



Welcome Class of 2034
to Kindergarten Safari!





This presentation was created in 2019 before COVID-19 and masks. It has been updated for 2021-22 with any new information. Many of the pictures included are from 2019.



Meet Our Kindergarten Teachers!

<https://flipgrid.com/4d8633d7>



Other staff you will want to know!

Dr. Tennies, Mr. Dugan, and Mrs. Gaines

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Domain/264>



**Officer Angie, Our School
Resource Officer**

**Our Office Ladies
Ms. Angela, Ms. Ansley, Ms. Donna**

**Meg Killingsworth, Family
Engagement Coordinator**



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>



Opportunities this Summer



Bus Roundup on Monday, July 26: 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.



The Bookmobile will be visiting throughout the summer. We will post any other opportunities to visit on social media too.



Foundations of Academics



Kindergarten Curriculum



Phonics / Reading

ARC

Phonemic awareness

Sight words

Fluency

Comprehension

Guided Reading

ARC

Small groups

Take home leveled books

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!





The Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills 2.0 (GKIDS 2.0) is a yearlong, progression-based formative assessment. GKIDS 2.0 is aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for kindergarten and is organized around big ideas and learning progressions.

Using the learning progressions from GKIDS 2.0 for the report card allows teachers and parents to have a common understanding of expectations of knowledge and skills a student needs to be prepared for first grade.

Students will be graded in Language Arts and Math using the grades: **Not Yet Demonstrated, Beginning, Emerging, Developing, Demonstrating and Exceeding.**





Throughout the school year, your child's performance may range from Not Yet Demonstrating to Exceeding.

Click these links for more information:

<https://gkidsparent.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/GKIDS/GKIDS%202.0/Parent%20Flyer/GKIDS%202.0_Parent_Flyer_July2020.pdf



Other Areas Grades

Special Area Grades: Art, Music, PE

S = Satisfactory

P = Progressing

N = Needs Improvement

Science, Social Studies, Health

S = Satisfactory

P = Progressing

N = Needs Improvement

Work Habit Grades

E = Exemplary

S = Successful

D = Does not meet



Report Cards

- Progress is updated every nine weeks.
- Your child's teacher will go over the report card at the first conference.
- Set up a Parent Portal account this fall.



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 one here for each student to use!**



Example Schedule

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

Snack and Recess times vary by class.



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.
- Once restrictions for visitors are lifted, parents are welcome to join us any day and are invited to eat on the stage. 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.
- 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.



Let's Get School Lunch!





TAKE UP TO



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**FRUIT & VEGETABLE
CHOICES**













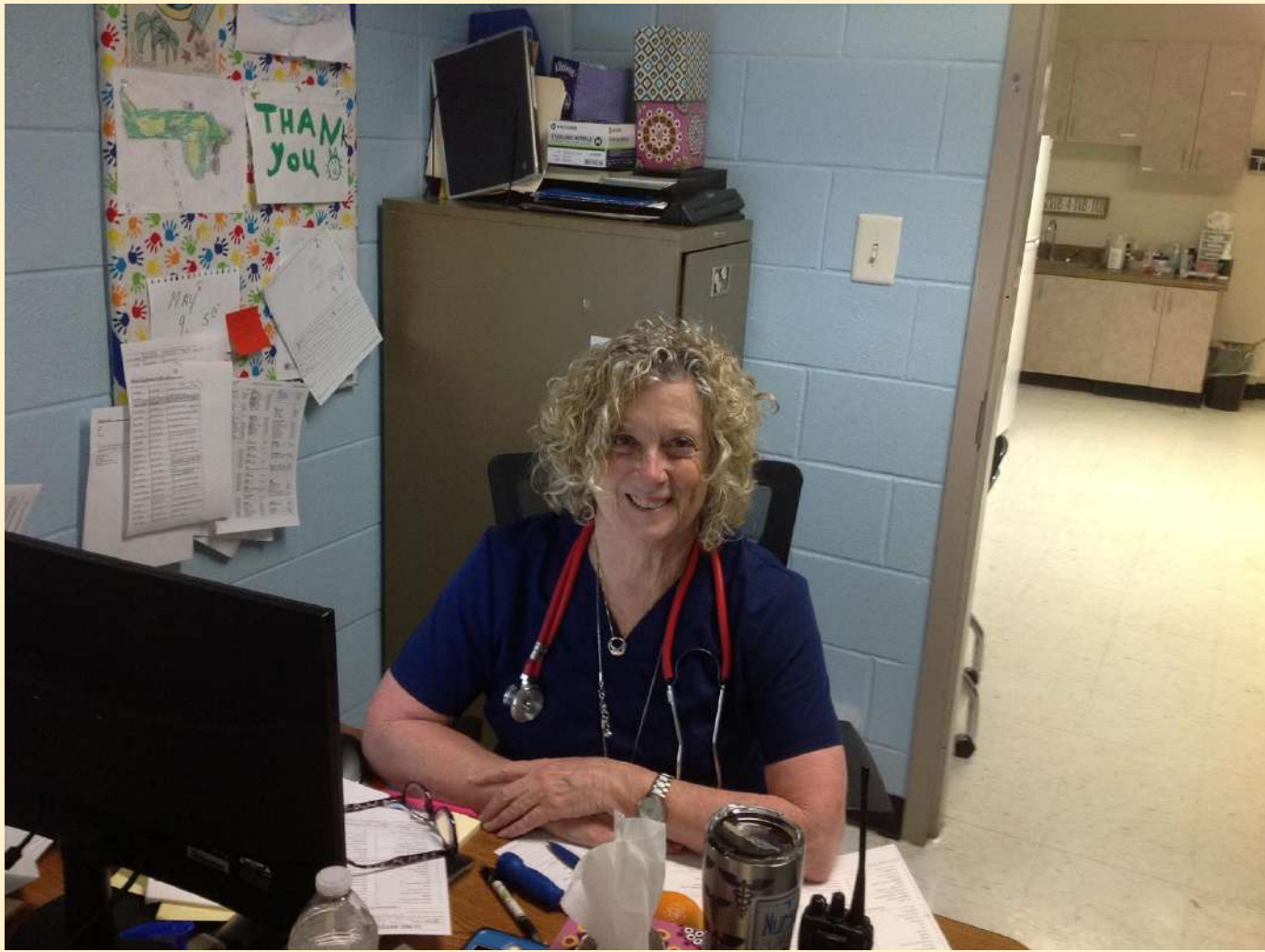




Guests get to eat on our stage!



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)

2:20-2:45 pm (pick up)

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

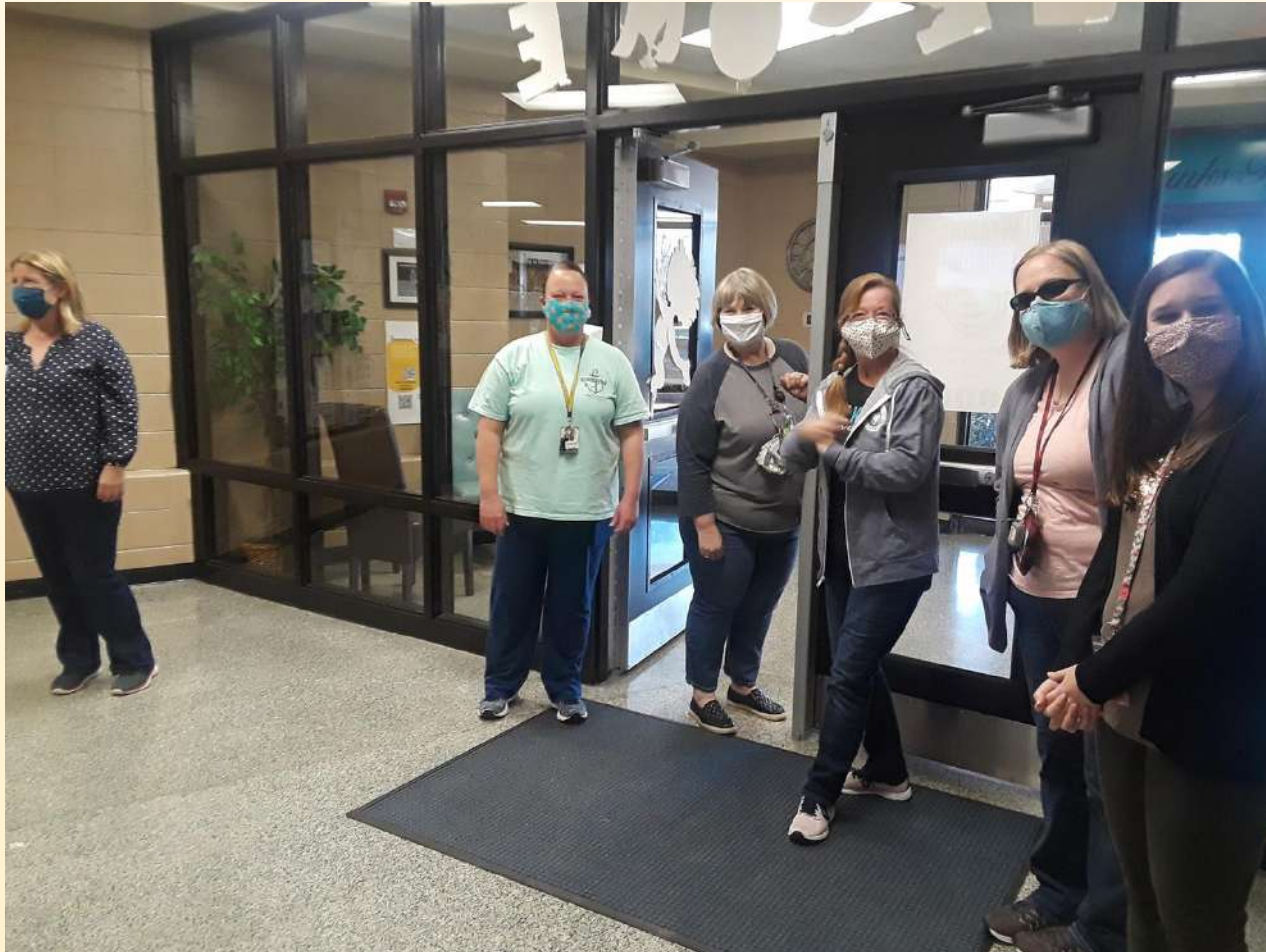
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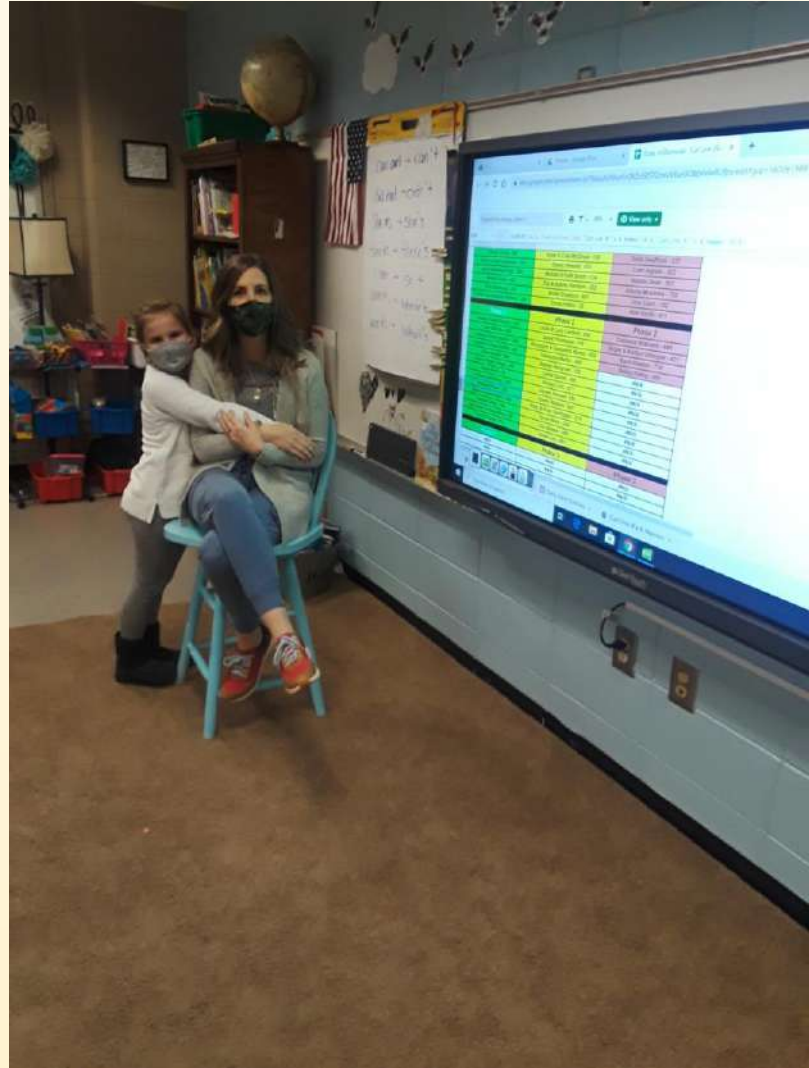
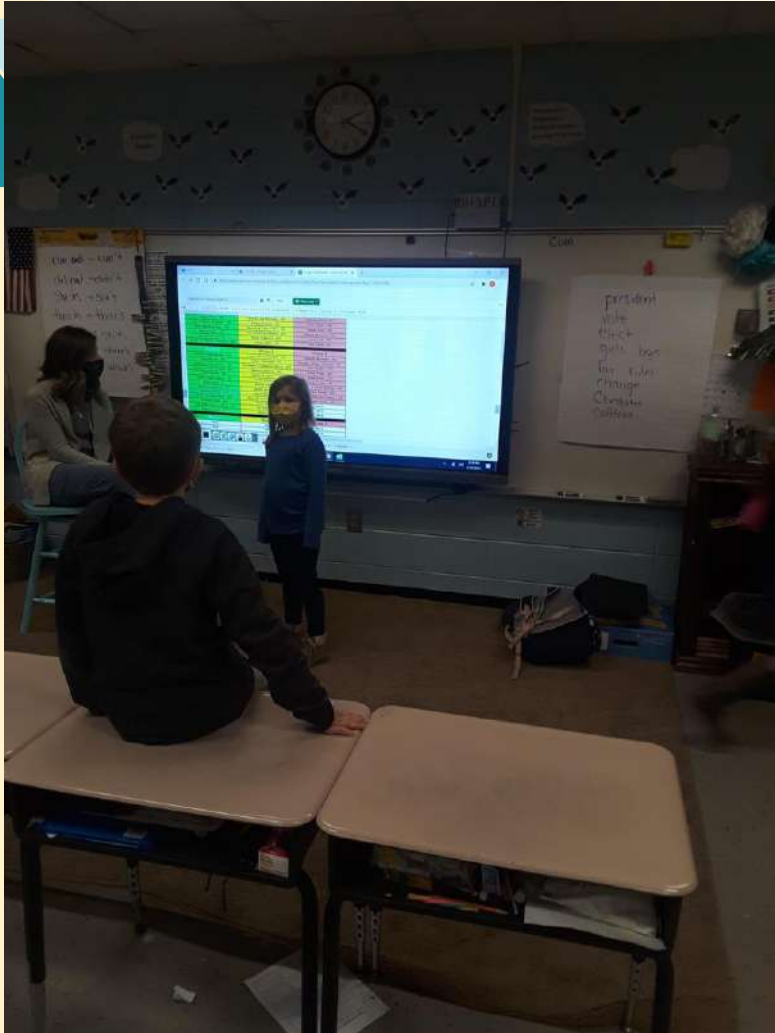


Teachers Deliver Children to Our Car Rider Line and Buses



Afternoon Car Rider Dismissal







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/>

- [View Our Chestatee Intro Video](#)

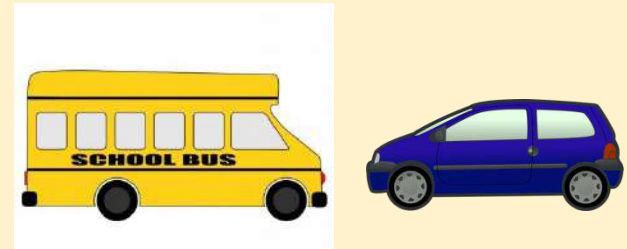


Important School Policies



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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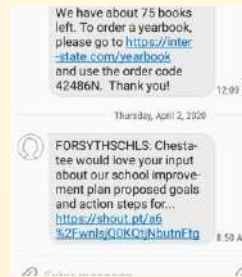


School Communication

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 Chick-fil-A 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 5:30. 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 14th - 15th, 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 20th - Help Day - All



Not on Facebook? No problem!

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

The screenshot displays the website for Chestatee Elementary. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "District Home", "Our Schools", "Language", and "Employee Log In". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons for "STAFF DIRECTORY", "MYFCS (ITSLEARNING)", and "PARENT PORTAL". The main header features the school's logo, which includes a stylized eagle and the word "Chestatee", followed by the text "CHESTATEE ELEMENTARY". A blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: "OUR SCHOOL", "ACADEMICS", "FAMILIES & PARTNERS", and "STUDENT SERVICES". The main content area is dominated by a large photograph of a group of seven female teachers standing in a school hallway. They are all wearing black t-shirts with the text "TEACHER HERE FOR YOU" printed on them. To the right of the photo is a "Quick Links" sidebar with the following items: "Chestatee School News", "Student Calendars", "itslearning Resources" (with a logo), "Meal Viewer", and "Free and Reduced Lunch Applications".



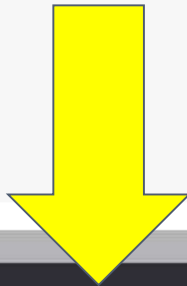
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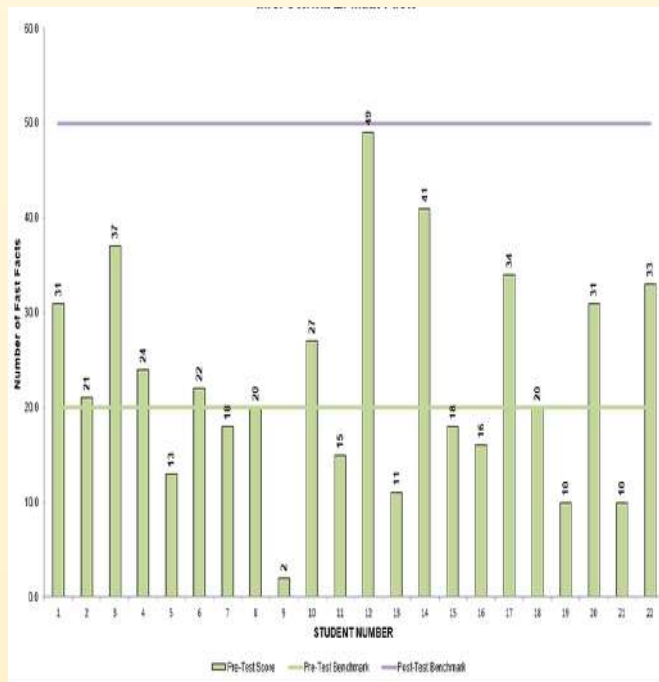


How to help your child next year...

- 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





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 Robin Mitchell</p>	<p>Contact Sarah Wiggins</p>	<p>Contact Michelle Jarvis</p>	<p>Contact Jen Reece</p>	<p>Contact Deb Clark</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 Kindergarten Student Survey](#)

Fall 2021 KK student survey

* Required

Child's first and last name *

Your answer _____

Birthday?

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of pre-k (if attended)

Your answer _____

Any special programs? Babies Can't Wait, OT, Speech, etc. *

Your answer _____



Expect Mail this Summer!



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

Open House: ***Tuesday, August 3rd.*** Come see the classroom and meet your teacher! Get your car rider tags, lunchroom info, after school care and much, much more!

First Day of School: ***Thursday, August 5th!***

