site has more health information.

https://www.fortwayneschools.org/health_services/health_services.php

<http://foodservice.fwcs.k12.in.us>

Dr. Robinson welcome

Welcome boys and girls. We're excited to have you in Fort Wayne Community Schools where we educate all children to high standards. We are your school.