

## Ways to Prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Visit the playground a few times during the summer.

Get your child excited about school by including them in your **supply shopping** trips

- ✓ **backpack** (not too large -- avoid wheels because they will not fit in the cubby space; not too small --needs to be large enough to hold a folder)
- ✓ **general supply items for all classes**
- ✓ **teacher requested items** (specific list for individual classrooms from your child's teacher)

*Hint: General supplies and teacher supplies, and can be left in the room at Open House to help create a smooth first day.*



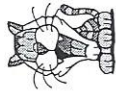
**Clothing:** Ball caps, flip flops and spaghetti strap tops are not allowed. To make the day easy on your child, it is recommended that your child can put on and take off clothing by him/herself with ease. Since accidents can always happen, please send an **EXTRA** set of clothes appropriate for the season. Put these in a ziplock bag to be kept in his/her backpack for emergencies. Remember to include underwear and socks and to label each article with your child's name.

PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME on all jackets, backpacks, lunchboxes and other personal items. Toys are not to be brought to school.

## Kindergarten Faculty

Fall 2019

**Principal:** Mrs. Nancy Gurganus  
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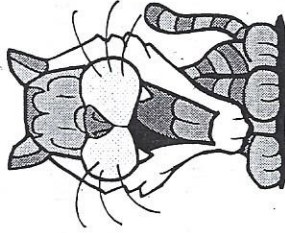
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Thank you for reading through this in order to be better prepared to help your child succeed in kindergarten!

# Welcome to Ringgold Primary School Kindergarten



## Parent Guide

This will be a wonderful and exciting year for you and your child. If at any time you have any questions, concerns, or praises, please feel free to share these with your child's teacher or the school office staff.

"It is not so much what is poured into the student, but what is planted that really counts." Unknown

**Be Responsible, Be Polite, and Be Safe**  
(RPS)

Code of Conduct

Respect, Obey, Listen, Forgive

## Things to Remember

Lunch money and breakfast money can be paid weekly, monthly or daily. It is best to pay weekly or monthly in the beginning.

*Hint: Lunch money and \$25 supply donation can be paid at Open House Night to help create a smooth first day start. (Two separate checks payable to RPS)*

**Communication** is essential. A folder will be sent home daily that contains the written work, a behavior checklist, and any special notes or information. It is very important that you review this and return it the next day with any comments or questions. Your voice is very meaningful to us!

"Everyone and everything around you is your teacher." Ken Keyes Jr.

Kindergarten is a busy, hands-on learning place. **Regular attendance** in kindergarten is expected. A successful school career depends upon the habit of regular attendance. Most kindergarten learning activities are group oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is next to impossible to make up work at home.

## \* Is My Child Ready ?

In order to be ready to begin kindergarten in September, your child should be able to respond automatically (within 3 seconds) to you about all of the skills below.

Knows difference between **first and last name**. *Hint: What's your first name? "Lisa" (not Lisa Smith) What's your last name? "Smith"*

Practice **writing first name** in proper form. (*Usually* the first letter is the only capital, the rest are lower case. All the letters are included and in the correct order without your hinting at what comes next.)

*i.e., Tommy, LeAnn, Susan*

Use flash cards to **recognize upper and lower case letter names** out of order.

☺ *Hint: Begin with the letters in the child's name and then add more.*  
*Example: Ashley -- y, h, l, e, A, s*

Say **numbers in order** as far as you can (up to 100).

**Count up to 10 objects** in a group. **Touch only 1 object for every number** said. *Line up spoons or shoes or cars and count them.*

Use flash cards to recognize and name **numbers 0-10** out of order.

☺ *Hint: Play find the letter or number on food labels, street signs, ...*

Use shape cards to **name shapes** (circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon - 6 sides; cube, sphere, cone, cylinder).

Use crayons to have your child tell you the name of the **color** (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, white, black).

☺ *Hint: Play the "I spy a (shape name / color name)" game.*

**Read a book** (5-10 minute story). Watch your child to see if he can stay seated and pay attention to the pictures and story for the entire time without becoming distracted.

**Read nursery rhymes**. Ask your child to listen for words that sound alike and see if your child can keep the rhythm of the poems when he repeats them.

☺ *Hint: Play listening games. Say five numbers and see if your child can listen and echo them back to you. Try it with object names, colors, ...*