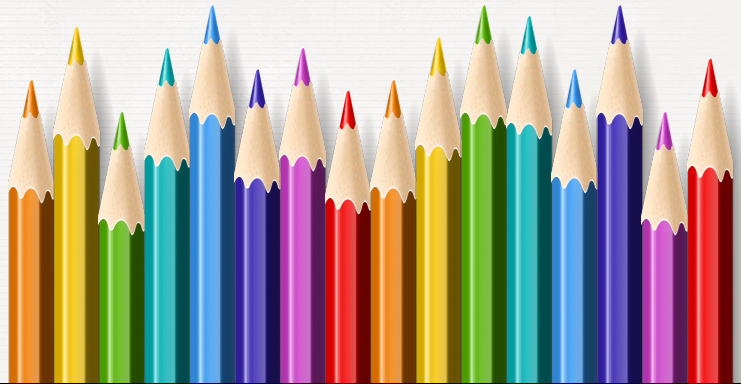
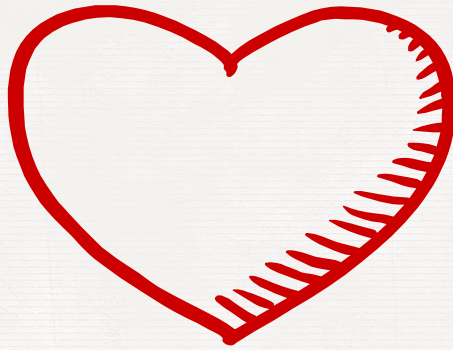


WELCOME KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES!



Welcome Eugene families! We are excited to have you as part of OUR family here at Edgewood Community Elementary School.

This resource has been created to provide you with information about how to register for kindergarten and to provide some guidance to help you feel prepared in starting your child in school.



Wishing you well

From our hearts to yours



We would like to begin by wishing your family well. We find ourselves in unprecedented times, with many new challenges. Our hope is that this finds you healthy and feeling safe.

In this presentation

- How to register
- Connecting with our school
- All about kindergarten
- Readiness resources



In this presentation you will learn about requirements and resources to register your child for kindergarten, ways to connect with your school, information about the kindergarten experience, and resources available now for families preparing for their kindergarten year.

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Kindergarten Registration

Eugene School District 4J

Visit us at www.4j.lane.edu

541-790-7700

Our priority right now is to ensure your family is able to register for kindergarten. Whatever our delivery method for fall may look like, ensuring families are registered will allow us to communicate and connect with you and your student in effective and meaningful ways.

Registration Packets

Electronic Forms

Visit

www.4j.lane.edu/2021enrollment

Fillable forms available. You may submit online or print and return completed packet to our school.

Paper Copies

Connect with our school secretary to request a packet.

Phone:
541-790-8700

Email:
bunson_t@4j.lane.edu

Summer Resources

In summer, packets may be picked up at food sites and dropped off through mail slot at 200 N. Monroe St.

Summer contact:
541-790-7721

Additional questions or assistance: enroll@4j.lane.edu



To register for Kindergarten, all students must have a completed registration packet turned in to their school. We are offering several ways to safely obtain and turn in your packet. Registration Packets are available electronically or by contacting our secretary Tanya.

If you are interested in scanning your completed registration materials to email in, please connect with your building secretary. They would be happy to work with you.

For registration over the summer, packets will be available at food distribution sites, or through the website listed here.

Completed hard copies can be delivered to Edgewood or to the district office through the mail slot.

Registration Checklist

- ✗ 4J Enrollment Form
- ✗ Parent/ Guardian identification
- ✗ Birth Certificate/ Proof of Age
- ✗ 2 Proofs of address
- ✗ Student Medical Report
- ✗ Certificate of Immunization
- ✗ Kindergarten enrollment survey
<https://forms.gle/ugMedMYD5H5wAhYR9>



Several forms are included with your registration packet. All forms must be turned in for us to register your child.

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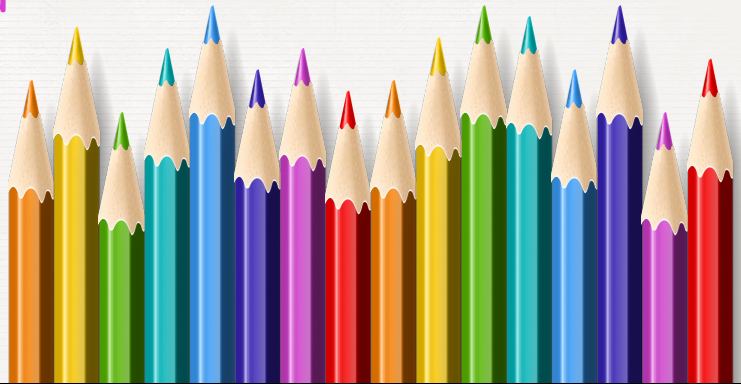
- a 4J student enrollment form which is several pages and should be completely and legibly filled out
- Plan on obtaining and submitting a copy of your child's birth certificate or other proof of age
- You will also need to provide 2 Proofs of address...1 must be either a current rental or lease agreement OR a mortgage or property tax statement, and 1 must be mail or correspondence from a utility company, bank, government agency, or a paystub. These 2 proofs of address must be dated within the last 60 days.
- Student Medical Reports are helpful and give your school critical information. If you are able to have a doctor fill it out, that would be ideal, but they are not required in Kindergarten.
- Immunizations- Please document all immunizations on the form provided in your Registration Packet. All incoming kindergarten students are encouraged to have one shot in each series. However, if this is a barrier for you, know that it is not required right away to register. The deadline is in February 2022. All immunizations must be complete and documented by this time in order to continue to attend school.

Please note- a parent or guardian will need to show or submit proof of identification when submitting completed packets.

Enrollment questions or assistance?

www.4j.lane.edu/enrollment2021

enroll@4j.lane.edu





Connecting with our School

Edgewood Community Elementary School

Visit us at <https://edgewood.4j.lane.edu/>

541-790-8700

More than anything else, our hope right now is to create connection.

You can find building contact information at our district website listed here and throughout this presentation

Many other resources for families are also available on our website. If you would like help navigating this, or just prefer to speak with us in person, please feel free to give us a call. We look forward to connecting with you!

Our Kindergarten Team

Kinder Teachers & Instructional Aides



Sofie Prideaux



Becky Leduc



Judy Weber



Tana Posey

Our entire staff is excited to connect with you. Sofie and Becky our our kindergarten teachers and Judy and Tana are our kindergarten educational assistants. Edgewood is planning on having three kindergarten classrooms this year.

Our Kindergarten Team

Front Office Staff



Jim Moore-Principal
moore_ji@4j.lane.edu



Tanya Bunson-Secretary
bunson_t@4j.lane.edu



Rebecca Ledbetter-Counselor
ledbetter_b@4j.lane.edu

Our office staff are here to help and welcome your child and family. If you have any general questions about Edgewood please contact Principal Moore or our secretary Tanya. Our counselor Rebecca works to support students at the school through classroom lessons, small groups focused on social skill development, emotional support, and being an additional trusted and supportive adult for any concerns that come up throughout the day. Rebecca supports families by assisting with community resources and referrals, offering support and guidance for at-home concerns, and being an advocate in the school setting. Rebecca is also the 504 Coordinator at Edgewood and advocate for all children to be able to access their education. If you have any questions in these areas please feel free to contact Rebecca.



All About Kindergarten

Eugene School District 4J

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541-790-7700

Kindergarten teachers, Educational Assistants, and staff cannot wait to meet and connect with you! This is a most special time for everyone.

Free Breakfast



www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition

nutrition@4j.lane.edu



At all 4J schools, Nutrition Services provides nutritious meals with a goal of offering fewer processed ingredients, more fresh fruits and vegetables, and a focus on local sourcing. Menus are available on line at the website listed here. (<https://www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition/menus/>).

All meals at school are currently free due to federal waiver. We will update our website if additional federal waivers allow for free lunches to continue into next school year.

Breakfast is ALWAYS free for all kids.

Free Meals Extended through June 2021

Free grab-and-go meals (breakfast and lunch served together) will be available for all 4J students and youth 18 years old and younger through June 2021. A dinner meal is provided when available Monday-Friday; this is provided at no cost to families through the Federal Child Nutrition Programs funding. There are no income requirements and no application necessary. Children do not need to be present when picking up meals. Families can choose the location that is most convenient for them, regardless of where they live or attend school.

Churchill Region

- Arts & Technology Academy, 1650 W. 22nd Ave.
- McCornack Elementary, 1968 Brittany St.

North Eugene Region

- Howard Elementary School, 700 Howard Ave.
- River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School, 120 W. Hilliard Lane
- Madison Middle School, 875 Wilkes Dr.

Sheldon Region

- Cal Young Middle School, 2555 Gilham Rd.
- Holt Elementary School, 770 Calvin St.

South Eugene Region

- Roosevelt Middle School, 500 E. 24th Ave.
- Spencer Butte Middle School, 500 E.43rd Ave.

Downtown

- ECCO, 200 N. Monroe St. (behind the district office)

Please contact nutrition@4j.lane.edu with questions.

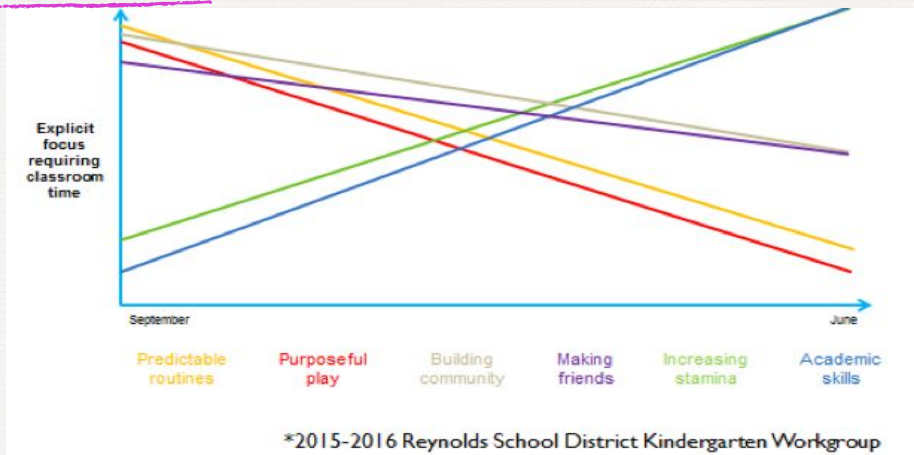
Kindergarten Learning



While we couldn't possibly fit all the things your child will learn into our time together today, here is a snapshot of some of the learning your child will experience in Kindergarten.

- **Art, movement, technology, language and communication, among other skills are integrated into multiple subject areas and throughout the day.**
- **Recess and learning through play**

Social-Emotional Skills



Social-Emotional Skills is a term used to describe things like taking turns, sharing, being a good sport, friendship, asking for help, and using kind words and actions... these skills are foundational to building community and setting the stage for learning in Kindergarten and beyond.

Teachers will spend time teaching and reinforcing these skills each day, as they build predictable routines for classroom learning. As shown in this graph, the beginning of the Kindergarten year is heavily focused on building these skills as the foundation for the learning environment. Throughout the year, academic content is introduced and students build stamina to work on tasks. This is a research-based, developmentally appropriate approach to learning for 5 and 6 year olds.

Literacy



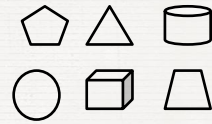
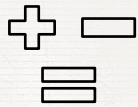
Aa Bb
Cc



A big part of kindergarten literacy is building a love of reading and writing! Students will work on hearing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, and beginning to put these skills together to read. They will also learn handwriting fundamentals and write stories using a mix of words, pictures, and dictation.

Mathematics

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Kinders come to see themselves as capable mathematicians by exploring mathematical situations called "tasks." Mathematicians answer questions like "What do you notice? What do you wonder?" Using hands-on tools to model thinking and playing games to notice patterns or the structure of numbers helps kinders develop deep math reasoning. When we encourage curiosity over speed or answer getting we create true thinkers and problem solvers!

Science



Science in kindergarten builds on a child's natural curiosity and wonder of the world around them. Science helps children develop their senses and overall awareness. Exploring daily happenings and materials in their world helps to develop life skills, including problem solving, communication, organization and focus, as well as form their own opinions based on observation. Most of all...Science is FUN!

Specialists

PE

Teamwork
 Movement
 Body awareness
 Sports
 Coordination

Music

Instruments
 Rhythm
 Songs
 Performance
 Working together

Library

Check out books
 Picture books
 Fiction
 Non-fiction
 Book fairs



Students also have specialists each week, this is when they will visit with either PE or Music teachers ...

PE (movement, body awareness, Learn about sports, teamwork and other skills... and

Music- learn about instruments, working together, rhythm, performance, songs and much more!

Library- weekly opportunities to visit the school library to learn about and borrow books to take home. All schools have their own school library with a range of printed materials including fiction and non-fiction reading books to explore. School libraries can also be a great opportunity to get involved as a school volunteer!



Readiness Resources

Eugene School District 4J

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541-790-7700

The best thing you can do to prepare your child for kindergarten is to love them and model a positive attitude about school. Our teachers are experts at what they do, and we are prepared to meet your child wherever they are at.

This is a special time in your child's life, and while we recognize families as a child's first and most important teacher, it is our honor and privilege to be your partner in education.




READ

EVERYDAY

Aside from loving your child, and modeling positive attitudes about school, the single most impactful action you can take in your child's educational development is to make reading part of your daily routine.

- **Opportunity for family Bonding**
- **Exposure to new Vocabulary**
- **Reading books helps Build knowledge**
- **Consider ways to make reading active!**
 - **Ask questions and encourage your child to make predictions along the way**
 - **how do you think the characters feel right now? have you ever felt that way? what do you think could happen next? What makes you think that?**

Routines

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- ✗ Reading together each day
 - ✗ Bed times
 - ✗ Morning routines
 - ✗ After school decompressing
 - ✗ Toileting and hand washing
 - ✗ Eating and portioning
 - ✗ Dressing- zips, buttons, & ties
 - ✗ Kind & helpful words and actions

- As we discussed, Reading routines- expose children to new vocabulary and ideas, and also provide a special bonding time for family.

- Today is a great day to begin to set up bed times and routines for winding down without screens. Consider the time your child will need be on their way to school, and back map to bed time the night before... consider time needed for sleep, time to get up and ready and on the way to school.

- Morning routines help set the tone for the day. Try laying out clothes or choices the night before- this will help everyone feel prepared and excited for the next day

- During the school day, students are working hard learning and following routines, after a long day with teachers and other students, kids will be tired, and can be emotionally and physically exhausted- consider setting up a routine for decompressing when they get home- this will look different for each child, but may involve cuddling with a loved one, or some quiet or alone time- you know your child's needs best.

- During school your child will be using school bathrooms. Please take time to discuss and practice toileting routines, washing hands, and manners in a public bathroom setting.

- Kindergarteners will be eating together in the cafeteria. Practice with portioning and taking safe bites may be helpful. If you have concerns about food allergies, please document them in your registration packet materials, and also discuss with the teacher and school nurse.

- Dressing with independence will be helpful to your child throughout the day- take time to practice with zippers, snaps, buttons, and tying shoes... Keep it fun

a positive, and encourage kids to do these skills on their own. If appropriate, consider talking with your teacher about keeping an extra set of clothes at school- puddles at recess and accidents happen to the best of us!

- Social skills are always helpful to practice- model and notice your child using kind and helpful words and actions. Asking for help is also a skill to practice when they feel stuck or unsure in a situation.

Resources



Ready4K

Research based text messaging program for parents and caregivers.

Fun facts and easy tips to boost learning

Text: R4K ELA5

To: 70138

vroom

Free, science-based tips and tools help parents and caregivers give children a great start in life today—and an even better future.

Vroom.org or phone app

Ready4K is a researched based text messaging program for families

- Absolutely Free
- You will receive 3 texts a week: M, W, F
- Fun facts, activities and helpful tips
- Ages 3, 4, and 5
- Here We have shared the code for kids 5 years old-

Vroom

- From the Bezos foundation
- Use the Vroom.org website or as an app on your mobile device
- Vroom customizes tips and activities to your child- enter birthday, and Vroom tips grow with your child
- Can use with multiple children and make accounts for each
- Ages 0 - 5

Resources



Lanekids.org

Activity calendar to locate activities to do with your kids across Lane County.

Blog with helpful parenting articles, and links to many resources.



kidsintransitiontoschool.org/blog

Information for families getting ready to start kindergarten.

Setting up routines, wellness for parents, reducing stress



Lane Kids

- **Our next resource is a website**

LaneKids is Lane County's hub for parents!

Find great parenting information here. Locate activities to do with your kids and connect with resources across Lane County.

You will also find links to most of the resources discussed here, and much more.

Kids In Transition to School and the KITS blog

- **Another great place for research based activities to prepare and get excited about school is the Kids In Transition to School Blog**
- **You will discover timely articles geared toward families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall**
- **KITS content is developed locally by the Oregon Social Learning Center**

Our district also offers a free summer KITS program for kids entering kindergarten in the fall. Go to the website listed, and click SIGN UP to apply for summer 2021.



- Families are our number one partner in education. In today's schools, there are simply far more jobs and responsibilities than there are people to do them. By helping with special events and routine tasks, volunteers allow teachers and staff to focus more on helping children learn and grow. Schools are able to offer children and families more services with the help of volunteers.
- Every 4J school welcomes and appreciates volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities to help at school or from home. Many volunteers work 1–3 hours per week; others help intermittently.

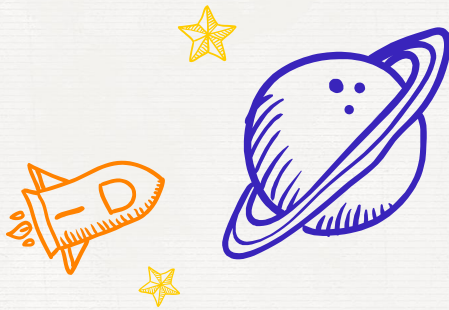
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- What skills would you like to contribute to our school community?
- Go to the webpage listed for more information on how to partner with your school

Very Important!

Send Tanya your contact information as soon as possible. This will ensure you receive all Edgewood communication about kindergarten and upcoming events.

Tanya Bunson
541-790-8700
bunson_t@4j.lane.edu



THANK YOU



As a parent or caregiver, know that you already have what it takes!

**Teachers and staff are excited to be your partner and resource in education.
Please reach out with any questions. We look forward to connecting with you.**