



Welcome Class of 2035  
to Kindergarten Safari!



# *Meet Our Kindergarten Teachers!*

[Click here to get to know the teachers.](#)





# 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. Stacey, Ms. Ansley**

**Meg Killingsworth, Family  
Engagement Coordinator**



# Facilities



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



# After School Program

**Chestatee**

Care for Kids

## **After School Program**

Director: Deb Mason

E-mail [dmason@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto: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 25: 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.



There will be opportunities throughout the summer to visit! We will post any of those on social media and the website.



# 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

Dreambox Math

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](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.
- It's important to set up a Parent Portal account. You'll see Ms. Stacey in the office with your photo ID to get started.



# 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



# Wellness 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.
- Families are welcome to join us for lunch by reserving a table online. 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**



**3**

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE  
CHOICES**













As we prepare for the start of school, we will be open again to help you get ready for the new school year. To ensure that your child continues to receive a quality education, we are offering a discount on our tuition for the 2013-2014 school year. For more information, please visit our website at [www.earlychildhood.com](http://www.earlychildhood.com) or call us at 800-555-1234.



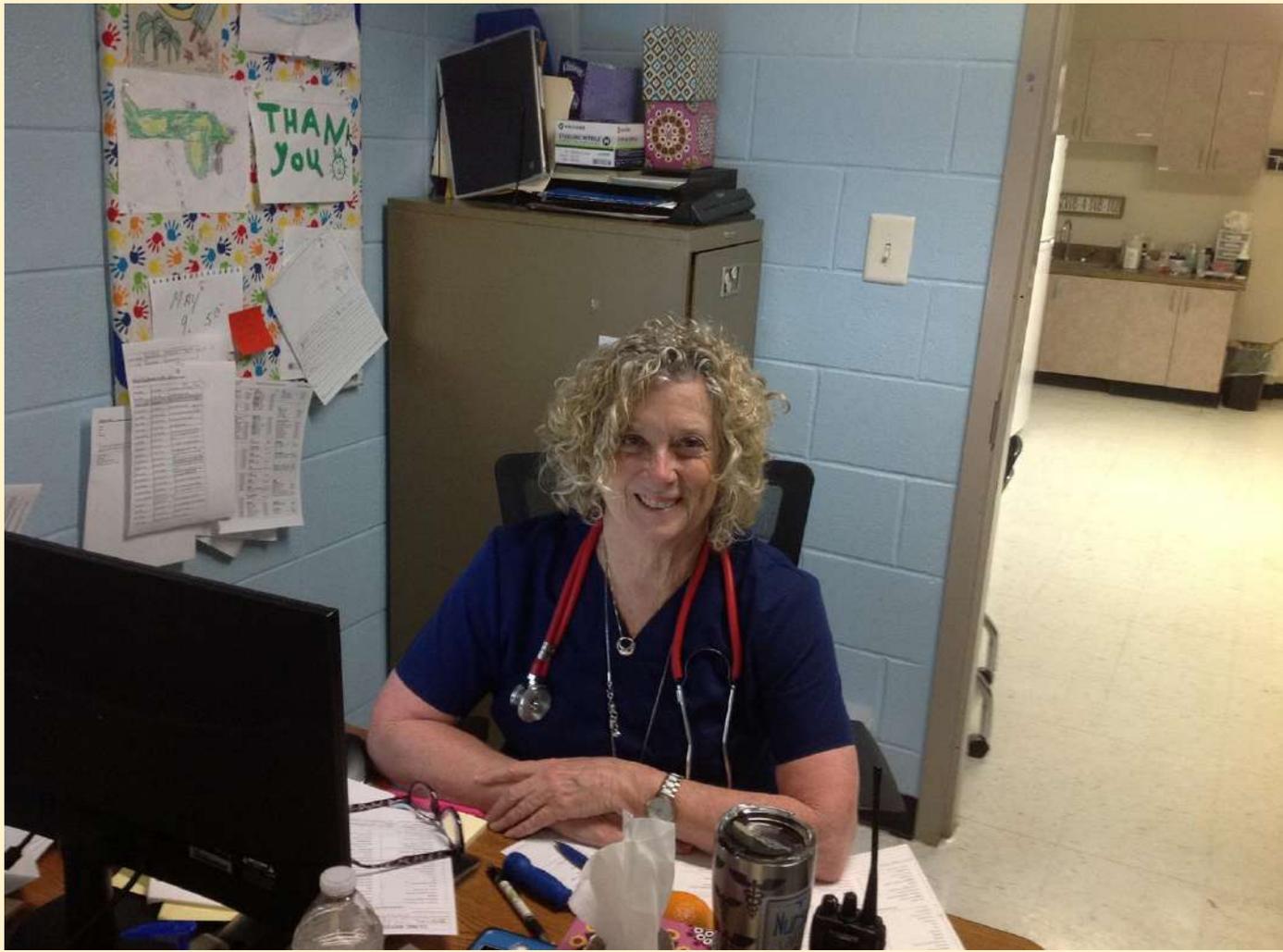




# Guests get to eat on our stage!



# 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**

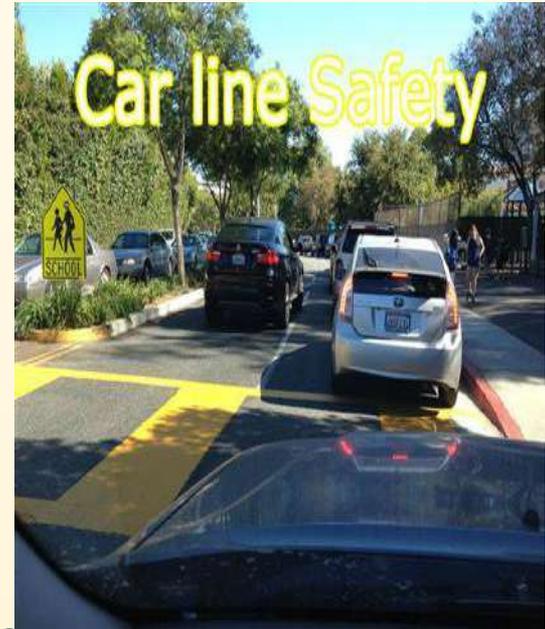
**Car Line:**

**7:05-7:40 am (drop off)**

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsevAditOKc&t=2s>



# 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?

- [Click this link of kindergarten readiness skills.](#)
- 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](#)

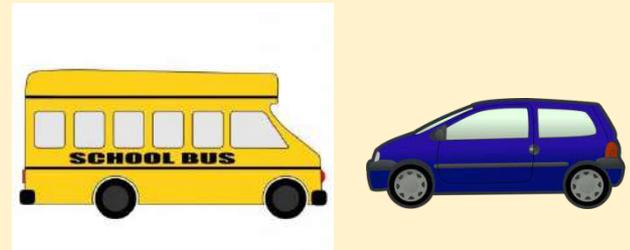


# Important School Policies



## Transportation

You MUST write a handwritten note for any transportation changes. Emails and phone calls will not be accepted. We cannot allow checkouts after 2:00 p.m.

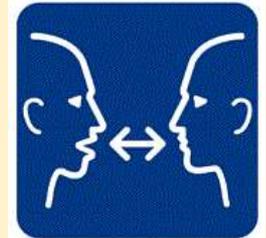


## Absences

For an absence to be excused, you need to send an excuse within 5 days of your child missing school. Three tardies = 1 absence. An early checkout needs a doctor's note to be excused.

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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Click start new thread to get started 😊

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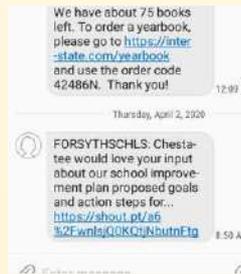


# School Communication

Facebook



Messenger



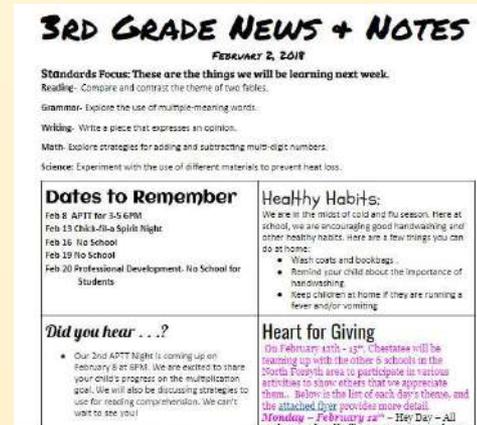
Monthly School Newsletters



Videos



Grade-Level Newsletters/Gold Folders



# 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 shows 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".



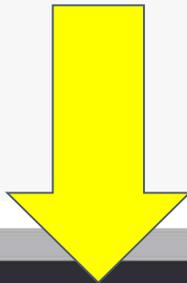
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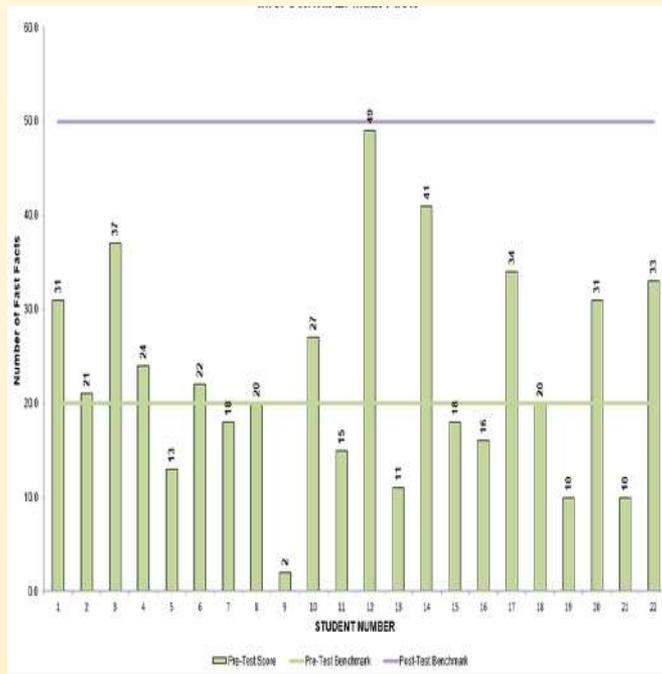


# How to help your child next year...

- 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 Fall 2022 Kindergarten Family Survey.](#)

### Fall 2022 Kindergarten Family Survey

 mkillingsworth@forsythk12.org (not shared) [Switch account](#) 

\* 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. Your child's teacher will call on ***Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>***.

Open House: ***Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>***. 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 4<sup>th</sup>***!

