Welcome to Kindergarten!

We are so excited to have you join our Liberty family! We know this is a big transition for your family. Here are some frequently asked questions that might help you prepare.

What's Kindergarten screening, and does my child need to do it?

Kindergarten screening is a short assessment incoming Kindergarteners take before school starts. Every Kindergartener needs to be screened. If you did not already sign up through the SignUpGenius link, please call the school office at (615)790–0892 and schedule an appointment as soon as possible. We will be screening July 22, 23, 26, and 27.

What's Small Group Day?

Small Group Day is a day when Kindergarteners come to school and get introduced to their teacher, some of their classmates, and the building. Half of the class (or a small group) will attend each day so that students can ease into the transition of school. This year's Small Group Days will be Tuesday, August 10th and Wednesday, August 11th. Your student will only attend one of those days. You will select a Small Group Day after Kindergarten screening. This year's Small Group Days will begin at 9:00 AM and dismiss at 1:00 PM. Bus transportation is <u>not available</u> on these days. Students will eat lunch while at school. Please either send lunch money or a cold lunch from home for your student on that day.

What are the typical school hours?

Students may come to school after 8:00 AM. School starts at 8:30 AM and dismisses at 3:30 PM.

What school supplies do we need?

Supply lists are located on the school website in the "Students and Families" section. You can also grab a copy of the list in the school office. If possible, please send school supplies with your student on Small Group Day. There will also be an option to have your child's school supplies ordered through a link on the school website. These supply boxes will be delivered to your child's teacher prior to the first day of school.

What's the dress code?

Students need to be in school appropriate clothing. We ask that they wear tennis shoes every day so they're ready for P.E. and recess. If your student would like to wear a dress or skirt, please have them wear shorts underneath to keep them covered while sitting on the carpet and playing on the playground.

Where's the lunch menu? How do I pay for my student's lunch?

You can find menus and other helpful information about lunch by clicking on the "Cafeteria" option on our school website. Breakfast and lunch will be free for students during the 2021-2022 school year.

What if my student is bringing his or her lunch?

Please have them practice opening and closing their lunch containers on their own at home. Breakfast and lunches brought from outside food service facilities (Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, etc.) will not be permitted to be consumed in the cafeteria, according to FSSD School Board policy 3.500.

Is there a snack time?

Yes! We have a daily snack in Kindergarten. Like lunch, please have your child practice opening and closing their snack containers at home so they can use them independently at school. Please send in a healthy snack each day (no cookies, cakes or chips.)

Is there a nap time?

We have a daily rest time until Labor Day to help their bodies transition to the long day of school. After that, we won't be having a rest time. Please do not send any blankets, mats, stuffed animals, etc. to school for rest time.

What does a typical day in Kindergarten look like?

We stay very busy in Kindergarten! A typical day will include these activities, plus more.

- 2 Hours+ of Reading/Writing Instruction
- (Whole Group, Small Groups, Phonics, Literacy Centers, Word Work, Writing, Read Aloud)
 - I Hour+ of Math Instruction

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- 30 Minutes of Science/Social Studies
- I Hour of Specials (P.E., Music, Art, etc.) and 30 Minutes of Recess