



CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS of 2021–2022 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Welcome to the Crestview Early Childhood Center!

On behalf of the teachers and staff at the Crestview Early Childhood Center (ECC), I would like to welcome you and your kindergarten child to our district. The Crestview Early Childhood Center houses both Crestview preschool and kindergarten students. This is an exciting time for your child as he/she embraces new and exciting educational experiences.

*Crestview Early Childhood Center services kindergarten children in an all-day, every day kindergarten program which follows the same calendar year as our students in grades one through twelve with the exception of the start date. **This upcoming school year, kindergarten students will start on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.** The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. with the building opening at 7:40 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8:00 a.m. with the school day ending at 3:00 p.m.*

*Kindergarten screening is mandated by Ohio law. This screening will occur on August 18, 19, 20, and 23. During the on-line registration process, you will sign-up for a screening date and time. Screening at the beginning of kindergarten embraces a philosophy that recognizes much growth can occur in pre-kindergarten children in the four to five months from a spring screening to a late summer screening, and we want to allow for this growth measure. Kindergarten screening provides us with information to know where to begin instruction with your child. I have included a kindergarten readiness sheet in the kindergarten packet, but **the only requirement for kindergarten eligibility is that the child is five years of age prior to August 1.***

This year the kindergarten teachers and staff will hold a “Meet and Greet” during the last 15 minutes of your child’s kindergarten screening appointment. The screening takes approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes, if your child’s screening appointment is at 10:00 a.m., you would be able to come back at 11:45 a.m. to visit your child’s classroom. During this time, your child and you will be able to visit your child’s classroom, meet your child’s teacher, and bring in his/her school supplies.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 419.749.9100, x3001, or dowler.casey@crestviewknights.com. Let’s work together to make your child’s educational experience a positive one!

Yours in Education,

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HOW TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S



DEVELOPMENT

Children's speech develops at varying rates and the normal range is very wide for young children. As a general guide, however, by age three a child should speak clearly enough so that a stranger can understand.

You can check your child's speech by keeping a simple chart recording correct and incorrect use of the following consonants at the beginning of short words. Use familiar simple pictures in books to help you if the sounds don't appear frequently in conversations. You may also want to check for appropriate sentence length.

Based on research using a very large experimental group, three out of four children in the age groups listed below had the listed sounds in the beginnings of words. Therefore, if your child is missing several sounds and cutting down on their communication ability, a speech therapist should be consulted for an evaluation.

AGE	CLEAR CONSONANT SOUND	SENTENCE LENGTH
12 - 18 Months		First Words
2 years		2 word sentences
3 years	M N P B D K G H W	3 to 4 word sentences
3 ½ years	J	
4 years	F /ch/ /sh/	
4 ½ years	T V S Z L	
5 years		5 to 6 word sentences
5 ½ years	dr bl the (the)	After age 5, children advance rapidly in vocabulary and sentence strength. They will also understand many more than they can express
6 years	pr tr fr kr pl	
6 ½ years	r str sp st th(thin) zh(measure)	

Kindergarten Readiness Skills

This is a list of skills that are beneficial for children to have prior to starting kindergarten.

Social Skills:

- Separation from parent and parent from child
- Independence in caring for personal needs: Cleanliness, dressing, blowing nose, and using the restroom
- Can play in a group, take turns, and share materials with others
- Shows respect and kindness to others
- Ability to pick up after themselves

Cognitive Skills:

- Knows their first and last name
- Can follow one and two-step directions (get your pencil and sit down)
- Can identify eight basic colors
- Counts to 10 (minimum)
- Recognizes their first name in print
- Listens to a five-minute story
- Express and share feelings, ideas, and needs
- Understands some basic directions/positional words (first, under, above, top)
- Can identify circle, triangle, square, and rectangle

Gross Motor:

- Hops on one foot
- Hops on two feet
- Alternate feet on stair steps
- Bounces and can catch a ball

Fine Motor:

- Writes first name with the first letter uppercase and the rest lowercase letters
- Grips a pencil using thumb and two fingers
- Draws a connected person with a head, body, arms, and legs

What are the requirements for coming to kindergarten?

The only requirement for entering kindergarten at Crestview is that a child has to be age 5 on or before August 1.

Having stated the requirement presented in Ohio law, however, does not truly address the more frequently asked question by parents, which is...

Is my child ready for kindergarten?

School readiness can be defined as the ability to cope and learn in a school environment without undue stress on the physical, social, and emotional well-being of a child so that he/she will succeed. While it is the school's responsibility to meet the needs of a child where he/she is, here are some considerations prior to enrolling a child in kindergarten which may be reasons to delay entrance.

- Is the child having trouble separating from the parent?
- Does the child cry easily?
- Is the child overly dependent upon the parents, other adults, or other children?
- Does the child appear to be overly shy or express feeling insecure or less competent than other children?
- Does the child use baby talk?
- Does the child lack fine motor coordination?
- Does the child lack self-control or self-discipline?
- Does the child lack awareness of appropriate behavior?
- Does the child lack awareness of consistency in routine?
- Does the child participate in appropriate play with other children?
- Can the child sit still and listen to a story for 5-10 minutes?
- Can the child follow simple directions?

School readiness is more than an age requirement.

School readiness is not how smart or verbal a child may be. Kindergarten teachers are skilled professionals and guide children through a curriculum that leads to academic growth. School readiness is not something that a child can be pushed or prodded to accomplish. Children mature and develop at their own pace within their own timetables. **The physical, social, and emotional readiness of children is the most critical aspect in determining school readiness.**

Introduction of Alphabet

Letters are introduced in order of common sounds in the English language to less common sounds. As letters are introduced, we will discuss the upper and lowercases of each letter, how to correctly write the letter on lined paper and the sound(s) for each letter. Letters are introduced in the following order:

1. C c
2. V v
3. T t
4. N n
5. S s
6. A a
7. P p
8. B b
9. D d – letters 1-9 to be mastered by 1st Trimester Interim Report
10. M m
11. K k
12. I i
13. G g
14. F f
15. R r
16. H h
17. L l
18. E e – letters 1-18 to be mastered by 1st Trimester Grade Card
19. Y y
20. W w
21. J j
22. Z z
23. O o
24. X x
25. Q q
26. U u – letters 1 – 26 to be mastered by 2nd Trimester Interim Report

High Frequency Words

The kindergarten teachers will introduce new high frequency word wall words each week of school starting in November. Additional words such as color and number words may be introduced and practiced at school and on homework but are not expected to be mastered. The words below are expected to be mastered at the end of kindergarten.

1st Trimester:

my said the go to I
a (pronounced "Uh")

2nd Trimester:

and like can yes no love
get it mom dad not me
do is fun are you we
in at

3rd Trimester:

that as had have she he
his her want see or they
with was this on of be
for make

CRESTVIEW LATCH KEY PROGRAM

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

A Program Supported by United Way of Van Wert County

Elementary Office 419-749-9100, ext. 1000 (during school hours)
ECC Office 419-749-9100, ext. 3000 (during school hours)
Elementary Latch Key Office 419-749-9100, ext. 1038
ECC Latch Key Office 419-749-9100, ext. 3005

Our purpose is to provide quality, affordable and reliable childcare in a safe and nurturing environment to children in grades PreK-6 before and/or after school during the school year. Our program offers a variety of activities including, but not limited to, homework assistance, gross motor activities, arts and crafts, computer, games, and a daily snack. The Crestview Latch Key Program operates under the direction of the Board of Education and in program support with the United Way of Van Wert County. Direct supervision of the program is the responsibility of the building principals Mrs. Jessica Schuette, Elementary Principal and Mrs. Casey Dowler, ECC Principal.

Program service hours for school-aged children in grades K-6 are 6:00-7:45 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m., and from 6:00-8:45 a.m. and 2:00-6:00 p.m. for all preschoolers on all board-approved days that students attend school. As well, the programs are open at 6:00 a.m. on delay days and remain open if school closes due to inclement weather. If school is cancelled in the evening for the next school day, both programs will be closed.

Children must be signed in and out each day by a parent, guardian, or an adult on the Who May Pick-Up My Child form. For elementary students, please enter door 8A which is located on the south side of the building to drop-off and pick-up your child(ren) in the newly renovated Latch Key room. For ECC students, please enter door 3 which is located on the east side of the building to drop-off and pick-up students from the Latch Key area.

Children are entitled to a pleasant and safe environment in the Latch Key program. Students will be expected to follow all school rules outlined in the Student Handbook. Parents will be notified by the Principal of any misbehavior. The Principal reserves the right to terminate services for behavioral issues at any time.

Payment for services is expected on a weekly basis. If payment is not made within (2) weeks, childcare services will be suspended until the account is paid in full.

Program fees are as follows: \$2.50 per hour
Family rates: \$2.50 per hour first child
\$2.00 per hour second child
\$1.50 per hour third child
\$1.00 per hour fourth child

Every effort must be made to have your children picked up on time. If for any reason late pick-ups occur, a \$5.00 late fee per child will be charged for every five minutes after 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast is not provided during program time unless there is a delay or cancellation. After school snacks are available for purchase during program time.

If there are questions at any time, please feel free to contact the appropriate building principal.

Kindergarten Box is \$46.79



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Back to School

ordering dates:
May 1 - June 1

Boxes



Everything for people@school

Start the School Year Right

One-stop
shopping for all
your students'
needs.

More Convenient
Turn-Key Fundraiser
Name Brand Products
Easy Online Ordering

Ordering instructions will be sent
out by your school before May 1st.

Why Teachers Love our Boxes:

- Specified to each teacher's supply list
- Delivered directly to the school
- Personalized labels for each box
- Gender-specific boxes available
- Easy way to consolidate other necessary parent dues (i.e. art fees)

Why Parents Love our Boxes:

- Saves time and money
- Make one payment for all supplies
- Can include hard-to-find items
- Each box includes set of ID cards
- Personalized labels for each box for families with multiple students

School Supply List

Kindergarten

2021-2022

Item	Quantity
Crayola Crayons 24 count	4
Elmers Bottled Glue	2
Elmers Glue Sticks	12
Ticonderoga No. 2 Pencils	12
Expo Dry Erase Markers- Fine (blue, red, or black)	4
Pink Pearl Erasers	2
Pointed Scissors	1
Head Phones (no earbuds)	1
Facial Tissues	2
Gallon Sized Ziplock Bags	1
Sandwich Sized Ziplock Bags	1
Paper Towels	1
Art Shirt	1
Gym Shoes	1
Coloring/Activity Book	1