



Kindergarten is Cool!

Weddington Elementary School



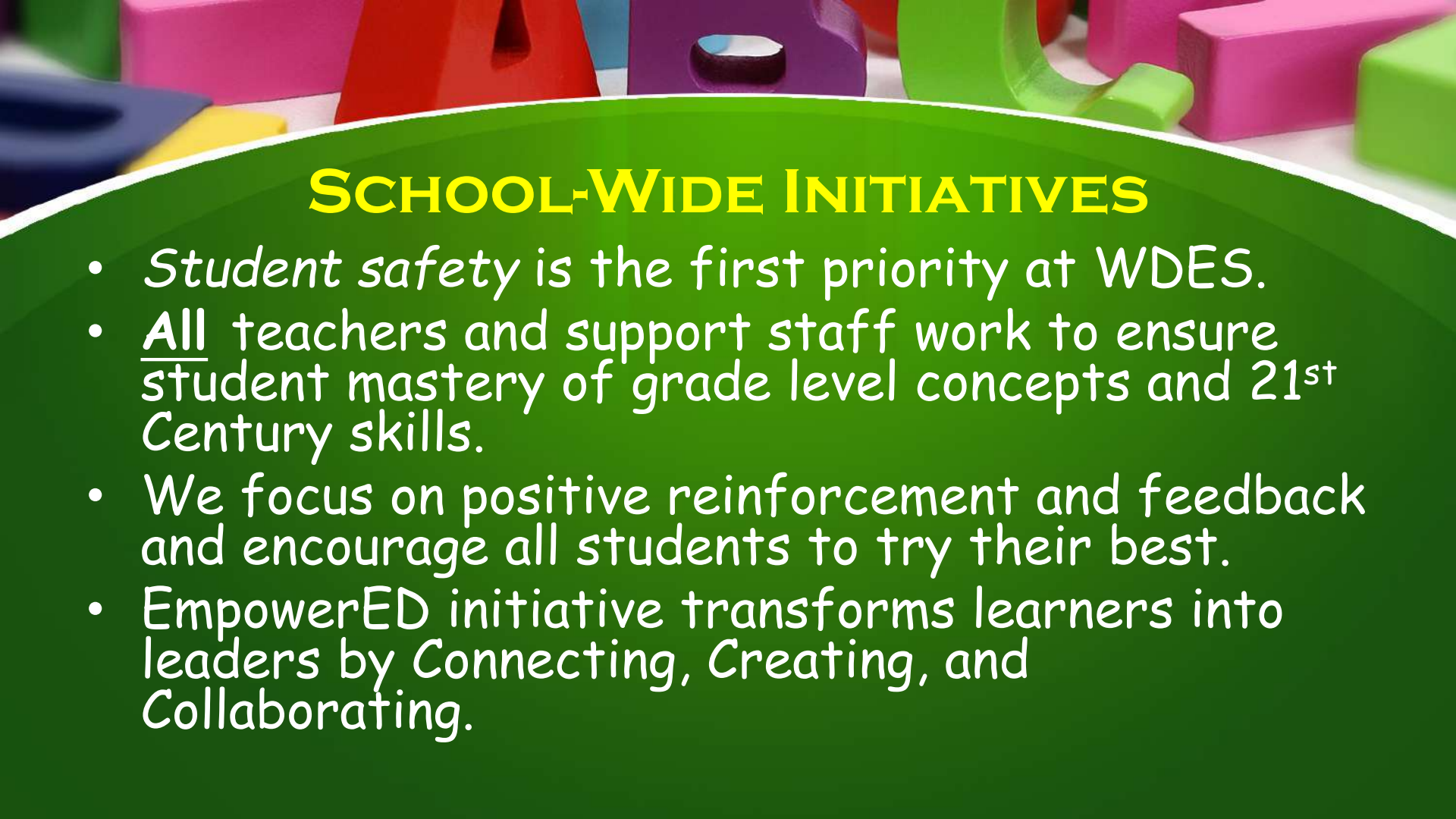
Who are the Wildcats?

Principal: Ms. Kristen Sebek

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Banks Spicer

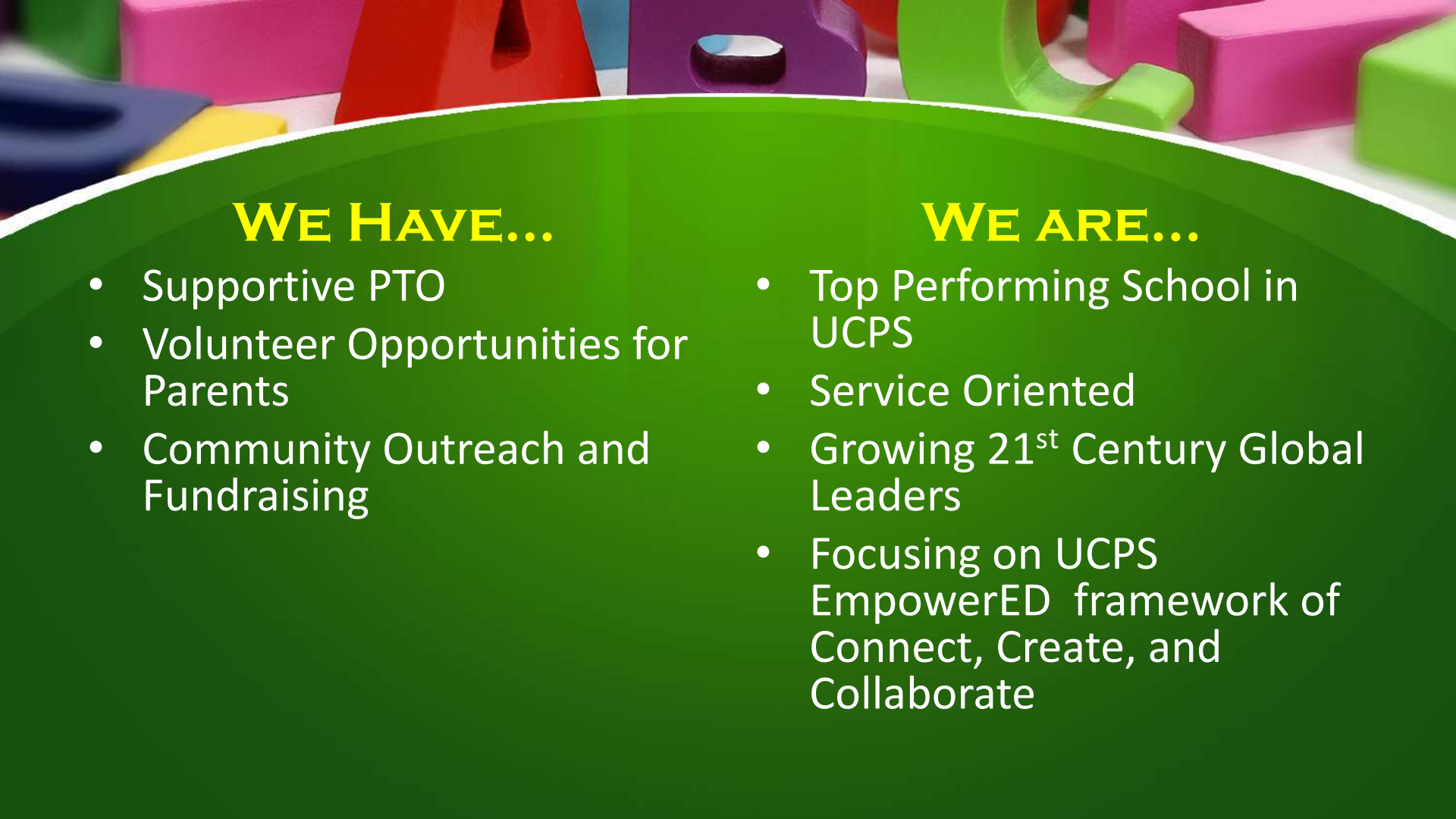
Our School's Mission

We will empower our students to be life long learners and 21st Century scholars by striving to provide rigorous learning opportunities. This will enable our students to succeed in the classroom and excel to their greatest potential.

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SCHOOL-WIDE INITIATIVES

- *Student safety* is the first priority at WDES.
- All teachers and support staff work to ensure student mastery of grade level concepts and 21st Century skills.
- We focus on positive reinforcement and feedback and encourage all students to try their best.
- EmpowerED initiative transforms learners into leaders by Connecting, Creating, and Collaborating.

A background image showing a collection of colorful alphabet blocks in various shapes and sizes, including letters like 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z', and numbers. The blocks are in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. They are arranged in a way that suggests they are being used for learning or play.

WE HAVE...

- Supportive PTO
- Volunteer Opportunities for Parents
- Community Outreach and Fundraising

WE ARE...

- Top Performing School in UCPS
- Service Oriented
- Growing 21st Century Global Leaders
- Focusing on UCPS EmpowerED framework of Connect, Create, and Collaborate



Parent-Teacher Organization

Our PTO provides parents with opportunities to support students and staff.

President- Erin Bonsall
VP of Special Events- Joy Misocky
VP Fundraising/Sponsorship- Risalyn Williams
VP Communication- Terry Key
Secretary- Ashley Espinosa
Treasurer- Tasha Hogue



AFTERSCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

- Weddington Afterschool (UCPS) Ginny Burch, Coordinator
Virginia.burch@ucps.k12.nc.us
 - Kids R Kids, YMCA, Sangrock, Waxhaw Family Development, Primrose, WOW Taekwondo

Teacher Lead and PTO Clubs

- Drama
- Science
- Art
- Nature
- Cooking
- STEMS: Coding
- Chess
- Tennis
- STEMS:
- Sports
- Lego
- Camp Invention

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Dual Language Instruction

For information on UCPS Dual Language/Immersion programs or to apply for a Dual Language classroom, go to ucps.k12.nc.us, click on “Departments”, “Dual Language/Immersion Program”

Application deadline is March 31st , 2019

Highly Qualified Educators

- Julie Rogers-15 years at Weddington in Kindergarten & First Grade
- Casey Privette- 15 years at Weddington in Kindergarten & First Grade
- Dory Isgan- 18 years with CMS & UCPS
- Dayana Camacho- Splash Teacher- 8 years in Colombia & UCPS
- Isa Anaya-19 years in Spain
- Zerida Bacerra-19 years in Columbia and CMS
- Jennifer Johnson, Tammie Simms, Mellie Quinones-Instructional Support Staff



Philosophy

The kindergarten team at Weddington works together to help develop our students both academically and socially. Our goal is to promote well-rounded, academically prepared students who have developed a love of school and an excitement about learning.



Daily Schedule

7:00 – 7:30	Arrival & Morning Work
7:30 – 8:00	Morning Meeting
8:00-8:45	Specials
8:45 -9:10	Shared Reading
9:10-10:00	Reader's Workshop
9:35 – 10:00	Word Study
10:00-10:25	Lunch
10:35 – 11:05	Interactive Writing
11:10 – 11:40	Writer's Workshop
11:40-12:00	Science/Social Studies
12:00-12:30	Math
12:30 – 1:00	Recess
1:00 – 1:40	Math
1:40-1:50	Pack Up and Dismissal

County Requirements

- Literacy, including Reading and Writing-120 minutes.
- Math-75 minutes
- Science & Social Studies-45 minutes/week

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Kindergarten Development

ENTERING Kindergarten

- Identify Most Letters of the Alphabet
- Write Most Letters of the Alphabet
- Draw Recognizable Pictures
- Write names using only one uppercase letter.
- Count and write numbers to 10
- Correctly hold a pencil and use scissors appropriately

EXITING Kindergarten

- Read a simple pattern book with comprehension and fluency
- Respond to literature through writing and drawing
- Write a 3 page story about an event in their lives
- Fluently add and subtract within 5

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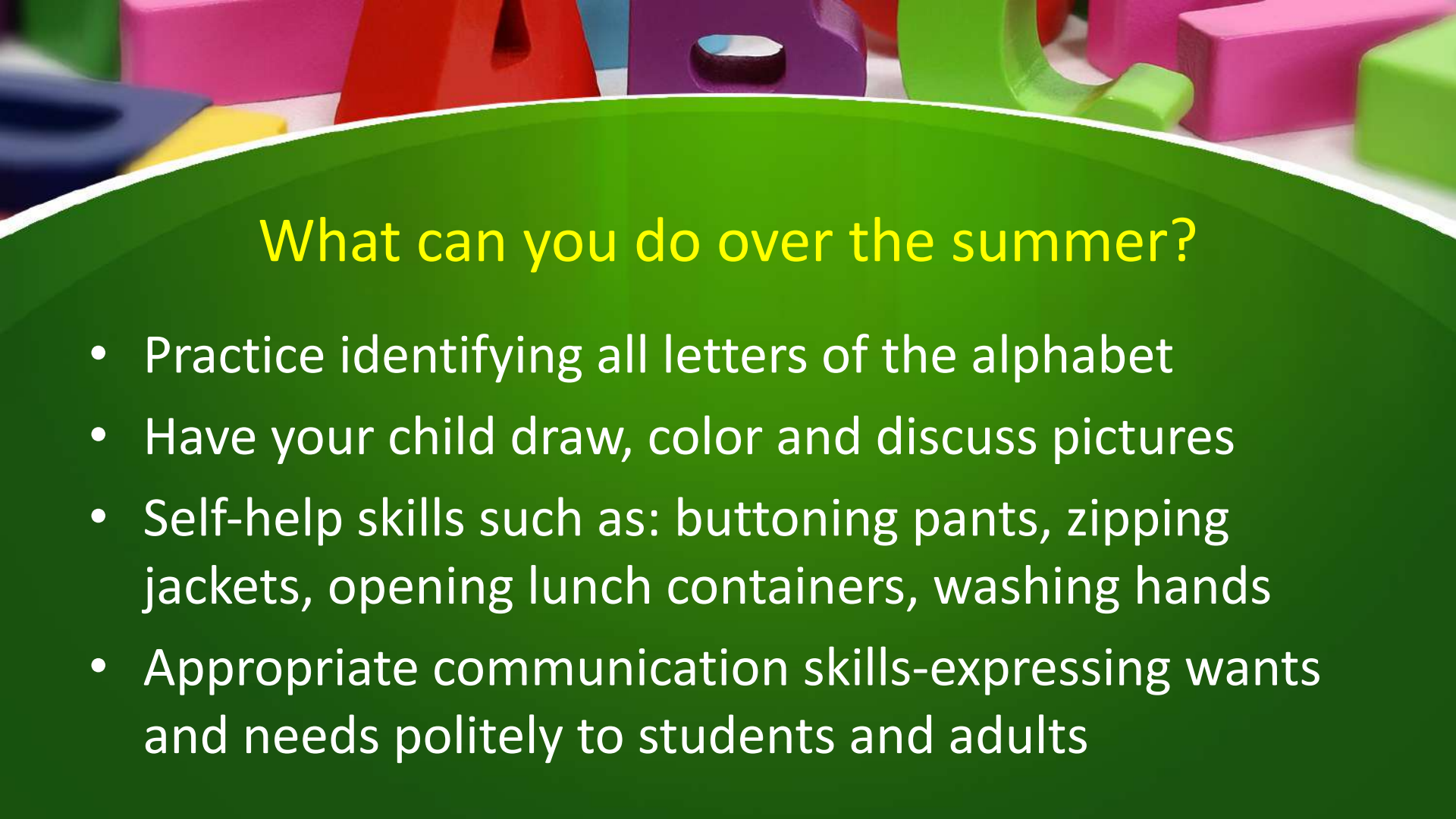
Summer Assessments

First Letter of Last Name	Assigned Date	Assigned Time
A-F	Tuesday, August 13 th , 2019	8:00-10:00 am
G-L	Tuesday, August 13 th , 2019	12:00-2:00 pm
M-R	Thursday, August 15 th , 2019	8:00-10:00 am
S-Z	Thursday, August 15 th , 2019	12:00-2:00 pm

Staggered Entry

- August 26th-29th (Full Day)
- Parents will receive a letter prior to the start of school stating each child's staggered day.
- Students will attend school only one day that week.
- Small class sizes to orient students to our classrooms and school
- All Students begin September 3rd.



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What can you do over the summer?

- Practice identifying all letters of the alphabet
- Have your child draw, color and discuss pictures
- Self-help skills such as: buttoning pants, zipping jackets, opening lunch containers, washing hands
- Appropriate communication skills-expressing wants and needs politely to students and adults



Tour of the School

- **Thank you so much. Our school tour is about to begin.**
- **DLI tour will be lead by Mrs. Sebek**
- **Traditional Kindergarten tour will be lead by Mrs. Spicer.**