

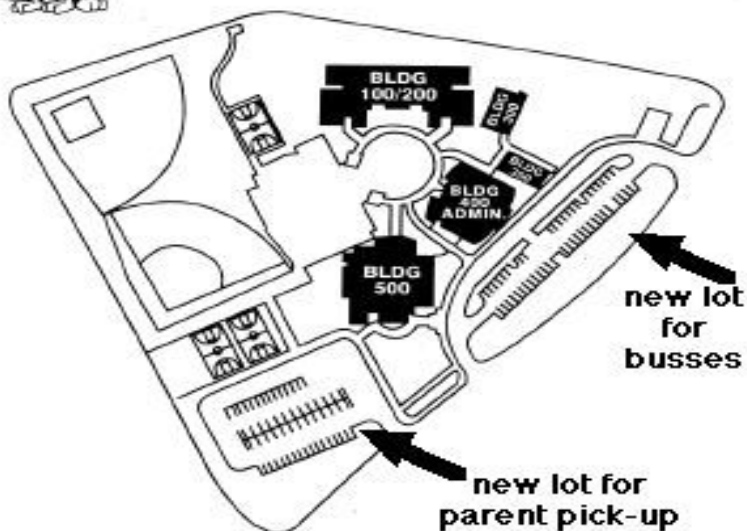
Frequently Asked Questions in Kindergarten

Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

A.M. Children may arrive at school no earlier than 8:30. At that time there will be a teacher on duty until 8:45 when the bell rings. You may walk your child to the office after you have parked. Please do not park in the bus lane in the front of the school. It is always good socially for the children to play before their day starts. This is sometimes where the best friendships are formed! ***You may not drop off at the curb in front of the playground- this area is for busses only.**



LEGEND SPRINGS SCHOOL



A.M. Half Day Dismissal 11:30 a.m. - You may pick up children at the Kinder Gate by the Kinder Playground- do not park in the bus lane please.
P.M.- Dismissal for the students is by the kindergarten gate if you arrive by 3:25 pm, if you arrive after 3:25 the children will be waiting for you by the parent pick-up lot- see map above. The lot closest to kindergarten is for busses only at the P.M. dismissal time- you may not park in this lot at the afternoon dismissal time.

Please Note: There will be 2 lines for dismissal. **One** bus/daycare line and **One** parent “pickup” line. There will be teachers for each line. WE must know how your child is getting home so that we can put them in the correct line. Please help us reinforce to your child that they **MUST** stay in the line we put them in. They don’t have the choice to switch lines. (Trust me they will try to switch lines to be with a friend.) There are many students to keep track of when the entire campus is released. We will be leaving our classrooms a little early to ensure the safety of your children. If you want to pick up your child by the classroom at dismissal, that is fine and is also highly recommended. However, once we have begun our walk across campus to the parent pickup or bus area, please do not pull your child out of our line without being sure to notify one of us. We have already done a head count!!! If you have older siblings picking up your kindergartner, they may meet us at parent pickup unless you make prior arrangements with us. We cannot leave any child alone unsupervised by the door, at flagpole or on the playground.

What if my child cries every day when I leave and latches on to me?

It is often best to say your goodbyes quickly. If your child is having separation anxiety (or you are, as a parent) progressively working your way to just dropping off your child is usually best.

For example: if your child is still excessively crying and needs to be pried off of you, the following step is a suggestion;

saying your goodbyes by the gate for a few days, then the office door and eventually the car. It can be quite a process. If your child continues crying and it carries on into the classroom and now affects other students’ learning, you will be notified. Ms. Crane and Mrs. Barbee will be outside on duty each morning and afternoon. There is no need to be on the playground for goodbyes as it tends to prolong the ultimate independence we are striving for in Kindergarten. Unless you are volunteering, have signed in and are wearing a sign in sticker/badge you are not permitted on our playground at any time.

When is a good time to conference with my child’s teacher to find out about his/her progress? Dismissal & Arrival are always hectic times and we really don’t have time to “chat.” Our focus is to make sure all students

get where they need to be in a safe and timely manner. Keep in mind the teachers are supervising all students at this time. An e-mail during the day is great! Conferences will be held in October and March. We can also speak with you while you are volunteering if there is a “quiet moment or two”.

*****Don't ask questions about your child in front of other parents-unless you don't mind others hearing the answer.**

What if my child is sick?

Please notify the attendance line and keep them home. If your child breaks out in a rash, chicken pox, strep, pink eye or anything he/she may have exposed the class to, please notify the attendance line and the nurse. The teachers, parents and children appreciate you not sending your child to school when ill, nobody likes to take time off work, including your child's teacher. We will take all appropriate measures to not spread germs at school so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

What if I am running late picking up my child?

Please notify the front office and they will notify me. If you are running late and didn't notify the office, your child will be waiting in the office for pickup. It does get hot at parent pickup and we don't want the children to become overheated. We would never leave your child unattended in an area for pickup. August, September, October and May are very hot and we will not wait long at the pickup area for the safety of the children, so if you are running late please go to the office for pickup.

What if it is raining?

If it is raining when your child arrives at school they may wait in the office until the teacher arrives at 8:30. Please remember children are not allowed on campus until 8:30, we do have before school care if you need to leave for work early. The office has all of the information on this great program. If it is raining at dismissal you may pick up your child at the kinder gate or in the office. We will not take them out to stand in the rain.

Can I bring my toddler/baby with me to volunteer?

Unfortunately siblings are not allowed in the classroom for volunteer time or field trips. They are welcome to attend class parties as long as you have

made arrangements with our homeroom parent. Additional seating, crafts or snacks may need to be provided. Keep in mind that this is a special time for your kindergartner. Brothers and sisters will also have their special time when they begin school.

What if I need information regarding transportation, cafeteria or after school care?

Please check with our school office for these programs and phone numbers. They are a separate entity from your child's teacher. The LS website is also a great resource.

What if our family doesn't celebrate Halloween or the holidays?

That's ok, we don't teach "holidays." We are required by the state to identify particular dates on the calendar. We will refer to our class parties as "Fall" or "Winter" Celebrations. The crafts and activities will be thematic; leaves or harvest in the Fall and snowmen or seasons for Winter. **There will be no dressing up in costumes at any time.**

Will there be a "graduation" at the end of the year?

We will have a singing program for the parents to attend in December & again towards the end of the year. A graduation is a sense of completion. This is Kindergarten and first grade is very difficult. We wouldn't want to give the students mixed signals.

How do I get the other children's contact info for play dates or birthdays? There will be a student directory handed out after the beginning of the year. If you would like your info. on the directory be sure to fill out your info. on the paper that comes home. If you'd like to volunteer to make the directory please e-mail your child's teacher.

How can I help my child become more independent?

Please do not carry your child's backpack for them. They need to get accustomed to wearing it and being responsible enough to set it on the wall at the end of the line with the other backpacks. Please do not walk them to the classroom door. Please encourage your child to put their backpack on the wall and go play with their friends. Please allow your child to hand in box tops, papers etc. on their own. The teacher will remind them as they

enter the room and at various times of the day to check their backpack for papers that need to be turned in that day. Please do not hand us paperwork unless it is an urgent note regarding a different mode of transportation. We each have many students and parents wanting to hand us things around the clock and if we are handed things outside of the classroom there is a greater chance it will get lost. Again, if the information can be sent via e-mail, please do that instead. If you are noticing that you are reminding your child to hand in paperwork, and the teacher is reminding them and they still forget, send a quick e-mail and we will try to remind them specifically. We really want them to be independent!

What if I am scheduled to volunteer and I can't come in or I would like to volunteer but I'm not on the monthly schedule?

Speak with your child's teacher, e-mail is preferred. If you can't come in on your scheduled day please find a replacement or let us know a couple days ahead of time so that we can make arrangements. If you would like to volunteer but aren't on the schedule send us an e-mail and we'd be happy to add you to the Volunteer Calendar. All Volunteers need to take the Volunteer Class- ask for times/days in the office, once you are cleared you can be added to the schedule. We could not do all that we do without your help, we love Volunteers at Legend Springs!

How will I know if my child is misbehaving in class?

We will speak with you at dismissal, if possible, or we will you send you an e-mail notifying you of any specific problem. If your child is behaving fine you will not receive any specific notification. We also do not hand out candy or other rewards in kindergarten for good behavior so you won't need to worry about extra visits to the dentist during the school year. We will however, offer a variety of praise to the children that are doing well throughout the day.

How will I know when Library books are due?

Books will be due every Friday when we visit the library to check out a new book. Sometimes we will visit the library on Thursday if Friday is a half day or the library is closed for a special event/program, we will try to notify you of these special times. Please keep the book that is checked out until at least Wednesday and read the book multiple times.

What is so special about Friday's that I should know?

Flagpole Days! Wear your Legend Springs shirt and be at school on time so that you can join us at the flagpole ceremony at 8:45 a.m. on the first Friday of each month.

We also go to the computer lab and the library on Fridays and we would love any parents who would like to volunteer on the first 5 or 6 Fridays to help us out in the computer lab. We will let you know your child's computer time so that you may assist us if you are interested.

Cooking Days! We "cook" one Friday a month- be sure to pick up some recipes on Meet The Teacher Night! Cooking will be at 2:30 p.m. once a month.

Field Trips- We will be going on one field trip in Kindergarten to the Wildlife World Zoo, refer to the calendar of important dates so that you can plan ahead to take that day off and join us! It's a great trip!

What if my child has some food allergies?

Please let your child's teacher know asap as we do serve snack in Kindergarten. If your child needs a "special" snack due to a significant food allergy you will need to provide a box or bag of snack labeled with your child's name. The same will be true during class celebrations. The homeroom mom(s) will not be in charge of providing food that fits within various allergy protocols that will be the child's families responsibility to ensure that they are safe and have appropriate food items for each "special" day.

Does my child need to bring a snack each day?

No, we will provide the snack from what is donated. Please do not send your child to school with their own snack.

What if my child lives at two different houses, how will I get the important papers?

Please leave the important papers in the backpack until both parents have seen them and initialed them in the corner- that way you'll know when both of you have seen and read various papers. We can not send home 2 sets of paperwork as we are very conscious of how much paper is being used at

school. We can only give you one report card each 9 weeks but you are free to make copies accordingly. We will have 2 conferences with you this year (October and March) and we appreciate if both sets of parents and or caregivers come to the same conference so that we are all certain that everyone receives the same information at the same time.

Please e-mail us if you have any additional questions that you are unable to get answered during the evening.

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There may be additional teachers added once the year begins depending on enrollment.