

KINDERGARTEN 101

Columbia Elementary School

COMING TO SCHOOL

- Your child can come to school on the bus, in a car through the car line, or as a walker.
- The morning car line drop off is at the back of the school. You will use the South Entrance to Columbia. You **cannot** drop your child off in the front parking lot.

LUNCH

- Lunch numbers are the last 5 digits of the student's password.
- Students need to be able to open lunch items independently.
Please practice.
- The keypad in the lunchroom looks like this:



SNACK

- Please pack snack separate from lunch.
- Pack your child's snack in a container or bag.
- Please send one healthy snack and water daily for your child.
- Students need to be able to open snack items independently.
Please practice.

We recommend water bottles that snap open and close like the ones shown in the picture.

Always double check that it is closed tight before sending it in your child's backpack.

Please label the water bottle with your child's name.



DAILY REST TIME

- Rest time will look different this year. We will have rest time, but the students cannot bring rest mats to school.
- We will have instrumental music playing with the lights off and the students will sit with their heads down on their tables.
- Rest time is when Kindergarten teachers do Tier II instruction and complete progress report and report card assessments. It is an important time of our day.

AFTERNOON TRANSPORTATION

- Color coded transportation tags will be given the first day. Please leave these attached to their backpacks.
- A Kindergarten teacher will escort the students to the proper spot each day.
- Each child receives a car line number. Please work to have your child memorize his/her car line number. The carline tag will have your child's teacher's name and their classroom number. Every time your child is a car rider, you need this number on the driver's side dashboard.

EXAMPLE OF CAR LINE NUMBER ON YOUR DASH



DISMISSAL

CAR RIDERS

- Students will listen for memorized car line number.
- Students will enter the vehicle from the passenger side. Parents need to stay in the car.

BUS RIDERS

- Students need to know their bus shape and bus driver's name.

VAN RIDERS

- Students need to know the name of the van.

WALKERS

- Students need to know if they are a “front” or “back” door walker. Please work on memorizing address.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

- It is best for children to have a consistent transportation schedule.
- If a transportation change is necessary, you need to email no later than 2:00. You will not email your child's teacher. Please use following email address:

cesattendance@madisoncity.k12.al.us

SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR PLAN - FUN DAY FRIDAY

- Kindergarten students start each week with 10 tickets.
- Students can lose tickets for two reasons:
 - ◆ Misbehavior
 - ◆ Incomplete classwork
- The students need to have at least ONE ticket remaining on Friday afternoon to attend Fun Friday.
- During 2nd semester, Kindergarten students start each week with 8 tickets.
- A detailed letter explaining the School Wide Behavior Plan will be sent home in your child's folder.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

→ Daily Folder

- ◆ Please check and empty your child's daily folder each afternoon.
- ◆ You will also want to check your child's behavior calendar each afternoon. If your child lost a ticket, you will need to initial the behavior calendar.

→ Please sign up to receive text messages.

→ Please check our classroom website daily.

- ◆ Go to ces.madisoncity.k12.al.us
- ◆ Click on "Our Team" - "Teachers" - Click on the teacher's name

COLUMBIA'S WEBSITE

COLUMBIA'S PHONE NUMBER

- Please add Columbia Elementary School's phone number to the contacts in your phone. Columbia's phone number is 256-430-2751.
- When someone from Columbia calls, please answer. It could be the nurse, the front office, the lunchroom or your child's teacher.
- If you miss a call from Columbia, please listen to the voicemail **before** returning the call so you know who to ask to speak to.

MONEY

- Label the destination for all money sent to the school.
- Send money in envelope or sandwich bag.
- Checks must have Drivers License #

DRESS CODE

- Socks and tennis shoes are required each day.
- **Shoes with velcro** are highly recommended this year.
- Skirts need shorts or leggings underneath.
- Wear practical clothing for Kindergarten.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please place these items in a gallon bag:

Shirt

Pants

Underwear

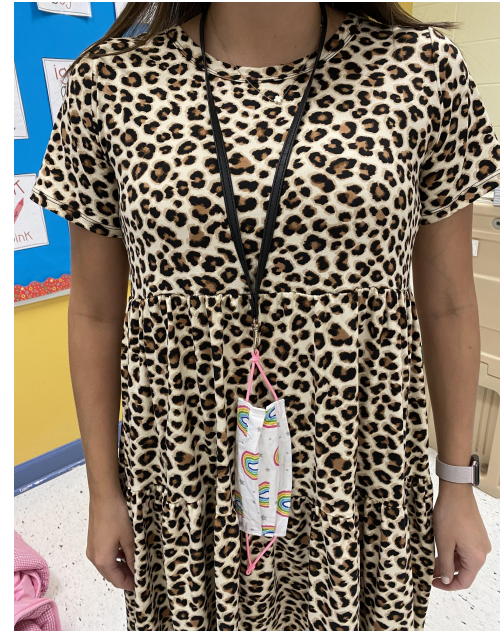
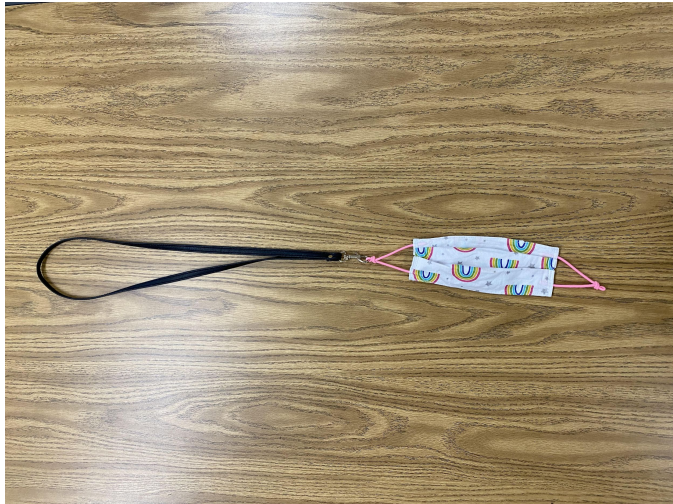
Socks

Plastic bag



A FEW MORE THINGS...

- Please send at least one extra mask in your child's backpack in a labeled ziploc bag.
- Please secure your child's mask to a lanyard.





Thank you for entrusting your
children to us.

We promise to cherish each
one of them and teach them to love
coming to school!