

Welcome to Kindergarten at Whitwell Elementary!

- Thank you for your patience as we wait for others to join this zoom meeting.
- Please go ahead and mute yourself. Mute is located at the bottom left hand corner.



Before We Get Started

- Please leave any questions in the chat box. Those will be answered at the end.
- We will address county plans that pertain to our grade level.
- Keep in mind some things will be teacher specific. Read **ALL** the information your child brings home.



Meet the Kindergarten Teachers!!!



Hi! I'm Ms. Ashley! I've been
teaching for seven years.



Hi! I'm Mrs. Stacey! I've been
teaching for 18 years.



Hi! I'm Mrs. Jennifer! I've
been teaching for 22 years.

I will be the teacher for the students signed
up for virtual learning.



Hi! I'm Mrs. Tara! I've been
teaching for 23 years.



Supplies for In-School Students

- 2 packs of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue with orange cap
- 4 or more glue sticks
- 1 pair of Fiskar scissors
- 1 pack of Crayola markers (classic colors/broad tip)
- 1.5 inch white 3 ring binder with a clear front cover
- 1 plastic soap box
- 2 Expo dry erase black markers
- 1 primary journal (made by Mead)
- 1 pack of Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 pair of headphones in labeled baggie
- 1 box of kleenex
- Girls: 1 box of quart size baggies
- Boys: 1 box of gallon size baggies
- Backpack (no wheels)
- \$20 Room fee donation
- \$5 Scrapbook fee donation

Please send all supplies in a labeled bag. Teachers will label individual supplies.



When do I bring school supplies?

- August 25th-27th between 8:30am - 5:30pm
- August 31st between 8:00am - 2:30pm.
- September 1st between 8:00am - 11am.
- September 2nd - 4th between 8:00am - 3:00pm



Optional Personal Items

★ **Water bottle**

- Water fountains are closed.
- Choose a bottle that is easy to open, not breakable, and will not spill. Please write your child's first and last name on it.
- Water bottles are to go home daily for cleaning.
- Only clear water is allowed.

★ **Change of Clothes**

- Please put a change of clothes in a labeled baggie inside your child's backpack. These will stay in backpacks for emergencies.

★ **Velcro or no tie shoes**

- To prevent spread of germs, it is best that teachers do not tie children's shoe laces. For safety reasons, provide your child with shoes that do not have shoe strings or teach your child how to tie their shoe laces.



Supplies for Virtual Students

- 24 count pack of Crayola crayons
- 4 or more glue sticks
- 1 pair of Fiskar scissors
- 1 pack of Crayola markers (classic colors/broad tip)
- 1 primary journal (made by Mead)
- 1 pack of Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 pair of headphones

If your child returns to school in January, they will need to bring scissors, Crayola markers, primary journal, and headphones from home. Additional supplies are listed in the next slide.



Virtual

- There will be another zoom orientation specific to our virtual classroom in the near future.
- If students return to school in January, they will need these additional supplies:
 - 1.5 inch white 3 ring binder with a clear front cover
 - 2 Expo dry erase thin tip black markers
 - 1 box of kleenex
 - Backpack - no wheels
 - \$20 Room fee donation
 - \$5 Scrapbook fee donation



Phase-In

- Half of the students will come on Sept. 8th and 9th. The other half will come on Sept. 10th and 11th.
- All students will come the following week.
- You will be notified which days your child will attend.



Morning Drop Offs

★ BUS

- The buses will drop off students at the bus circle doors (facing WMS) between 6:45 - 7:00 am.
- Temperatures will be checked, then students will go to the Little Theatre.

★ CAR

- Kindergarten car riders will drop from 7:00 - 7:15 in the front circle.
- Kindergarten car riders will drop off at the back parking lot from 7:15am - 7:30 am.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Students' temperatures will be checked before exiting the vehicle, then they will go to the Little Theatre.



Afternoon Pick Up

★ BUS

- All bus students will release at 2:20pm and will load in the bus circle.

★ CAR

- Kindergarten car riders will be released at 2:10pm. They will load in the back parking lot near the red playground.
- You may stand outside your car door, but you do NOT come to your child. Your child will come to you.



Bathroom Breaks

- Each kindergarten classroom has a single bathroom.
- Students will be required to know how to use the restroom without help.
- Students will be required to wash their hands with soap and water.
- We will have hand sanitizer available as well.
- Our bathrooms do not lock. Be aware we will try our best for students to not walk in on each other, but even with rules and procedures set, this may happen.
- The bathroom will be deep cleaned daily and will be spot cleaned 3 times a day.



Communication

- Communication is always important, but especially this year with all the changes and unknowns.
- Ways to stay in touch:
 - Remind app
 - WES and Teacher
 - Red Take Home Folders
 - School Facebook page
 - School website www.westigers.com (email teacher)
 - Each teacher may have another form of communication they prefer as well.



Red Take Home Folders

- Your child will have a red folder that they bring from school to home every day.
- It will be the child's responsibility to take things out of it and put things in it at school.
- Please take out all papers on the "Keep at Home" side each evening.
- Notes will be sent home in the folder as well as student work. You can send notes in this folder as well.
- Any money sent in folders needs to be a labeled ziplock baggie or envelope. Label with your child's name, teacher's name, and what the money is for. **We DO NOT check backpacks!!!**



Information from
Mr. Smith
&
Ms. Nicole



Registration

- If you have not registered your child yet, there will be another registration day on Sept. 1st 7:30-11:00 am.
- If your child is signed up for remote learning. You need to come on this day to get materials during your scheduled time.



If I ride a bus...

- Bus drivers and students are required to wear a mask.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- When possible, students will be distanced on the bus.
- Siblings who live in the same home will sit together.
- Windows will be opened for air flow when weather is permitting.
- Parents and guardians are required to sign the bus rules form.
Failure to follow the bus rules, will result in child being denied bus privileges.



Breakfast

- Breakfast will be served in classrooms.
- Students will come to classrooms at 7:15 am. Breakfast will be brought to the classroom.
- Desks will be cleaned first thing in the morning.
- Students will wash hands before and after eating.



Lunch

- There will be a rotation where children will eat in the cafeteria and other days in the classroom.
- Some days we may eat outside.
- Your child will have 3 options to choose for lunch.
- Lunch will be bagged and delivered to the rooms.
- Only chocolate milk or water will be available this year.
- Your child may bring his/her own lunchbox. However, we encourage getting a lunch provided by the cafeteria. If your child brings their lunch, your child **MUST** be able to open **ALL** the items themselves. We want to avoid touching food packaging as much as possible.



Recess

- Playgrounds are closed, but we will have play time!
- We will either play on grass areas or take walks around the school.
- We will practice social distancing as much as possible.



Related Arts

- Related Arts schedules will be given to you by your child's teacher.
- Due to Covid-19, we are unsure of how the related arts schedule will look. However, in the past:
 - Your child **MUST** wear tennis shoes on PE day.
 - On art day, students may get paint on clothing. You may not want your child wearing her/his favorite outfit on that day.



Health and Safety

- Students and staff are required to wear cloth masks during transition times. This includes the bus, drop off, pick up, and hallway.
- Students are not required to wear masks in the classroom, but they can if they choose to. We each have a system of what your child will do with his/her mask when it is not being worn.
- Masks need to be washed before wearing again. We suggest also washing jackets and backpacks often.



Health and Safety Continued...

- Students and staff will be screened daily for symptoms or exposure and will have their temperature taken with a no touch thermometer.
- Classrooms will be disinfected 3 times a day and then thoroughly cleaned after the building is empty.
- The school and buses will also be disinfected daily.
- Students and staff will maintain a distance of 3-6 ft when possible. Desks are at least 3 ft apart in our classrooms.



Be Ready for Virtual

- Your child will be getting a personal google classroom email account in case we all end up having to go remote at some point during the school year.
- We may be using Google Classroom and/or Zoom this year.

**Please reach out to us if you need something or have questions!
We are here to work as a team with you to give your children the best education possible and the best school year possible!**



Thank You

- We are blessed to be your child's teacher this year and want this to be a happy successful school year!
- Thank you for being supportive and patient during this unusual time.
- Please ask any questions in the chat box at this time.
- We will get them answered to the best of our ability.

