

Let's Get Ready for  
Kindergarten!

Julian Gibson  
Elementary School  
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# About Us



- **Six Kindergarten Teams**
- Chamberlain
- Gormsen
- Hall
- Hill
- Jenkins
- Snowden
- **Support Reading Teacher**  
Mrs. Tew



# What To Expect



- Kindergarten is NOT just playtime!
- **K Kids** must master all letters & all sounds!
- **K Kids** must count to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's!
- **K Kids** must be able to write a short story!
- **K Kids** must be able to read on grade level!
- **K Kids** must be able to read all K words within 3-5 seconds!
- **K Kids** must be able to recognize all numbers 0-30!



# Classroom Expectations



- **Gibson PRIDE!**
- **P-** Politeness
- **R-** Respect
- **I-** Integrity
- **D-** Discipline
- **E-** Excellence



Kids earn **DEN DOLLARS** for positive behaviors to spend in our Den Dollar store!





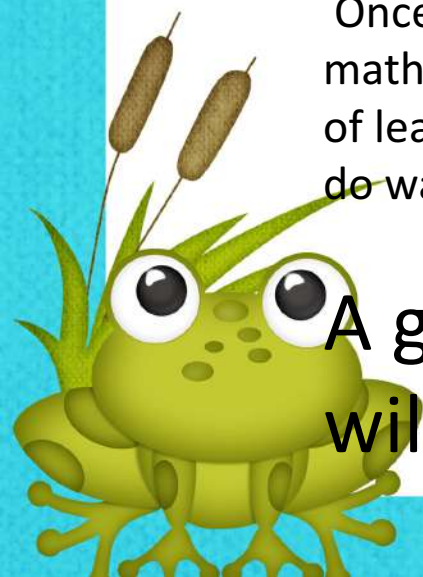
# ARRIVALS

Classroom instruction begins at 8:20 and ends at 2:45.

It is VERY important that your child is on time to school each day.

Each morning the children are allowed to come into the classroom at 7:50. Breakfast is served at no charge to all students needing to eat. The building is not open until 7:50.

Once inside the classroom they will unpack and begin their morning math, followed by our school news, then Calendar Time. Calendar is FULL of learning moments!! We sing, wiggle, learn math patterns, read, write, do warm up phonic activities, and set the tone for the entire day.



A good breakfast and a positive attitude will help make each day a success as well.



# Dismissal

- **\*\*IF YOU ARE GOING TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP EARLY FOR ANY REASON, GO TO THE OFFICE FIRST. THEY WILL CALL OUR ROOM TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD TO LEAVE. \*\***
- The last 30 minutes of the school day are just as important as the first. **Students will NOT be released after 2:30 unless previously arranged.**
- Students can NOT tell us about a change in dismissal. We **MUST** have a WRITTEN note from the parent for changes to occur. Calling the office right before dismissal is not allowed.





# Bus Drop Offs

- **IMPORTANT:** Kindergarten kids riding the school bus in the afternoon will NOT be let off the bus without a parent or adult at the bus stop. If there is no adult there, or no sibling in 4th or 5<sup>th</sup> grade with them, the Kindergartner will be taken to North Forsyth High School and parents will have to pick them up there. This is a WS/FC School safety decision, not just a Gibson rule.



# NO NAPS!!

- Each year the Kindergarten Curriculum gets more and more rigorous, and there is less and less time to do things Kindergarten kids USED to do...like NAP.



- We have not napped in over 9 years. From time to time, especially at the beginning of the school year, we may lay our heads down for a few minutes after coming in from the playground, but the days of hour long naps are **LONG** gone.





# Breakfast



- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria, not in the classroom. This is a big change for Pre-K kids, but there will be many adults there to help and supervise.

- Children must arrive before 8:10 to have time to go through the line and eat.



Children must be in their classrooms by 8:20 to avoid being tardy.



# LUNCH



- Kindergarten Kids eat in the lunchroom.
- Kids will need to know their student ID as soon as possible! It is 10 digits long so start practicing now!
- Children can get a lunch from the cafeteria at no cost , or bring a lunch from home.





# Absences

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please send a note in with them the very next day explaining their missed day. If a note is not sent, your child will be coded as “unexcused”. These excuses are kept on file for a whole year.
- If your child is tardy, you **MUST come in the school and sign them in at the office.** Children can NOT do this on their own. They must have a slip BEFORE coming in to our classroom.

# Specials



- Kindergarten Kids participate in 5 or more SPECIALS in a rotation pattern. We go some where every day.
- **Computer**
- **Media Center**
- **Guidance**
- **PE**
- **Art**
- **Dance**





## Extra Clothing

- Each Child **MUST** have a change of clothing to keep in the classroom in case of an accident or spill. Please LABEL all items and place them in a large ziplock baggie and put the name on the outside of that as well.
- Please include SOCKS and underwear in this bag. Accidents can happen to children who have NEVER has an accident, so please send in the full change of clothes on your child's first day of school.





# SNACKS

- K Kids will have a daily snack during their Parallel Block rotations.
- Snacks can be dry cereal in a baggie, crackers, popcorn, pretzels, an apple, grapes, or some other nutritious snack. Please, **NO CANDY.**  
**No Soda.**





# Field Trips

- Kindergarten plans to take at least 3 trips next year. You will receive information about these trips in advance.
- Permission slips, cost, and details will be provided for each field trip in writing.
- For many of the trips we take, we will need and encourage, CHAPERONES!! 😊
- Possible Trips : Dixie Classic Fair, Natural Science Center, & Lazy 5 Ranch!

# Reading



- **IMAGINE IT!** Is the school wide reading program used here at Gibson, grades K-5. We will read many big books and trade books based around a 3 week theme.

- Our first theme is :

## **BACK TO SCHOOL!**



- Themes allow us to pull in Science and Social Studies during our Reading Block.
- Some other themes are: Patterns, Windy Days, Red, White & Blue, and Finding Friends.







# Reading

- **PARALLEL BLOCK**

- Kindergarten Kids have Parallel Block each day. During this time they rotate through 3 classes.
- **Rotation 1-** Student remain with their classroom teacher and receive 40 minutes a day of direct, differentiated instruction in a very small group setting of 4-7 kids.
- **Rotation 2-** Students travel to Mrs. Tew's Reading Room where they receive small group instruction with phonetics and reading through games and skill drills.
- **Rotation 3-** Students travel to Recess / organized play.





# Math

- Our entire state has adopted the Common Core Standards that is being used in 48 of the 50 states!
- We will continue to challenge our Kinder kids in areas such as Geometry and Pre-Algebra!
- Look for our curriculum updates sent home each quarter so you know what we are studying and try to work these ideas in at home too!!

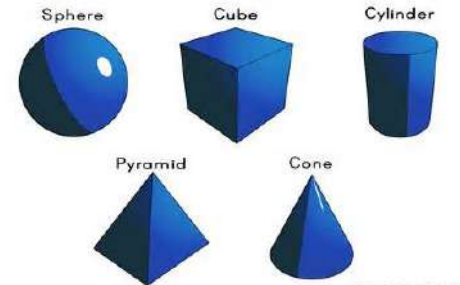


# Math



- Number Sense / recognizing numbers 0-50 and beyond
- 2D and 3D Shapes
- Likenesses and Differences
- Patterns
- Calendar Sense
- Days of the Week / Months of the Year
- Comparing like objects using attributes
- Counting to 100 by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Using ten frames to decompose and compose numbers
- Addition and Subtraction word problems
- Addition and Subtraction facts 0-10

3D Shapes



**AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!!!**



# Social Studies



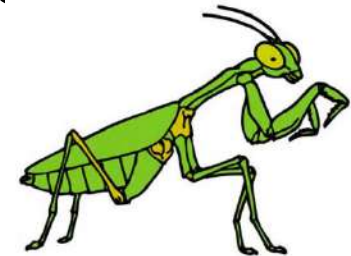
- In Social Studies Kindergarten Kids will learn about Citizenship, rules, changes over time, wants and needs, economics and MUCH, MUCH more!



# Science



- Science Common Core will cover living and non-living things, animal habitats, plant growth, insects, change over time, weather patterns and seasons and so much more!



# Assessments



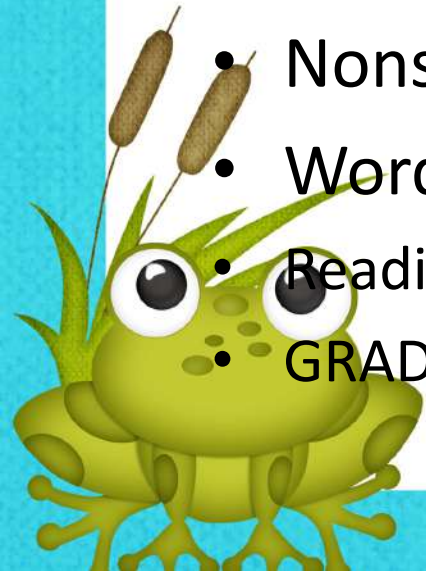
- Kindergarten Kids are Formally and Informally Assessed constantly throughout the year.

- **DIBELS**- K-3 kids are tested

one-on-one with their teacher on:



- Letter ID & Sounds
- Segmenting words (cat would be c - a - t )
- Nonsense words ( sog min )
- Word Lists
- Reading leveled books to find instructional reading level
- **GRADE LEVEL BOOK- Level D** by the end of the year.





# Homework

- Kindergarten Students will have HW.
- Teachers give HW to their students in different ways:
- HW given Mondays-Due on Fridays
- HW given Daily due the next day
- Your classroom teacher will go over HW at the beginning of the year.



# LUNCH NUMBERS



- Every Student already has a STUDENT ID #



- PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD MEMORIZE THEIR ID NUMBER OVER THE SUMMER!!
- Students will have to punch their Student ID in each day at lunch.







# Contact

- Always go to your child's teacher **FIRST** if you have any questions or concerns. Call, email, or visit in person.
- Teachers will give you their emails and phone numbers at Open House.





# Things To Work On This Summer

- Tying Shoes
- Buttoning / Unbuttoning coats, pants, etc.
- Restroom Procedures
- Opening Ketchup / Milk
- Learn Numbers and Letters
- Practice writing Numbers, letters and words
- Write Name correctly

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Looking forward to a  
Wonderful School Year  
with you and your rising  
Kindergarten Kid!!



