

Kindergarten Information

Kindergarten Hours

EDKP:

7:30-2:30	M, T, Th, F (Tardy after 7:35)
7:30-1:15	W

AM Half-Day:

7:30-10:40	M, T, Th, F (Tardy after 7:35)
7:30-10:00	W

PM Half-Day:

11:20-2:30	M, T, Th, F (Tardy after 11:25)
10:45-1:15	W (Tardy after 10:50)

The school doors will open at 7:30AM for the EDKP and AM Half-Day sessions and at 11:20AM for the PM session (Wed. 10:45AM). Unless your child attends the CCE Breakfast Program (starts at 7:15AM), please do not send your child prior to these times as there is no one to supervise. Please make sure to promptly pick up your child at dismissal time.

It is very important that you let us know where your child goes after kindergarten. **You must let us know about any changes with a note (Forms are in your child's B.E.E. Folder.)** Bus children will be put on the bus unless we have the note stating otherwise.



Assessments

According to state and district guidelines, all kindergarten children must be assessed. Your child's teacher will share assessment results at conferences in October and February and in report cards at the end of the year.

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected in kindergarten. Please help your child learn the importance of being on time for school and develop good attendance habits. Please call the school attendance line 720-972-5358 before 9:00AM if your child will be absent. A call to the teacher's voicemail or email is also appreciated.

B.E.E. Books

B.E.E. Books are sent home daily. This folder will have important information from the classroom and school. Please take a few minutes to check the folder each day.

Birthday Celebrations

Per Cotton Creek policy (see school handbook on the CCE website www.cotton.adams12.org) "there will be no birthday celebrations within the classroom for individual students. Please do not send snacks, balloons, flowers, etc. Thank you in advance for your understanding! In addition, please be sensitive to the feelings of children who are not invited to your child's birthday party by not sending invitations to school. Phone numbers and addresses, by law, cannot be given out."



Bus

The Transportation Department oversees buses-phone number 720-972-4299. The students will have a bus pass. Information on schedules and routes is available on the district website www.adams12.org/transportation.

Clothing

Students will be actively involved with many materials inside and outside the classroom. Clothing should be comfortable, washable, durable, and suitable for outdoor play. We will be going outside almost every day.

Please dress students in layers for our changing Colorado weather. Boots, jacket, hat, and mittens are a must for cold days. Sun block, applied at home, is a good idea. It is very helpful if your child can button, tie, and zip without assistance. **Be sure to mark all outdoor clothing with children's names.**

IMPORTANT: Please put a change of clothes (t-shirt, leggings or sweats, undies, and socks) in a zip baggie labeled with your child's name. Keep this in your child's backpack for any accidents or emergencies!

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are in October and February. Your child's teacher will send information regarding procedure and schedule.

End-of-Year Celebration

Cotton Creek does **NOT** have a formal graduation ceremony for kindergarten. We will have an informal gathering on the last day of school.



Field Trips

We believe children learn best through first-hand experiences. We usually take two field trips each year. We must have a signed permission slip for each child. Please promptly return permission slips and any fee to your child's teacher. We encourage parents to join us as chaperones but ask that you do not bring siblings along. Your driver's license must be scanned through the RAPTOR system in the office.

Some field trips take longer than the regularly scheduled day for Half-Day kindergartners. Notification of changes to both the school day and transportation will be sent home with the permission slips prior to the trip.

Homework

Everyday Math Home Links will be sent in your child's B.E.E. Book as the units of study progress and are designed to enrich the daily Everyday Math objectives.

In September, your child will have a homework folder sent home on Mondays. It will have a monthly calendar with daily instructions. Please help your child do the work for that specific day only (use pencils only or crayons as necessary). Folders will be due on Fridays.

Book Baggies will come home as soon as formal reading groups begin. Your child will have a book from group to practice aloud with you.

Kindergarten homework is designed to take from 10-20 minutes. If this is different for your child, please speak to the teacher right away.

Lunch

EDKP classes go to lunch at 10:30AM. Students may bring a cold lunch or purchase a lunch from Nutrition Services. Lunches/Milks may be paid ahead. See www.adams12.org/financialservices.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home in January and May.

Snacks-EDKP Classes Only

We plan time for a small, healthy snack each afternoon in the EDKP classes. We ask each family to send in a snack that will not spoil or need to be refrigerated-and enough to share with the entire class (26 students). **NO PEANUT INGREDIENTS, CANDY, OR COOKIES PLEASE!** We will store the snacks and pass them out daily.

Specific food allergies will be accommodated, please inform your child's teacher.

SNACK IDEAS

- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Pretzels
- Squeezy applesauce
- Fruit chews
- Cheese crackers
- Granola bars
- Graham crackers
- Vanilla wafers
- Popcorn
- Raisins/Dried Fruit
- Veggie straws
- Cheeze-Its

