



Kindergarten is Cool!

Weddington Elementary School



Who are the Wildcats?

Principal: Ms. Kristen Sebek

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Shannon Long

Principal Intern: Mrs. Banks Spicer

Our School's Mission

We will empower our students to be life long learners and 21st Century scholars by striving to provide rigorous learning opportunities. This will enable our students to succeed in the classroom and excel to their greatest potential.

A background of colorful alphabet blocks in various colors like red, purple, green, pink, and blue, arranged on a white surface. A large green curved banner is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

SCHOOL-WIDE INITIATIVES

- *Student safety* is the first priority at WDES.
- All teachers and support staff work to ensure student mastery of grade level concepts and 21st Century skills.
- We focus on positive reinforcement and feedback and encourage all students to try their best.



WE HAVE...

- Supportive PTO
- Volunteer Opportunities for Parents
- Community Outreach and Fundraising

WE ARE...

- Top Performing School in UCPS
- Service Oriented
- Growing 21st Century Global Leaders



AFTERSCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

- Weddington Afterschool (UCPS) Ginny Burch, Coordinator
Virginia.burch@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Kids R Kids, YMCA, Sangrock, Waxhaw Family Development, Primrose, WOW Taekwondo

Teacher Lead and PTO Clubs

- Drama
- Science
- Art
- Nature
- Cooking
- STEMS: Coding
- Chess
- Tennis
- STEMS:
- Sports
- Lego
- Camp Invention



Dual Language Instruction

Apply by: using the link on the Weddington Elementary website under
“Announcements”

“Dual Language” information under “Quick Links” on the school website
Closing date for Dual Language applications is March 29th

For information on UCPS Dual Language/Immersion programs, go to
ucps.k12.nc.us, click on “Departments”, then follow links

Dual Language questions will be addressed at our Dual Language Meeting.

Highly Qualified Educators

- Julie Rogers-15 years at Weddington in Kindergarten & First Grade
- Casey Privette- 15 years at Weddington in Kindergarten & First Grade
- Alanna Jones- 11 years with CMS & UCPS
- Dory Isgan- 18 years with CMS & UCPS
- Maripaz Orellana-Splash Teacher-9 years in Chile & UCPS
- Dayana Camacho- Splash Teacher- 8 years in Colombia & UCPS
- Paula Torres-Splash Teacher- 5 years
- Jennifer Johnson & Tammie Simms, Carolina Montes-Instructional Support Staff



Philosophy

The kindergarten team at Weddington works together to help develop our students both academically and socially. Our goal is to promote well-rounded, academically prepared students who have developed a love of school and an excitement about learning.



Daily Schedule

7:00 – 7:30	Arrival & Morning Work
7:30 – 7:50	Morning Meeting
7:50 – 8:10	Shared Reading
8:10 – 8:50	Reader's Workshop
8:50 – 9:35	Specials
9:35 – 10:00	Word Study
10:00-10:25	Lunch
10:35 – 11:05	Interactive Writing
11:10 – 11:40	Writer's Workshop
11:40-12:00	Science/Social Studies
12:00-12:30	Recess
12:30 – 1:40	Math
1:40 – 1:50	Interactive Read Aloud
1:50	Pack Up and Dismissal

County Requirements

Literacy including Reading and Writing-120 minutes.

Math-75 minutes

Science & Social Studies-45 minutes



Kindergarten Development

ENTERING Kindergarten

- Identify Most Letters of the Alphabet
- Write Most Letters of the Alphabet
- Draw Recognizable Pictures
- Write names using only one uppercase letter.
- Count and write numbers to 10
- Correctly hold a pencil and use scissors appropriately

EXITING Kindergarten

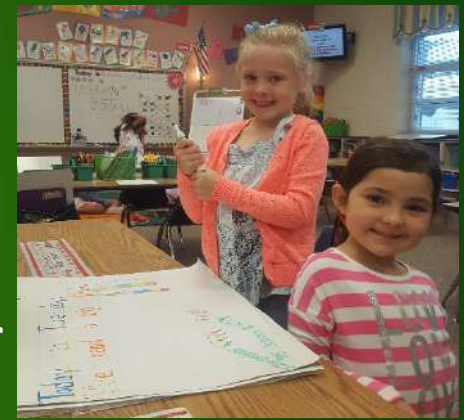
- Read a simple pattern book with comprehension and fluency
- Respond to literature through writing and drawing
- Write a 3 page story about an event in their lives
- Fluently add and subtract within 5

Summer Assessments

First Letter of Last Name	Assigned Date	Assigned Time
A-F	Thursday, August 9 th , 2018	8:00-10:00 am
G-L	Thursday, August 9 th , 2018	12:00-2:00 pm
M-R	Tuesday, August 14 th , 2018	8:00-10:00 am
S-Z	Tuesday, August 14 th , 2018	12:00-2:00 pm

Staggered Entry

- August 27th-30th (Full Day)
- Parents will receive a letter prior to the start of school stating each child's staggered day.
- Students will attend school only one day that week.
- Small class sizes to orient students to our classrooms and school
- All Students begin September 4th.





What can you do over the summer?

- Practice identifying all letters of the alphabet
- Have your child draw, color and discuss pictures
- Self-help skills such as: buttoning pants, zipping jackets, opening lunch containers, washing hands
- Appropriate communication skills-expressing wants and needs politely to students and adults



Tour of the School

- **Thank you so much. Our school tour is about to begin.**
- **A-M with Mrs. Long**
- **N-Z with Mrs. Spicer**