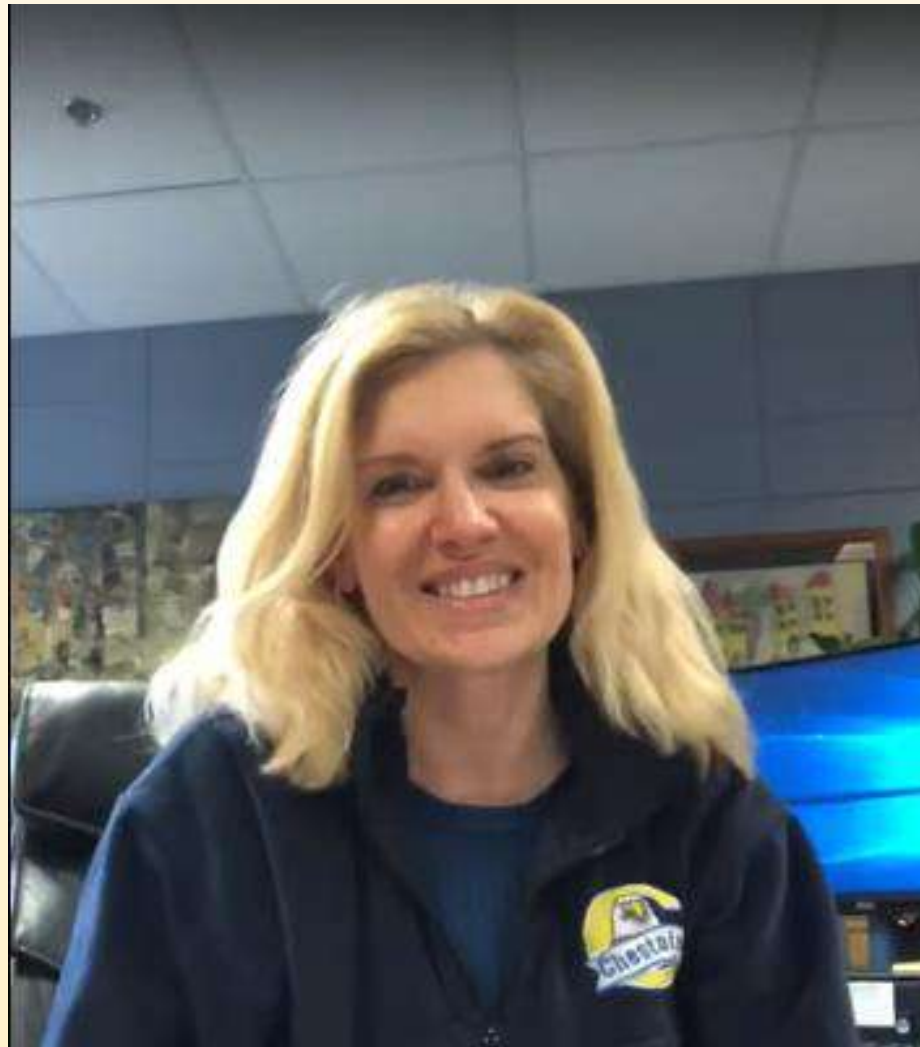




Welcome Class of 2033
to Kindergarten Safari!



[Click Here for a Message from Our Principal, Dr. Tennies.](#)



Our Kindergarten Team

[Click here to meet each teacher!](#)



Other staff you will want to know!

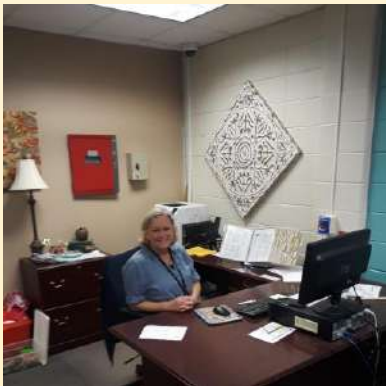


Mr. Boyd, Dr. Tennes, Mrs. Gaines



Meg Killingsworth

**Ms.
Donna**



**Ms.
Ansley**



Ms. Angela



History



Facilities



Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (P.B.I.S.)



School Store



After School Program

Chestatee

Care for Kids

After School Program

Director: Deb Mason

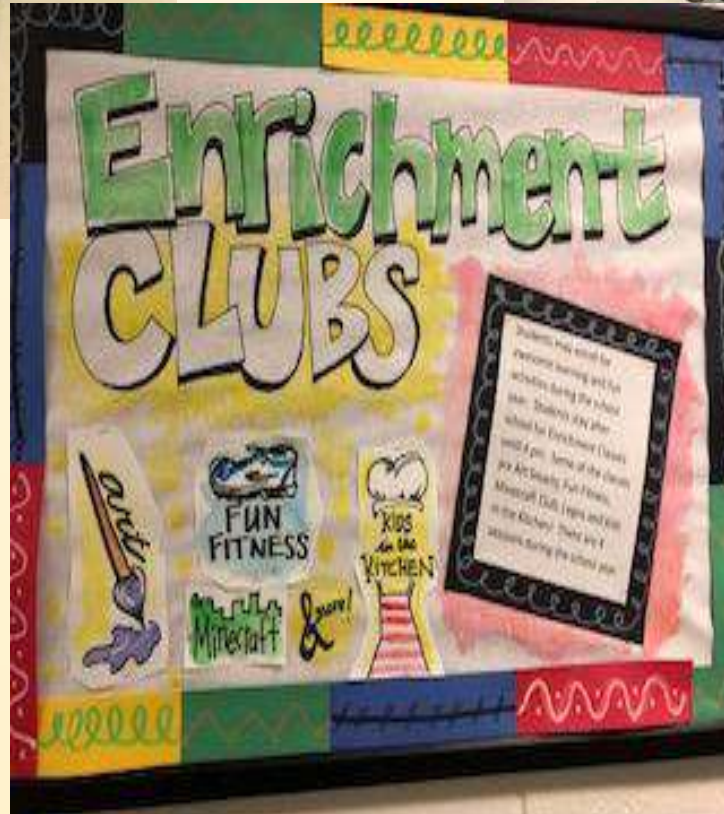
E-mail dmason@forsyth.k12.ga.us



More Information can be found on our website.

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/28538>

Enrichment



7 Mindsets/ Buddy Classes/ High Flyers



Opportunities this Summer



Bus Roundup on July 27: Make sure your registration is complete, or you won't get called by the bus driver!



Ways to Get Connected: Check out our website and Facebook Page.

Foundations of Academics



Kindergarten Curriculum



Phonics / Reading

ARC

Phonemic awareness

Sight words

Fluency

Comprehension

Guided Reading

ARC

Small groups

Take home readers

Games

Flashcards

Writing

Letter of the Week

Penmanship

Modeled writing

Interactive writing

ARC Writing

Math

Small groups

Hands on activities

Games

Manipulatives

Science

Motion and Gravity

Objects in the sky

Rocks and Soil

Living and Nonliving

Animals and Plants

Social Studies

Personal Information

Community Helpers

Good Citizenship

U. S. Symbols / Map skills

Economy

National Holidays

ARC (American Reading Company)

4 Units- Introduction, Zoology, Ecology, Entomology

Phonics, Sight Words, Comprehension, Science, and writing are all taught within ARC.

Components of ARC:

Morning Meeting

Celebrations

Read Alouds

Special Projects

Independent Reading

Family Involvement

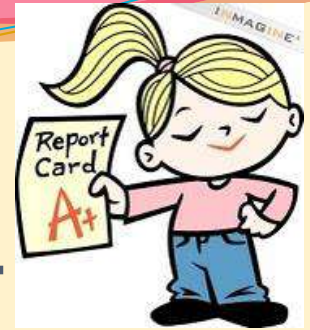
Fun Activities for Each ARC Unit of Study



ARC is helping kids love to read!



Report Cards and Rubrics



- Standards based reporting – 4 point scale
- Most standard goals remain the same for the entire year; students have the entire year to work on meeting the standard. Expect 1's and 2's in the beginning of the year.
- Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Work Habits, and Special area classes are included.
- Reports are given 4 times during the year –every 9 weeks
- Teachers will explain reporting during October conferences

Standards Based Report Card

Foreign County
 State Report Card
 2016-17
 Name:

Student	_____
Student ID	_____
Homeroom	_____
School	_____
Grade/Level	_____

ATTENDANCE				
Term	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Days Present				
Days Absent				
Days Tardy				

QUARTERLY STANDARDS				
	Term			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS				
READING FOUNDATION SKILLS				
Word Length				
Phonological Awareness				
Fluency and Word Recognition				
Fluency				
READING LITERATURE				
Plot and Characters (PLC)				
Text and Structure (T&S)				
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (IKI)				
READING INFORMATIONAL				
Plot and Characters (PLC)				
Text and Structure (T&S)				
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (IKI)				
WRITING				
Text Types and Purposes				
Production and Distribution of Writing				
Research to Build and Present Knowledge				
LANGUAGE				
Conventions of Standard English				
Academic Vocabulary and Language				
SPELLING AND LISTENING				
Spelling				
Listening				
MATHEMATICS				
COUNTING AND CARDINALITY				
Know number names and the count sequence				
Count to tell the number of objects				
Compare numbers				
NUMBER AND OPERATIONS IN BASE TEN				
Work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundations for place value				
OPERATIONS AND ALGEBRAIC THINKING				
Understand addition and subtraction				

QUARTERLY STANDARDS				
	Term			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
MEASUREMENT AND DATA				
Describe and compare measurable attributes				
Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category				
GEOMETRY				
Identify and describe shapes				
Analyze, compare, create, and compose shapes				
SCIENCE				
Earth Science				
Physical Science				
Life Science				
SOCIAL STUDIES				
Geographic Understandings				
Historical Understandings				
Civic Understandings				
Governance Understandings				

SPECIAL AREAS				
	Term			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Art				
Health				
Music				
Physical Education				

WORK HABITS				
	Term			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Responsibility				
Participation				
Assignment Completion				
Organizational Skills				

How is My Child Doing in Kindergarten?



Report cards every 9 weeks are on a 4 point system

1 = Limited achievement within the standard

2 = Moderate achievement within the standard

3 = Mastery of the standard with consistent achievement

4 = Exceeds and extends within the standard

** 4's are used sparingly and to show that the student consistently exceeds the standard, applying the skill in various learning activities.

Special Area Grades

S = Satisfactory

P = Progressing

N = Needs Improvement

Work Habit Grades

D = Does not meet

S = Successful

E = Exemplary

BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) in Kindergarten



BYOT (Optional) Things to Know



- We teach responsible use of BYOT and provide tasks related to academic topics, as well as utilize devices for skills practice
- Filtered internet in school
- Controlled usage and established classroom rules
- Locked in the classroom when out of the room
- Used during computer centers; educational apps for reading and math
- It's okay if you don't have a device to send or want your child bringing one. **We have many here for students to use!**

Example Schedule

- 7:10-7:40 Arrival, Check In, Morning Center, Announcements
- 7:45-8:30 Morning Message
- 8:30-9:15 ARC (Language Arts)
- 9:20-10:05 Pathways (PE, Art, Music, Media, Counseling, AV, Science)
- 10:10-10:45 Independent Reading
- 10:45-11:15 Lunch
- 11:15-11:30 Story and Restroom
- 11:30-12:00 Writing
- 12:00-12:35 Calendar Math/Whole Group Math
- 12:35-12:55 Recess
- 1:00-1:45 Guided Math Groups
- 1:45-2:00 Social Studies/Science/Snack
- 2:00-2:10 Pack up/Read Aloud
- 2:20 Dismissal

We have snack time but can keep working!



PE Special



Music Special



Art Special



Audio Visual (AV) Special



Science Special



Media Special



Counselor Special





Lunch? Let's eat!



- Families can pay by check, cash, or online. If you send lunch money in the daily folder, label with child's name, purpose for money, and amount sent.
- Teachers do not keep track of account balances. The cafeteria manager, Deb Mason, can answer account questions.
- If you are joining us for lunch, please meet us in the cafeteria rather than the classroom. Also say good-bye in the lunchroom, so that we can get to our next planned activity quickly. ***You're invited to eat on our stage.***
- Ice cream cannot be charged. If there isn't enough money in the account, your child will not receive ice cream. Most classes have one day each week for an ice cream treat.

Kids can bring lunch from home or buy lunch at school.



Let's Get School Lunch!





OFFER TO SERVE
Food Items for School Breakfast

Choose at least 3 including:

Meat or Meat Alternative	Milk
Fruits	Veggies

- 1/2 Cup of Fruits or Vegetables
- At Least 2 Other Food Items

For best nutrition, choose all





TAKE UP TO



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**FRUIT & VEGETABLE
CHOICES**













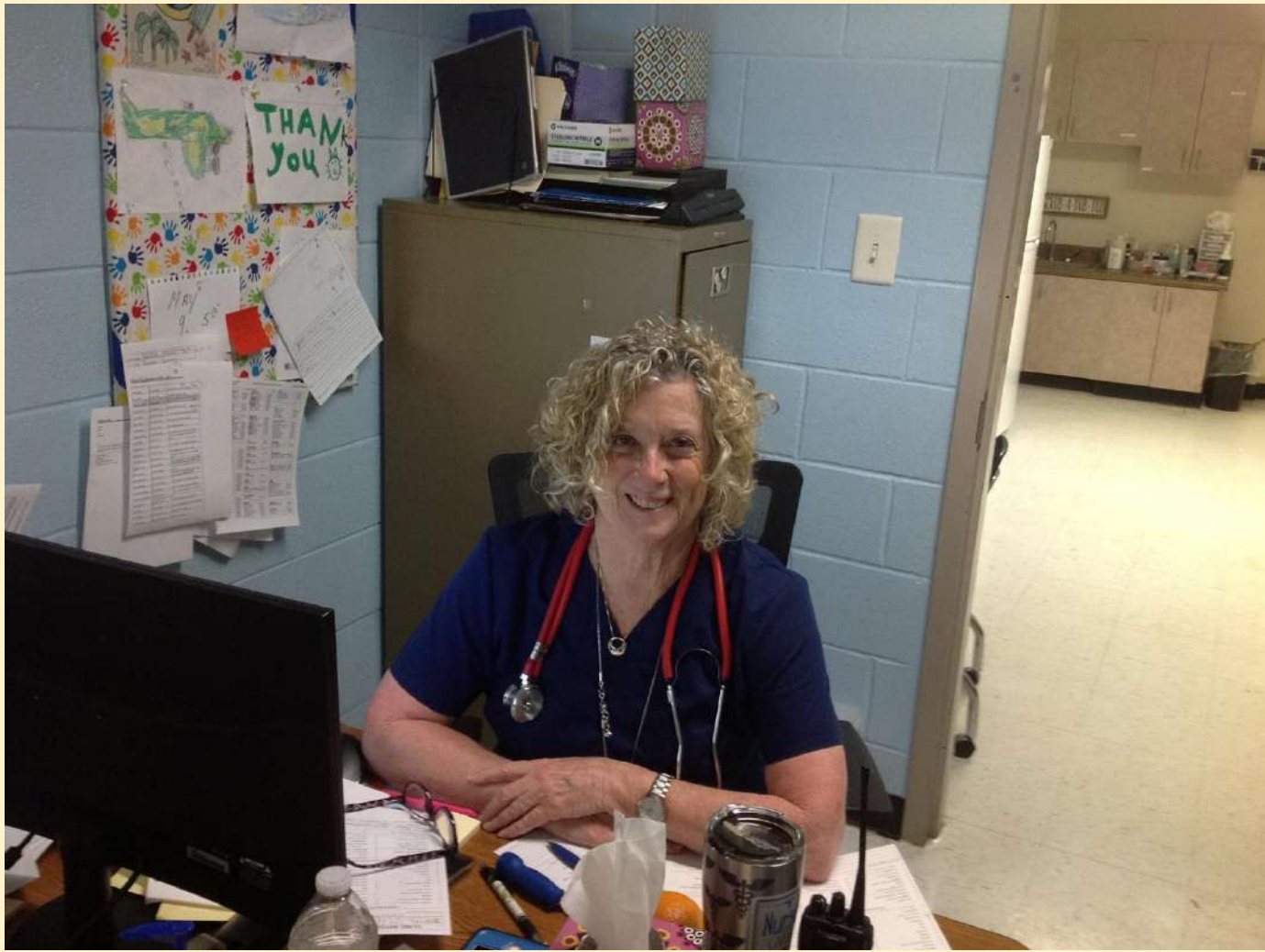




Guests get to eat on our stage!



Meet Nurse Janet





- Notify both the nurse and your child's teacher of allergies and medical needs.
- All medication left at school must have a form signed by you. Nurse Janet handles all medication. Teachers do not administer meds.
- Please do not send cough drops or medicine with your child.
- We will send your child to the clinic if he or she gets sick at school. Children must be fever free without the aid of medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- ***Your child might get sick more in kindergarten than other years, so it is important to be here and on time every day possible.***

Kindergarten has changed!



- Kindergarten is very academic.
- We follow the state standards and Forsyth County guidelines for our instruction. These have increased rigor.
- Curriculum is taught in **small, differentiated groups** during the majority of our day.
- Instruction is assessment driven.
- Kindergarteners are amazing and can learn so much! Practicing learned skills is very important.

What Does Differentiation Mean?

Assess students from where they are and move from there.



What does differentiation and small group teaching look like?



Calling All Car Riders!

**Drop Off/ Pick
Up**

Car Line:

7:10-7:40 am (drop off)

2:10-2:40 pm (pick up)

****Expect heavy traffic the first 2 weeks.***



Teachers Deliver Children to Our Car Rider Line and Buses









Calling All Bus Riders!





Handshakes, hugs, or high fives say goodbye!





“Bread Crumbs” Help Kids in the Morning



How can you help this summer?

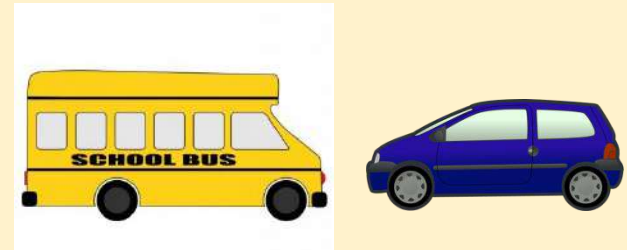
- Practice letter names and sounds.
- Practice writing first name.
- Practice number identification 0-10 in random order
- Practice phone number and birthday.
- Know the colors and shapes: circle, rectangle, square, triangle (we will learn 3D shapes this year)
- Practice counting 1-20
- Check out the library for summer resources, books, and activities.
- Read to your child often.
- Check out our Facebook page this summer:
<https://www.facebook.com/ChestateeES/>
- [Take a Virtual Tour](#)
- [View Our Chestatee Intro Video](#)

Important School Policies



Transportation

You MUST write a handwritten note for any transportation changes. Emails and phone calls will not be accepted. No checkouts will be allowed after 2:00 p.m.



Absences

For an absence to be excused, you need to send an excuse within 5 days of your child missing school. Three tardies = 1 absence

Attendance is taken very seriously at Chestatee.
You cannot "make up" missed days.





Ways to Communicate with Teacher

Daily Folder	Newsletter	Email	Notes	Voicemail	itslearning
<p>Please use for notes and money.</p> <p>Label money with name, purpose, and amount.</p> <p>Folders are checked every day.</p>	<p>*Curriculum for the week</p> <p>*Important dates and reminders</p> <p>*Special notices and events</p> <p>*Sent home on Fridays</p>	<p>A favorite of teachers!</p>	<p>Handwritten notes for transportation changes, excuses for absence, etc.</p>	<p>770-887-2341</p> <p>Extensions will be sent in August.</p> <p>Teachers usually are unable to answer the phone during class.</p>	<p>We will show you this online learning platform in the fall.</p> <p>Teachers post lesson plans, newsletters, homework and learning links.</p>

itslearning Online learning Example

WIFI WED April 17th



Discussion

Reports

We have been learning about bugs! Your child can identify a bug as an insect (6 legs), arachnid (8 legs) or a myriapod (more than 8 legs). Have your child find a bug outside and write 1-2 sentences about it.

For example: I saw a centipede outside. A centipede is a myriapod because it has more than 8 legs.



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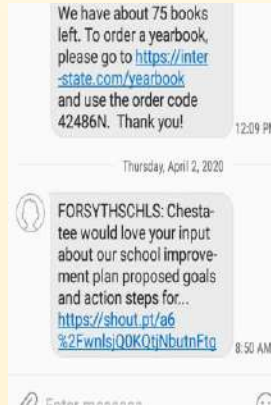
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School Communication

Monthly School Newsletters

Facebook

Messenger



Grade-Level Newsletters/Gold Folders

Videos



3RD GRADE NEWS + NOTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Standards Focus: These are the things we will be learning next week.

Reading: Compare and contrast the theme of two fables.

Grammar: Explore the use of multiple-meaning words.

Writing: Write a piece that expresses an opinion.

Math: Explore strategies for adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers.

Science: Experiment with the use of different materials to prevent heat loss.

Dates to Remember

- Feb 8 APPT for 3-5 PM
- Feb 13 Chica-Fiba Split Night
- Feb 16 No School
- Feb 19 No School
- Feb 20 Professional Development, No School for Students

Healthy Habits:

- We are in the midst of cold and flu season. Here at school, we are encouraging good handwashing and other healthy habits. Here are a few things you can do at home:
- Wash coats and bookbags
 - Remind your child about the importance of handwashing
 - Keep children at home if they are running a fever and/or vomiting

Did you hear . . . ?

- Our 2nd APPT Night is coming up on February 8 at 5:00 PM. We are excited to share your child's progress on the multiplication goal. We will also be discussing strategies to use for reading comprehension. We can't wait to see you!

Heart for Giving

- On February 4th - 13th, Chestate will be teaming up with the other 5 schools in the North Forsyth area to participate in various activities to show others that we appreciate them. Below is the list of each day's theme, and the attached flyer provides more detail.
- Monday - February 26th - Hey Day - All and more and more will be on the way!**



Not on Facebook? No problem!

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/chestatee>

The screenshot displays the website for Chestatee Elementary. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL [forsyth.k12.ga.us/chestatee](https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/chestatee). The navigation bar includes links for District Home, Our Schools, Language, and Employee Log In. The main header features the Chestatee logo and the school name. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons for Staff Directory, MYFCS (ITSLEARNING), and Parent Portal. A blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: OUR SCHOOL, ACADEMICS, FAMILIES & PARTNERS, and STUDENT SERVICES. The main content area features a large photograph of a group of seven female teachers in a school hallway, all wearing black t-shirts with the text "TEACHER HERE FOR YOU". To the right of the photo is a "Quick Links" sidebar with the following items: Chestatee School News, Student Calendars, itslearning Resources, Meal Viewer, and Free and Reduced Lunch Applications.

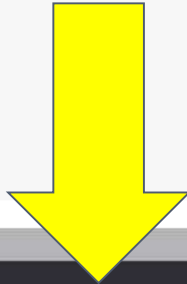
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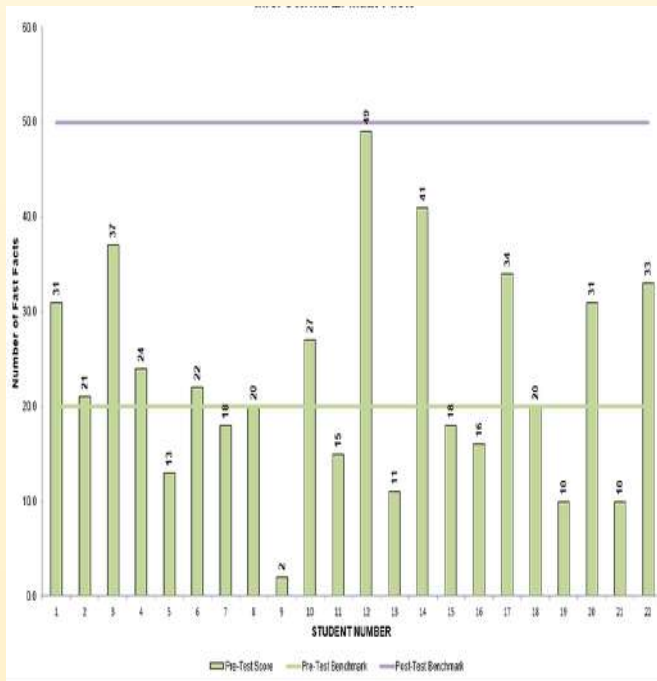
[SITE INDEX](#)

How to help your child next year...

- Check the daily folder.
- Look over graded work.
- Read the weekly newsletter.
- Discuss each day (special activities, behavior, favorites).
- Contact your child's teacher when needed.
- Come to conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Team Meetings (3 times throughout the year).
- Practice skills with the tools sent home.
- Volunteer if available.
- Visit for lunch.



Academic Parent Teacher Teams



Get Involved! Parent Leadership and Volunteers



We love our volunteers!



Get Connected at Chestatee!

<p><u>PTO</u></p> 	<p><u>Classroom Volunteer</u></p> 	<p><u>Room Parent</u></p> 	<p><u>Watchdog Dad</u></p> 	<p><u>Kindergarten Readers</u></p> 	<p><u>Champs/ Grand Champs</u></p> 
<p>Become a member, Sign-up to volunteer</p>	<p>Help as needed with centers, copy work, send in items</p>	<p>Help coordinate parties/ special events, communicate needs with families</p>	<p>Come 1 day a year, Visit news, car line, buses, lunch, classrooms</p>	<p>Read to kids and listen to readers, Practice sight words or letters</p>	<p>Read 1 on 1 with children, Build skills and relationships</p>
<p>Contact PTO</p>	<p>Contact classroom teacher</p>	<p>Contact classroom teacher</p>	<p>Contact Meg Killingsworth</p>	<p>Contact Meg Killingsworth</p>	<p>Contact Meg Killingsworth</p>
<p><u>Mentors</u></p> 	<p><u>Media Center</u></p> 	<p><u>School Store</u></p> 	<p><u>Yearbook</u></p> 	<p><u>Gardening</u></p> 	<p><u>Donate items</u></p> 
<p>Come 1 time a week for one child, build a relationship</p>	<p>Shelve books/ help with checkouts, assist media specialist</p>	<p>Help kids shop and "pay"</p>	<p>Attend assigned events/ take photos</p>	<p>Weed or beautify outdoor classrooms, greenhouse, gardens</p>	<p>Classroom needs, funds for field trips, books, student needs, clothing for closet, and food for Blessings in a Backpack</p>
<p>Contact Brittany Brookshire</p>	<p>Contact Sarah Wiggins</p>	<p>Contact Amanda Pruitt</p>	<p>Contact Cheryl Elliott</p>	<p>Contact Kathy Johnson</p>	<p>Contact Leila Fondo</p>

Some Advice from our Kindergarten Kids



- “School is fun! You get to learn so much!”
- “Be respectful. Be responsible. Be a problem solver.”
- “Do your best! You are going to learn a lot!”
- “You will learn to read!”
- “Listen to your teacher.”
- “You are going to be tired!”





Chestatee is FUN!







Help us get to know your child better!

[Click here to complete the quick survey!](#)

Fall 2020 KK student survey

* Required

Child's first and last name *

Your answer

Birthday?

Date

Expect Mail this Summer!



Postcards go out to welcome students back and give Open House information.

Open House: ***Tuesday, August 4th***: Come see the classroom and meet your teacher!

Visit the cafeteria for car rider tags, after school care, lunchroom, volunteer sign up and much, much more!

First Day of School: ***Thursday, August 6th!***

Click These Links for Other Important Information!

- [Kindergarten Bus Roundup \(Monday, July 27\)](#)
- [Care for Kids After School Program Information](#)
- [Cafeteria Information](#)
- [2020-21 Student Calendar](#)



Question/ Answer Virtual Meetings



Join us on Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChestateeES/live/>

Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 PM

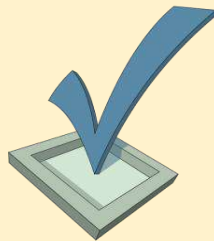
or

Wednesday, May 6 at 11:00 AM

Type your questions here!

9 Steps to Success!

- Use the next slide or our website for the active links!



Kindergarten Safari Checklist for Families

9 Steps to Success!

1	Click here for a message from our principal, Dr. Tennes.
2	Adults- view Kindergarten Slideshow
3	Save PDF of Kindergarten Slideshow for active links
4	Type questions here for the Question/ Answer Session.
5	Complete survey here to help us to get to know your child.
6	Get to know the kindergarten teachers here. Show your child too!
7	Show your child the kindergarten video here! Tour Chertatee here!
8	Mark your calendars for the Q/A sessions. <i>Join us on Facebook Live Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 PM or Wednesday, May 6 at 11:00 AM</i> https://www.facebook.com/ChertateeES/live/
9	Continue adding questions as you have them!

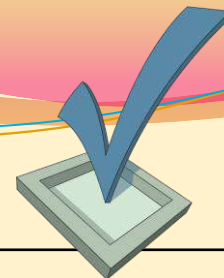


Questions?

Contact Meg Killingsworth
mkillingsworth@forsyth.k12.ga.us



Active Links for Checklist



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In Closing. . .

- We are looking forward to a great year. We work very hard to keep you informed and teach your child the way we would want someone to teach our own children. Let us know whenever you have questions or concerns.
- Thank you for allowing us to work with your child! We value your trust on this journey!

