

Rockingstone Heights Primary Orientation Information



School Hours

8:55 -Student Entry/Attendance

9:00-Classes Start

12:00-12:45-Lunch

12:50-2:50 -Afternoon Classes

2:50 -Dismissal

*Primary students need to have an adult or older sibling meet them at the end of each day. Please let your child's teacher know who is allowed to pick them up at dismissal

* Please sign and return the lunch form that will be sent home on the first day of school if you wish your child to stay at school for lunch.

What to expect on the first day of school...

Please note: This information is under normal circumstances... We will update you on this later in the summer.

- Tuesday, September 7th
- Students meet teacher by back doors in the morning
- Students will say goodbye to their parents/guardians and walk to their classroom with their teacher
- We will read, write, draw, color, play, sing, have circle time and lots of fun!
- Dismissal will be at 2:50 at the back doors

A Day in Primary

- Students will learn ABC's and letter sounds so they quickly learn to read and write
- Students will learn numbers to 10 so they can show numbers as two parts and count to 20
- Students will have lots of fun reading poems and books together, singing songs, playing games, talking and sharing ideas, coloring, drawing, printing and using hands on materials to learn
- Music Classes are two times a week and Physical Education Classes are three times a week. Students will also get to enjoy the Library once a week
- We will also sing, play, talk, laugh, and have fun learning together

Primary Learning

- Focus is Language Arts & Math
- Students have many opportunities to learn and practice new skills
- Teachers see what students know by watching them work and by talking to them about what they are learning
- Report cards will have a comment but no letter grades
- Attendance is very important!

What to Bring to School

- Indoor shoes (Velcro)
- Backpack
- Snack and lunch
 - *Please show your child which food is for snack and which food is for lunch
- Extra change of clothes (Please label)
 - *These clothes will stay at school and be returned at the end of the school year
- School Supplies (Please label)

Talk about school and let your child know it will be fun and enjoyable!

Recess, Lunch & Outside Play

- The Primary students will have turns playing on the playground
- Students will have the opportunity to play with their peers in a safe, supervised area
- Supervision is provided by teaching staff during recess and lunch monitors during lunch
- Please make sure your child has indoor shoes and outdoor shoes that are velcro as well as appropriate clothing for the weather

How You Can Help

- Read to your child every day
- Teach your child to recognize letters
- Teach your child to print their name (First letter uppercase and all the other letters lowercase (For example, write “Jahvon” not “JAHVON”))
- Teach your child numbers to count/recognize numbers to 10
- Practice independently getting dressed (buttons, zippers, shoes, jackets, mittens)
- Teach your child how to open snack containers and their lunch bag
- Practice independence with the bathroom especially hand washing
- Ensure your child is getting to bed early so they are awake and ready to learn at school
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time (before the first bell)

