

Kindergarten A-B-C's

- A** **Allergies-** Please let your child's teacher and the nurse, Mrs. Becht, know about any allergies your child may experience.
Arrival- It is important that your child arrive to school on time and well-rested!
Art- Ms. Keyes is our art teacher.
Attendance- If your child is ill please send in an excuse the next day. If your child is tardy, you *must* sign in at the front office.
- B** **Book bags-** Please send your child to school with their book bags each day.
Breakfast – Breakfast will be offered every morning in the cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:30- 8:00. Students who arrive after 8:00 will not be able to eat breakfast. Outside items are not allowed.
- C** **Character Education-** At Forest Lake, students SOAR: Safe, On-Task, Always respectful, and Responsible.
Checks- Please write your phone number on all checks!
Counselor- Classroom guidance services and individual guidance needs are available through our counselor, Mrs. Luthren.
Conferences- We will have parent-teacher conferences for each kindergarten student in September. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule these. After that, we are happy to conference as needed or requested throughout the school year.
- D** **Daily folder-** Your child will have a folder from class that goes home each day. This is a very important method of communication between your child's teacher and you.
Dismissal- Please notify your child's teacher in *writing* if there are any changes in the regular dismissal process. These notes should be placed in your child's daily folder. It is very important to maintain consistency in the way that your child gets home each day.
- E** **Expectations-** Please have your child at school on time each day. The students are expected to treat each other with respect and follow school and classroom rules.
Empower- Help your child build self-esteem by having him/her do age appropriate things by him/herself. For instance, allow your child to walk to class by him/herself, teach him/her to tie shoes, and make sure your child knows his/her birthday.
- F** **Field Studies-** Field studies enhance our standards-based curriculum. We will send a list of planned field studies at the beginning of the year. Tennis shoes are a must when your child is on a field study. We welcome chaperones, but alternate arrangements must be made for children not enrolled in kindergarten at Forest Lake.
Folders- Please check your child's folder each evening and return it to school each morning. Family folders are sent home on Fridays. Please return these on Mondays.

- G** **Good healthy snacks-** Please bring in healthy snacks when it is your snack day.
Green- We do much of our learning in a “paperless” manner- technology, manipulatives, dry erase boards, books, educational games, and more are all part of our busy kindergarten day!
- H** **Home and School-** We are partners in your child’s education! Working together we can make great things happen!
- I** **Identify-** Please mark your child’s belongings with first and last name (i.e. book bags, lunch boxes, jackets).
- J** **Juggling-** Our busy day calls for flexible scheduling. We know that you will be flexible, too.
Join- Our PTO can use YOU! Please consider joining and assisting our hard working PTO.
- K** **Kindergarten** is fun and exciting!
- L** **Lunch-** Lunch is \$2.50 for full price and \$.40 for reduced. Parents pay for lunch until free/reduced forms are processed and authorized (even if your child had free or reduced lunch last year). Please keep your account up to date; the cafeteria will notify you if you have an outstanding balance. Lunchboxes are also welcome.
License- You will need your driver’s license to sign in at Forest Lake.
- M** **Math-** Manipulatives are often used to develop math skills. You may see very few math sheets sent home.
Music- The children will visit Mrs. Powers for music.
Money- Please put any money sent to school in an envelope and label it with your child’s name, the teacher’s name, and the purpose for the money.
Medicine-Please take all medications directly to the nurse.
Media Center- We will visit the Media Center each week. Mrs. Pebbles and Mrs. Bruce are our librarians.
- N** **NASA-** We are a NASA Explorer School.
Newsletters- Please check your child’s folder for school and kindergarten newsletters.
Nametags- All visitors must register at the front office and receive a nametag.
Nurse- Our wonderful nurse is Mrs. Becht.
- O** **Outside Breaks-** Outside breaks will be provided each day. Please send in jackets as the weather changes to allow your child to be comfortable outside.
- P** **Palmetto’s Finest-** We are a top school in our state!
Parties- We do not celebrate birthdays with parties.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports)- This philosophy of management encourages children by positively reinforcing behavioral expectations.

P.E. - Mr. Mills and Mr. Hoover are our P.E. teachers.

Q Questions- Please let us know of any questions you may have. We are happy to assist!

Quiet- Quiet time is essential for good mental well-being. Kindergartners have quiet time each afternoon.

R Read, read, read!!- Please read at least 10 minutes daily with your child.

Report Cards- We will send report cards home to update your child's progress every nine weeks.

S SOAR: Our school-wide behavioral matrix is: Safe, On-task, Always respectful, and Responsible. Children are expected to follow these guidelines at all times. Your child will have a SOAR behavior calendar in his or her folder each day so that you can see how their day was- please initial daily.

Sneakers- Sneakers are required on P.E. days.

Dr. Steck- Dr. Steck is our amazing principal.

T Technology- Every class has a Tech Zone with classroom computers, a Smart Board, and many other items that your child will use to enhance his or her learning each day. We are proud to be meeting the needs of our 21st century learners!

U Uniforms- Forest Lake is a uniform school. Dress your child for success each day by wearing uniforms.

Uniqueness- Your child's uniqueness makes him/her very special to us.

V Volunteers- Volunteers help directly assist the educational process.

W Weapons- No weapons of ANY SORT are allowed on school property. This includes toys or pretend weapons. We do not "play guns" at school. Your child may risk suspension if he/she brings any weapons to school. This includes pocket knives and toy guns.

Website- Please visit our Forest Lake website: <http://www.richland2.org/schools/fle> and our Kindergarten website: <http://flekindergarten.weebly.com/index.html>. Our Kindergarten website will be updated weekly with important information. Along with important information will be pictures of what we have been learning about or field studies that we may go on!

X "X"tra Special- Your child is "X"tra special to us!

- Y** **You-** are also special to us. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as we teach and learn together this year!

- Z** **Zip, Tie, and Button-** Essential skills! Please practice these each day! Personal information such as phone number, address, and birthday should also be practiced regularly.