

WELCOME to KINDERGARTEN

Dear NPCS Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten at North Park Community School! I am so excited to be your child's teacher. I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for this year's virtual learning adventure! Kindergarten is a time for your child to expand on his or her love for learning as he or she continues to grow emotionally, socially, and academically. This year will be filled with energetic learning, discovery, and interactive fun! In the classroom, I strive to build meaningful relationships and provide students with real life learning opportunities. It is my goal to ensure your child enjoys learning and is engaged in our classroom community.

I know this is not how you planned for your child to start Kindergarten, but I assure you we will get through this challenging time together. I am here to help guide you through the virtual learning platform and ensure your child is actively engaged in each lesson. I have gathered several resources for your child to use during synchronous and asynchronous learning times. In addition, I will be available through DOJO, email, and virtual office hours in Microsoft Teams if at any point you have questions or concerns. You can also send me pictures or videos of your child learning at home. I would LOVE that!

We will use Schoology as our Learning Management System. You will refer to Schoology for the weekly lesson plans, live links, daily activities and videos. When logging into Schoology, you will see folders organized by subject with the necessary activities and videos to ensure you have everything you need to be successful co-teachers at home. Microsoft Teams is our Virtual Conferencing Tool. Microsoft Teams links will be available in Schoology. There are a variety of links that you will have access to such as our core lesson links (ELA and Math), encore links (PE, Music, and Art), small group links, and a family support link (available throughout the school day). If your child is unable to attend a live lesson, each lesson will be recorded and posted in Schoology.

Your child will also receive a resource folder and hands-on learning toolkit at the at the Material Pick-up Day. My weekly lesson plans will indicate the necessary materials needed for each live lesson. You will need your child's 900 number and password; this can be found on the white index card located in the resource folder.

I understand you are receiving quite a bit of information, so remember to take a deep breath (as I continue to do). We are in this TOGETHER and are looking forward to a FANTASTIC year! Please refer to the important meeting times below for our first few days of school! I look forward to meeting everyone on Tuesday!

Love,

Mrs. Ketteman

Tuesday 9/8/20

9:00-9:45 → Welcome Presentation (see Teams link on NPCS Webpage)

10:00-11:00 → Meet the Teacher (See Teams link sent via DOJO message)

1:00-1:45 Technology Training (see Teams link on NPCS Webpage calendar)

Wednesday 9/9/20

9:00-11:00 → Live Lessons Begin (see Teams link in [Schoology → HR Course → Live Links → Core Lessons](#))

2:00-2:45 → Kindergarten Parent Orientation (see Teams link in [Schoology → HR Course → Live Links → K Orientation](#))

4:00-4:45 → Technology Training (see Teams link NPCS Webpage calendar)

Thursday 9/10/20

9:00-11:00 → Live Lessons (see Teams link in [Schoology → HR Course → Live Links → Core Lessons](#))

12:15-1:00 → Kindergarten Material Pick-Up