WELCOME KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES!

The Summit Primary Centers at Wilson

“We inspire ALL to develop a growth mindset and the joy of learning in a creative, safe, and inclusive environment.”

What will my child need for the first day of school?

- Full size backpack (without wheels, please!)
- Reusable lunch bag and water bottle
- ONE Healthy snack
- Comfortable clothing and play appropriate footwear
- Emergency set of clothing in a ziplock bag
- EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED!

LUNCH PROCEDURES

- No buying during the first week of school
  - This allows time for students to acclimate.
- Pay for lunch online and send orders to school

What time is arrival and dismissal?

- CARLINE AND DROP OFF: 8:05 AM-8:25 AM

- DISMISSAL: 3:15 PM

Single session days, delayed openings and early closings have different schedules on the school website.

What are the drop off and pick up procedures?

MORNING CARLINE

- Students must buckle and unbuckle their car seat independently.
- Student should be seated in the backseat on the passenger side.
- Drive slowly and stay in line.
- Adults stay in the vehicle. Staff members will open the car door and help students to step out of the vehicle safely.
- Leave pets at home.
- Place yellow placards with student name to be visible in the passenger's side window or in your hand.
    - Placards will be distributed prior to the first day of school
    - Extra placards will be supplied by the Main Office upon parent request.
    - Please send in a note if your child is going home with another adult.
        - We will ask for the yellow placard and/or identification

What are the drop off and pick up procedures?

PICK UP

- Carline
  - Place placard in the window as you approach the school.
  - The line may drive up to the entrance starting at 3:10.
  - Staff members will walk your child to your car door.
- Walk
  - Walkers are dismissed from the Multipurpose Room Door starting at 3:15.
  - Bring your placard

When are scheduled check-ins with the teacher?

KINDERGARTEN DROP IN

August 26 2:30-3:00 pm

- This is a opportunity for your child to say hello to their new teacher just prior to the first day of school

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT-

- September evening, date TBD

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- **Nov. 1-3** Single Session Days for Grades K-5
- **April 6-8** Single Session Days for Kindergarten Only

REPORT CARDS

- January and June

How Can I Build a Home-School Partnership?

- Get to know your child's teacher
- Tell the teacher about anything that could impact your child's learning
- Share concerns
- Let the teacher know if there is something going on at home, positive or negative.

How Can I Stay Informed?

- Check teacher/district website regularly
- Weekly news
- Check your child's folder daily
- Know contact information -
  - The teacher’s name
  - Our school secretary: Mrs. Schneider
    dschneider@summit.k12.nj.us

How Can I Get Involved?

- Class Mystery Reader
- Volunteer in School
  - Art in the Classroom
  - Field Day
- Join the PTO

Please Join the PTO!

- WILSON PRIMARY CENTER PTO Board Members 21/22
  - Katelyn Luke
  - Catherine Annibal
  - Alison Schilsky
  - Stacy Weinstein

  Email: wilsonpcpto@gmail.com

  Hoping for parent volunteer opportunities next year!

How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?

BUILDING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

- Monitoring “screen time”
- Following simple 2 step directions at home independently
- Encourage play dates
- Play outside
- Develop independence
- Provide opportunities to solve problems

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BUILDING EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

- Make up stories and act them out with puppets
- Talk and listen to each other
- Share funny stories
- Sing songs and recite poems
- Notice environmental print
- READ to your child daily!

How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?

BUILDING EARLY MATH SKILLS

- Count everything!
- Look for patterns
- Notice numbers and shapes in your environment
- Play board and card games

How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?

BUILDING MOTOR SKILLS

Help your child master skills that use both small AND large muscles.

- Hold a pencil
- Stand on one foot
- Bounce a ball back and forth
- “Walk the tightrope”
- Trace simple shapes
- Cut with safety scissors
- Color and scribble
- Button, zip, and tie

How We Build Social And Emotional Skills at School

- Researched based model that supports both individual and community
- Expectations are developed by the students
- Common language across the school
- Everything is stated in the positive (Don’t run vs. walk)
- Lessons with our School Counselor, Mrs. DiFabrizio.

Balanced Literacy Throughout the Day

- Reading and Writing Workshop
- TC Phonics
- Shared Reading/Writing
- Interactive Writing
- Interdisciplinary Units
- Read Aloud

Math Workshop

- GO MATH!
- Number recognition
- Counting 1-100/Counting by tens
- Geometry
- Identifying, composing, and decomposing teen numbers
- Adding and subtracting to 10
- Problem solving (word problems that connect to everyday life)
- Comparing numbers
- Measurement, classifying and sorting data

Science and Technology

Science - Ecosystems (Eggs and life cycles)

- Pushes and Pulls (Simple Machines)
- Engineering and Design Challenges
- Weather/Climate
- Problem Based Learning

Technology-

- Smart Easel
- Chromebooks
- Digital Cameras
- Videos

Social Studies

ME AND WE

- Community and Self
- Community Supply and Demand
- Culture and Holidays
- Contributing to the Community
- Change and History
- Growth Mindset

Specials

- Physical Education with Mrs. Killeen
- Library with Mrs. Abramov
- Spanish with Senora Muldoon
- Art & Music with Mrs. Paris

Community Building Activities

RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM

- Morning Meeting
- Share
- Brain Breaks
- Academic Choice

English as a Second Language

- Parents of qualifying students will be contacted.
- Grapeseed Program
- Pull-out and Push-in
- Collaboration with K Teachers

YOU will always be your child's first and most important teacher.

A strong home-school partnership will support your child's success!

Show your child that school is important to YOU…

Your attitude will be contagious!

Class Placement

- The Primary Centers are proud to have an exemplary staff. Our teachers are experts in early childhood education and continually enhance their skills through professional development.
    - Balanced kindergarten classes are created based on a variety of factors, such as home school and scheduling needs for in-school services.
    - Parents may write to request placement by describing the needs of their child. However, we cannot guarantee placement with specific teachers.

Reminders

- You will be notified of your child's teacher in late August.
- The first day of school is August 30.
- If you have not received emails from us, please contact:
  - Mrs. Schneider at dschneider@summit.k12.nj.us
- Please e-mail Mrs. Schneider if you have any further questions about tonight's presentation
- If you have any changes over the summer, please let us know.