

ABC's of Kindergarten

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A is for attendance & allergies.

Attendance - Our day begins at 9:15 and ends at 3:45. Regular attendance is so important. This helps your child establish routines and good work habits. If your child is absent, please send a note upon their return explaining the reason for the absence.

Allergies- If your child has any allergies; please notify the teacher & office with a note.

B is for backpacks, book clubs, birthdays & breakfast.

Backpacks - Please do not buy one that has wheels, they can be dangerous and do not fit in the cubbies. Backpacks help your child carry folders, notes, projects, and books to and from school. **Please check your child's backpack DAILY.**

Book clubs - I will be sending home book orders from Scholastic Books. You are able to buy great titles at a fabulous price. This is a great opportunity for you to build your child's personal library.

Birthdays - You are welcome to bring a STORE BOUGHT treat for the class on your child's birthday. Please let me know in advance if you are planning to bring a treat to share with the class.

Breakfast - is served beginning from 8:45 to 9:10 each morning. Please prepay for meals by contacting the cafeteria manager.

C is for communication & conferences

A weekly folder will go home on Mondays. Please be sure to return the Monday Folder the following day with any necessary papers completed. If you would like to communicate with me, emailing is the best acontres@wcpss.net or you can call 919-856-7676 and leave a message in the office. Any urgent messages should be called into the office, since I may not have a chance to check my email during the school day.

Conferences- will be held at the end of first quarter. If you need to contact me at any time, please call the school, send a note, or email me to make arrangements for scheduling a conference. Once again email is the best way to contact me acontres@wcpss.net.

D is for dismissal, donations & discipline.

Dismissal - School dismisses at 3:45 each day.

Donations - It is not required to donate items to the classroom but we greatly appreciate items donated during the school year. We do many activities and projects that we are always in need. I will list any current needs in the newsletter.

Discipline - Our school-wide behavior system is PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support.) We will work as a class to develop "Classroom Promises" and we will follow the Hunter school wide rules as designated by Wake County Public School System. The children are expected to follow the promises and be responsible for their own behavior. You will be notified if there are concerns regarding your child's behavior. We will do a lot of activities the first several weeks of school to develop skills in working together, sharing, communicating, and listening. At the end of each day, we will use our Effort Checklist to discuss our day and evaluate how things have gone. Our goal is to try our personal best! No news is good news! Poor effort/behavior will be communicated. A Safe Spot will be used as a space where students can compose their thoughts and/or reflect on their choices.

E is for emergencies, extra clothing, email & early release days.

Emergencies - Hopefully we will not need to contact you with an emergency, but sometimes things happen. Please make sure all of your telephone numbers are up-dated so we can get in contact with you easily. Be sure to contact us if your numbers change.

Extra clothing - Please send a change of clothing in a Ziploc bag (including socks and underwear) labeled with their name. This will remain in your child's cubby all year. If your child has an accident, we will send those clothes home. Please send back a bag to replace the clean ones they should keep at school. Please change them out as the weather changes. Please label ALL of your child's belongings.

Email - I would like to be as paperless as possible! If you have an email address, I will be sending Newsletters, reminders, etc. electronically. Any questions or concerns you have may be sent by email. Remember, I do not always have time to check email during the day. Any urgent messages or transportation change MUST be called into the office.

Early release days - School will dismiss at 1:15 on these days. Please check the Wake County traditional school calendar.

F is for field trips.

We take several educational, fun filled field trips during the year. We love for our parents to come and chaperone. If you sign up as a chaperone, keep in mind, no siblings are allowed. **You must also be cleared as a Wake County volunteer.** Be sure to register early (clearance takes awhile).



G is for going home.

We need to know how your child is going home. If you are changing your child's mode of transportation we will need to receive a written note in the morning. In emergencies you can call the office before 2:30 in order to let us know of a change. **Emails will not be accepted.**

H is for homework.

Your child will have homework to read 20 minutes daily. In addition, there will be a non-required enrichment calendar posted on my website. **You do not need to send in the work.** Occasionally throughout the year special projects will be assigned, in advance, with a due date, which will be completed at home with assistance.

I is for illness & independence.

Illness - Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a high temperature. Children must be fever free (without medicine) for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child becomes ill at school, you will be called to come and get him or her. We need at least two working phone numbers at all times in order to contact you in case of illness or emergency.

Independence - is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. Kindergarteners are very capable of doing many things on their own and I encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. Please work on the following skills at home with your child: packing and unpacking backpack, tying shoes, buttoning and snapping pants, etc.

J is for journals.

We keep writing journals throughout the year.

K is for kindness.

Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect. Bothering others, bullying and interrupting learning will not be permitted.

L is for lunch time.

We have 30 minutes for lunch and that includes time for them to get their lunches in line if they are buying lunch from the cafeteria. If your child is going to buy lunch, please put money on an account. This alleviates the problem of children losing money (yes, it is lost between the classroom and the cafeteria).

M is for medication.

Any medication that needs to be dispensed during school hours must be given to the school office (not the teacher) along with the appropriate forms filled out by the physician. Your child will be sent to the office at the appropriate times.

N is for newsletters.

A newsletter will be sent home on the first Monday of each month. This newsletter will include current projects, class activities, supply needs, and up-coming events.

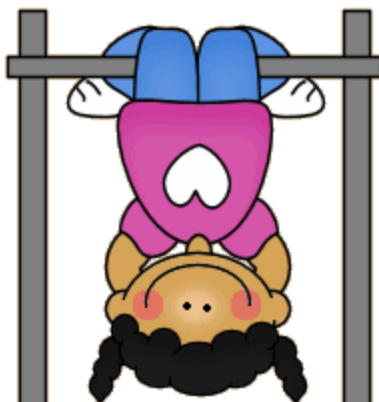
O is for open-door policy.

Parents that are cleared by Wake County are always welcome in our classroom. Be warned! We will put you to work.

We do ask that you let your child come to the classroom on his/her own in the morning. Letting your child walk into the room, put away his/her belongings, and settle into morning routine will help your child's sense of independence. This will also stress to your child that you trust her/ his abilities. No parents are to be in the classroom unscheduled during the instructional school day.

P is for playground.

The students look forward to recess on the playground. We are on the playground 30 minutes each day. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately. All children go to the playground.



Q is for questions.

I can be reached by email at acontres@wcpss.net . I will respond within 24 hours.

R is for rules.

Rules - During Open House, we will go over classroom rules. I believe the children should help set the rules for the classroom. I usually "guide" the discussion, but if the children set the rules ("classroom promises") then they do a better job of following them. This also gives them ownership as well as builds classroom community.

S is for snacks.

Snack is offered daily. There will be a sign-up sheet at Meet & Greet for parents to sign up to send in group snacks monthly. We ask that the kids not buy snacks at lunch because it is hard for the children to have time to eat their regular lunch and no time for eating a snack. If your child has allergies or is a picky eater, please send in a personal snack for him/her.

T is for toys & transportation.

Toys - Toys from home are not allowed except for on share day. More info on share day to come.

Transportation - We need to know how your child is going home. If you are changing your child's mode of transportation we will need to receive a written note in the morning. In emergencies you can call the office before 2:30 in order to let us know of a change. **Emails will not be accepted.**

U is for understanding.

Our Kindergarten team is the most caring, understanding group in the world! Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or questions you may have.

V is for visitors & volunteers!

Visitors- When visiting Hunter Elementary for any reason, please remember to sign in at the front office. You will be given a visitor badge. Safety for our children and school is very important! If you are not wearing a visitor badge, you will be asked to go back to the office and sign in.

Volunteers - We love our volunteers! We can always use an extra hand. The PTA always needs your support as well.

You can help in the classroom one day a week with students, you can help me by getting supplies ready for projects, or you can help by doing something at home. If you cannot come into the classroom, you can send supplies in when they are needed. You must register as a volunteer through the Wake County volunteer system in order to volunteer in the classroom, attend field trips, work with a child or small group. Please do this early in the year as it takes some time to be cleared. You must reregister yearly.

W is for website.

Website - Please check the Hunter Elementary School website <http://hunteres.wcpss.net/> for general school information. For more specific classroom information, you may check out my website www.misscontreskindergarten.yolasite.com

X is for exit.

If a child moves during the school year, all current fees due (lunch fees, lost library books, field trips, etc.) must be paid in order to complete the transfer form.

Y is for yearly activities.

You will receive information through the newsletter regarding upcoming activities.

Z is for ZZZZZs at night.

It is very important that your child gets a goodnight sleep. Your child needs to be bright eyed for a day of learning! We will have rest time for 15-20 minutes daily during the 1st quarter only.

