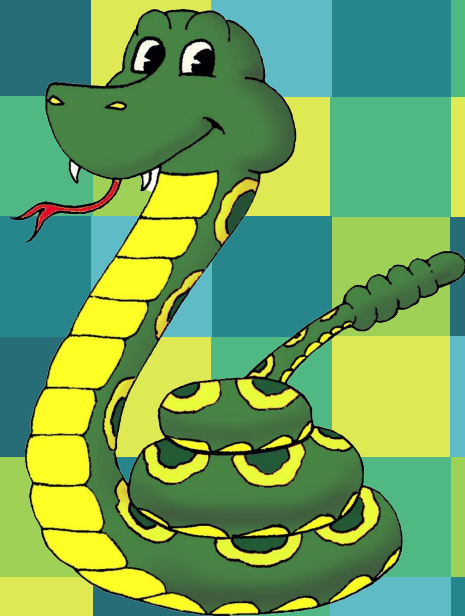


Kindergarten Orientation 2024



Home of the Rattlers!

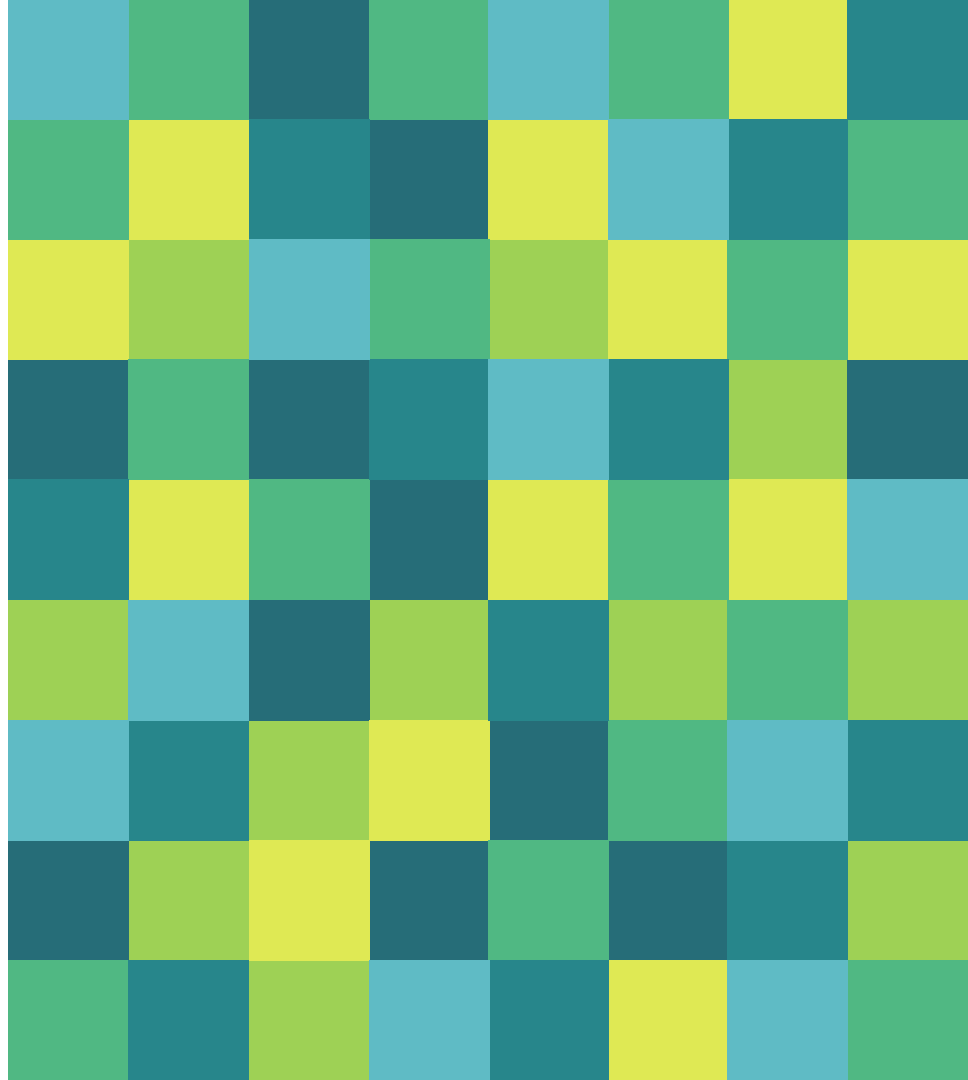
Welcome to the Ellerhorst Community

You will learn about what to expect as
a parent and how to help your child
transition into Kindergarten

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Introductions



Hello!

I am Greg Whaling

I am the principal at Ellerhorst.

You can find me at

gwhaling@wccusd.net



Allow me to introduce our Kindergarten Teachers

Kristy Zufall (Room 120)

Tricia Rogers (Room 121)

Erlyn Nonan (Room 122)



Hello!

I am Kristy Zufall

I love teaching at Ellerhorst.

You can find me at

kzufall@wccusd.net

Please watch my
video introduction



Hello!

I am Tricia Rogers

I teach in room 121. Welcome to our Family!

You can find me at
patricia.rogers@wccusd.net



Hello!

I am Erlyn Nonan

I teach in Room 122. Welcome
to our Family!

You can find me at
erlyn.nolan@wccusd.net



Hello!

I am Andrea Flores

I am the School Secretary.

You can find me at
aflores@wccusd.net



Hello!

I am Cindy Hernandez

I am the Attendance Clerk.

You can find me at

cynthia.hernandez@wccusd.net

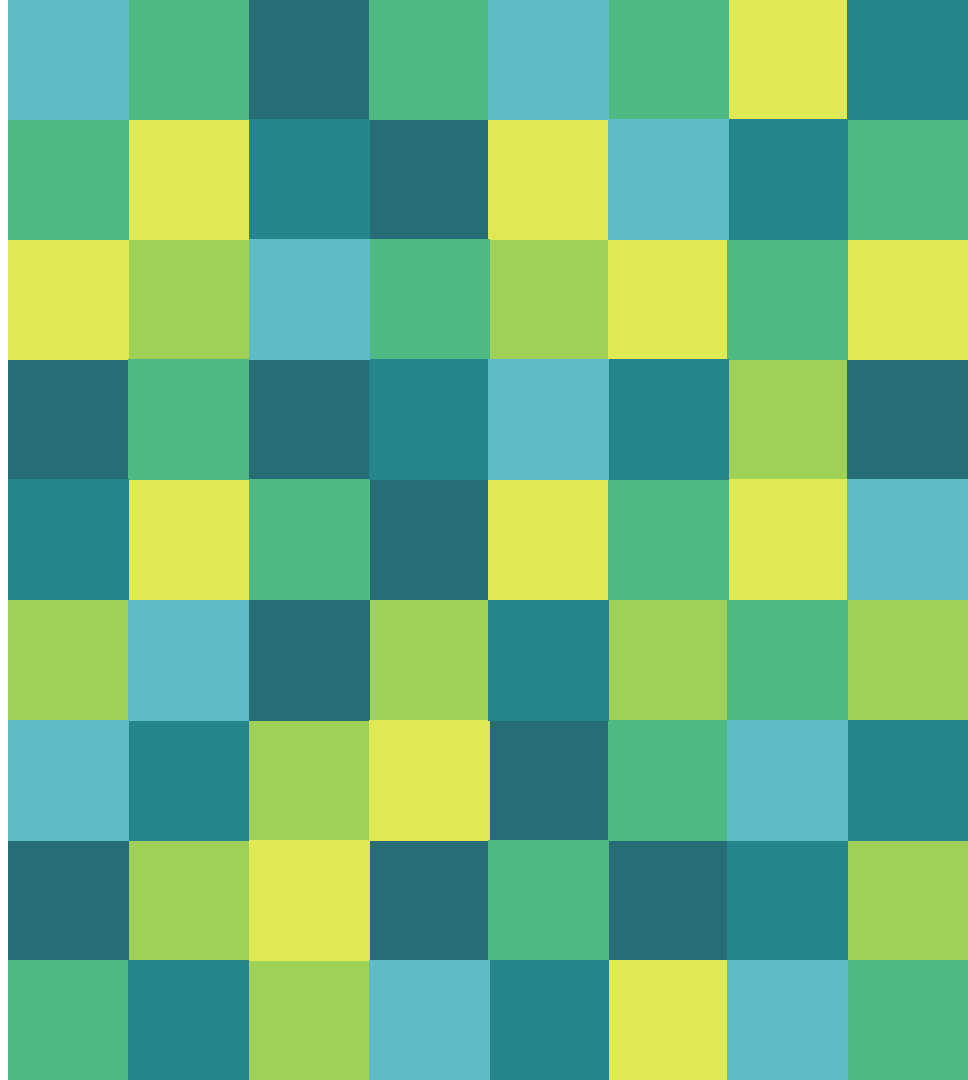
I have information about attendance later.



Transition



What will my
child be
learning?



Kindergarten Learning

In Kindergarten, we strive to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of students through:

- Kindergarten curriculum
- Character education (social emotional learning, responsibility, independence, safety, etc.)

Kindergarten Learning

We will experience ...

- Exploration and structured play
- Lunch and recess with peers
- Buddy classes with older elementary students
- District-approved field trips

Kindergarten Curriculum

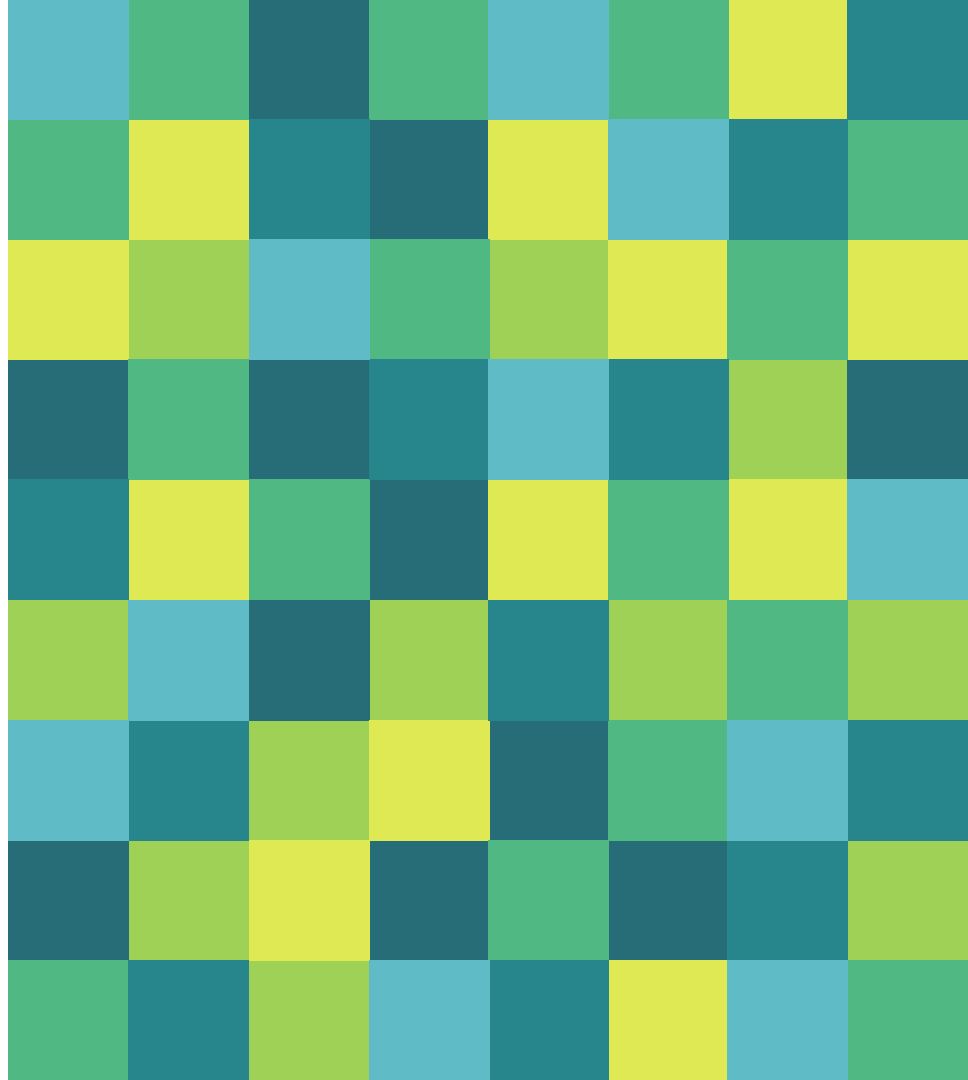
Our kindergarten curriculum is guided by state and national standards

- English Language Arts (Reading & Writing),
Math, Science and Social Studies
- Specials: Library, Computer Lab, P.E, Art and
Music

What does the full day look like?

- ★ Morning Work / Calendar
- ★ Snack and Recess
- ★ Phonics/Math lesson
- ★ Stations
- ★ Lunch
- ★ Reading/Writing Workshop
- ★ Structured Play
- ★ Dismissal

How can I get
my child
ready?



Kindergarten Independence

- ★ As your child enters school, these skills and activities will prepare them to participate productively in a classroom.

Ways to Practice Independence At-Home

At school we work on being independent students. Here are some ways to be independent at home.

- ☐ make bed
- ☐ help set the table
- ☐ clean up toys
- ☐ help wash/dry dishes
- ☐ sweep floors
- ☐ put away laundry
- ☐ help take care of pets
- ☐ pack lunch or snack
- ☐ pack backpack
- ☐ empty backpack after school
- ☐ follow multi-step directions (brush teeth, then get dressed)
- ☐ use polite and respectful language
- ☐ use words to express feelings
- ☐ eat regular and healthy meals
- ☐ put on and fasten shoes
- ☐ put jacket on
- ☐ open containers
- ☐ use table manners
- ☐ clean up after myself
- ☐ practice reading skills
- ☐ practice math skills
- ☐ ask questions in complete sentences



Kindergarten School Readiness

Continued

- Taking responsibility for your own actions (ex: if you spill something, you clean it up).
- Establish routines—Schedules are part of life at school and at home. Planning regular daily activities such as snack time or bedtime will help your child get used to routines.

Preparing Your Kindergartener

While your child is at home prior to starting Kindergarten, you can work on these skills:

- Proper pencil grip
- Practice with scissors
- Practice using glue sticks
- Writing name correctly
- Counting to 20 & recognizing numbers 1-10
- Recognizing his/her own name
- Listen to stories, look at books
- Practice recognizing letters, sound, and numbers
- Having conversations

Preparing Your Kindergartener

Do not worry if they cannot read or write:

- Have them practice drawing a straight line vertically (like the base of a capital letter “T”)
 - |
- Have them practice a slanted or diagonal line (like the side of a capital letter “A”)
 - / or \
- Have them practice a curve line (like a letter “C”)

What do I send with my child to school?

- Extra clothes on first day
- Snacks - healthy & small
 - (remember no peanuts)
- Backpack/bag - so we can put things in to take home to you

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Before the First Day

Keep a positive attitude.

If you look forward to the first day of school, your child will probably do the same. If you are having concerns, let the teacher know about them.

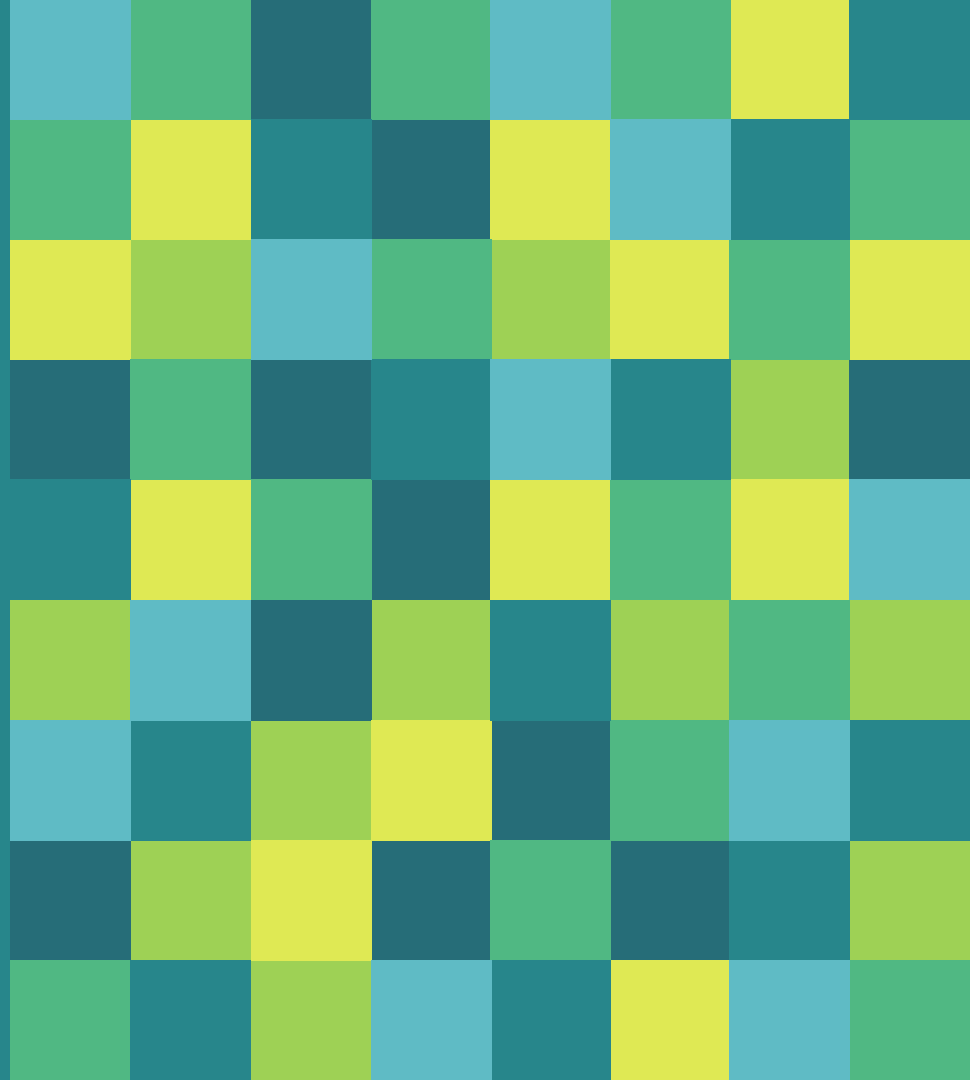
Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Starting the First Day

Leave cheerfully.

Try not to linger. Your presence may distract from this new and exciting world. If you believe your child will have difficulty separating, or you are concerned about how your child is doing, feel free to speak to the teacher (when class is not in session).

Get
Involved!



Get Involved: In the class



- Communicate with teachers about how you can help with the class.
- **We are looking for weekly volunteers! Please sign up today!!!**

Get Involved: Parent Organizations

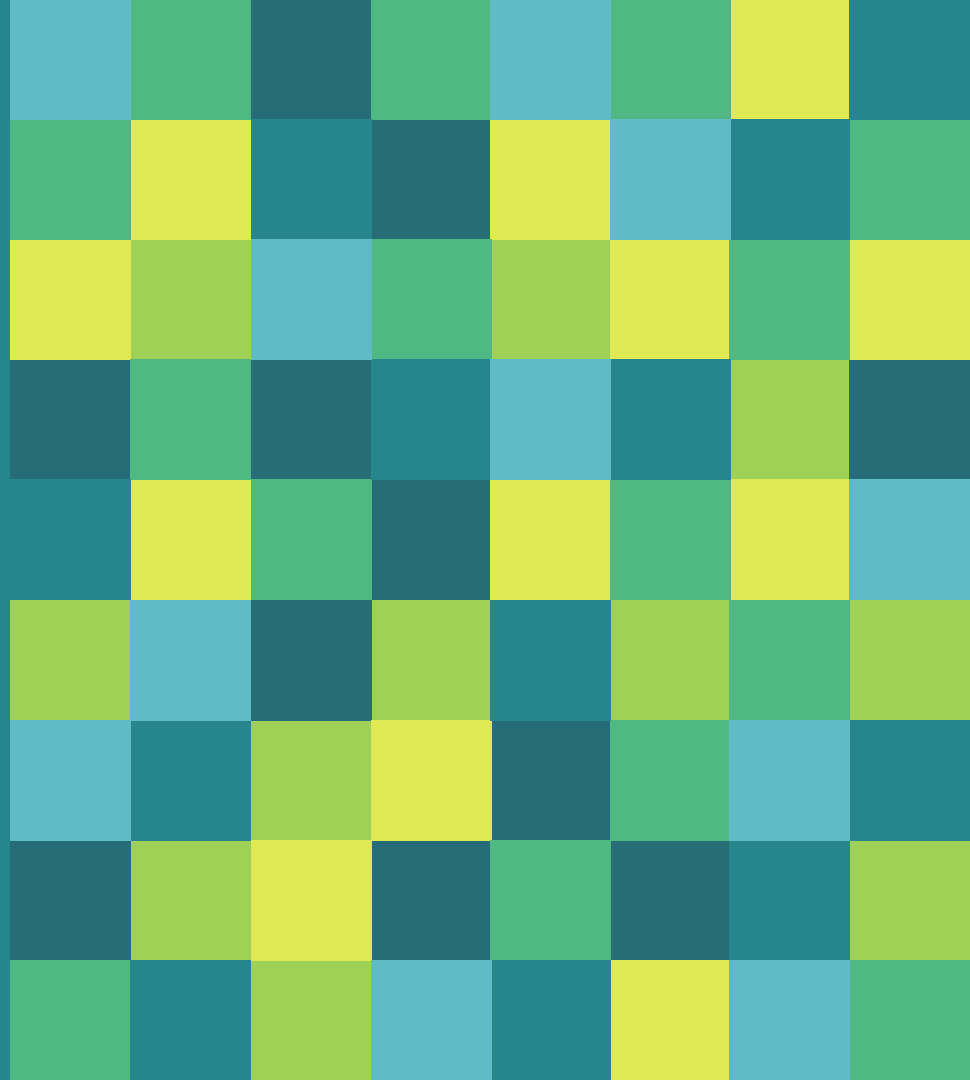
ELLERHORST PTA

Go Rattlers!



PTA and Dad's Club are important parts to our community and we could not function without them. Sign up asap!

Get
Connected!



Get Connected:

Many ways for you to communicate with the school and your teachers and receive information

- Phone (510) 231-1426
- ParentSquare (“robo call” & text & emails & app)
- [ClassDojo](#) (your teacher will help connect you)
- [Website](#) (with emails of all staff)
- E-tree (provided by the PTA)
- Peachjar (emailed fliers)
- Electronic Marquee (in front of the school)



Get Connected: Stay Connected

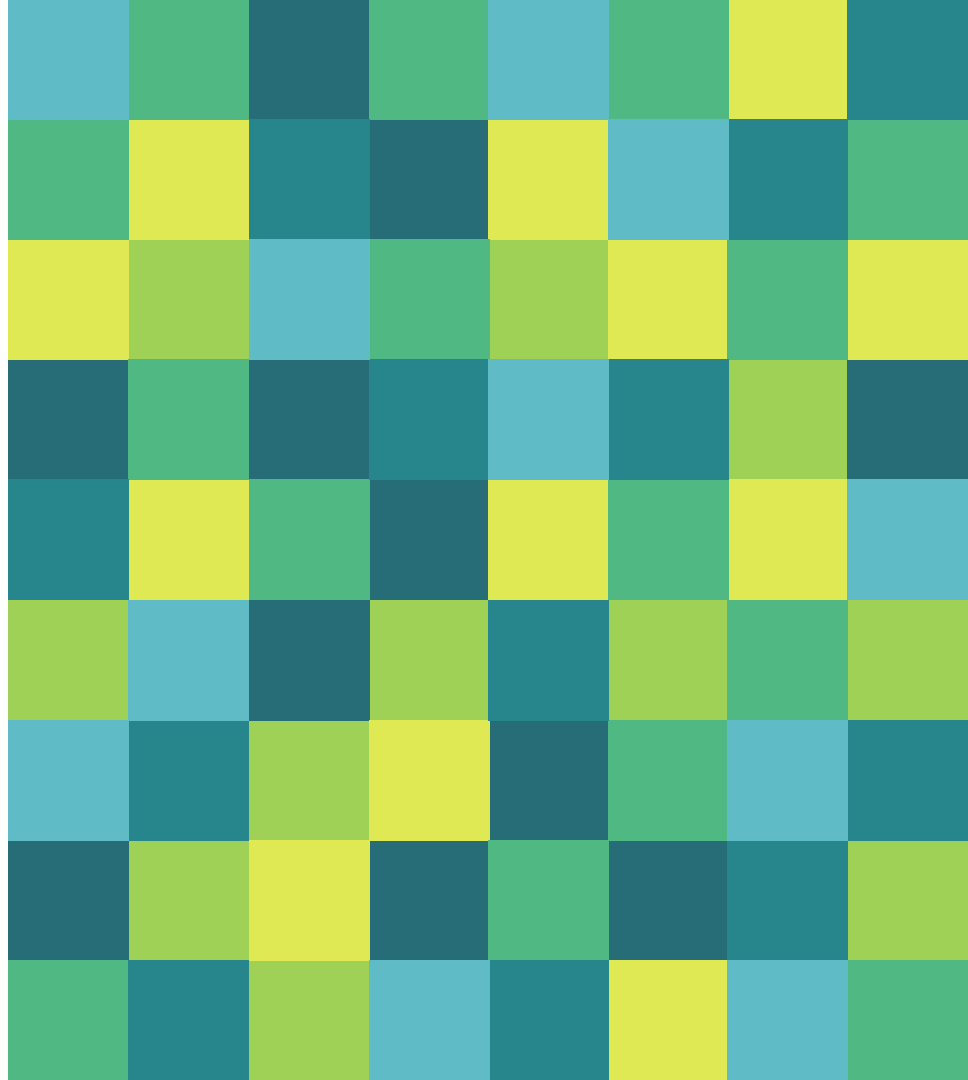
Make sure we have your correct phone numbers and emails to ensure you get timely information.

Please use the PowerSchool login page to update Annual Forms with any phone numbers and emails so you will stay current.

Talk to your teacher about fears

- Kindergarteners cannot always communicate
- They may act out at home where they feel safe
- Teachers are receptive to family issues

When do we
start?



Calendar

Ellerhorst will provide
our School Calendar
separately in August

**School Starts
August 19
(that's a Monday)**

[Click here
for the
District
Calendar](#)

A stack of three calendar pages is shown, with the top page displaying a grid of dates. The dates visible include 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31. The calendar is rendered in a light blue and white color scheme.

School Starts at: 8:30 a.m.

Pick Up: 1:25 p.m. daily

For those who like maps

Pick Up
1:25 p.m.

Office

Drop Off
by 8:30 a.m.



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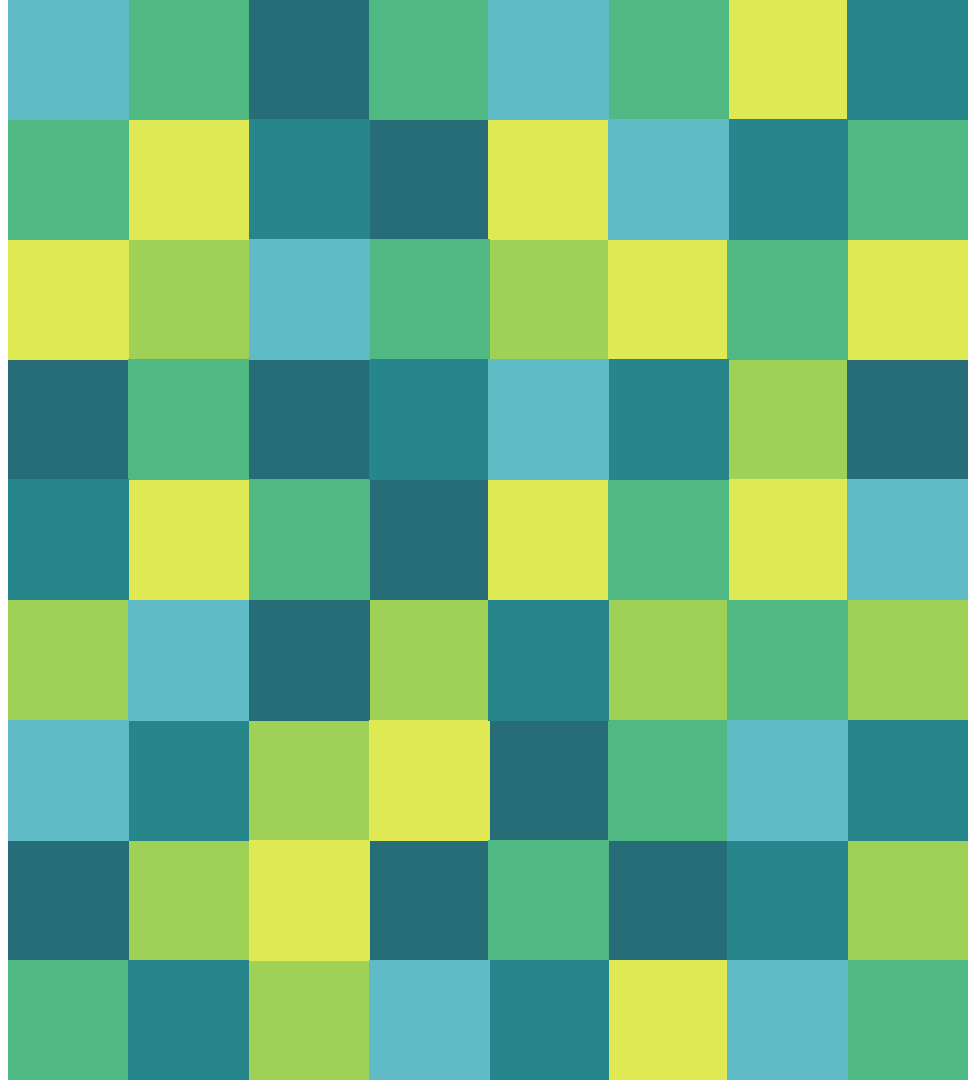
Look for the flag pole

Before and After School Care:



[Click the image above for more information](#)

Where do we
park?



Parking is limited

- Angled parking is reserved for teachers and staff. Please do not park here.
- We have 5 lanes parallel to the school for pick up and drop off.

Parking is limited

- Street parking is highly recommended until you feel comfortable with our limited space.
- (you get your steps in!)

"It's so small!"

Enter Here

Extra parking
along Pinole
Valley Road

Exit
Here

Staff
Parking

Pick Up & Drop Off Area

Busses
Only

Day Care
Vehicles
Only

No
Parking
in the
Red
Zone

Ellerhorst Elementary



Parking At Ellerhorst

Pick Up and Drop Off Zone - 5 lanes!

OK

To
Leave

Up to
20 min

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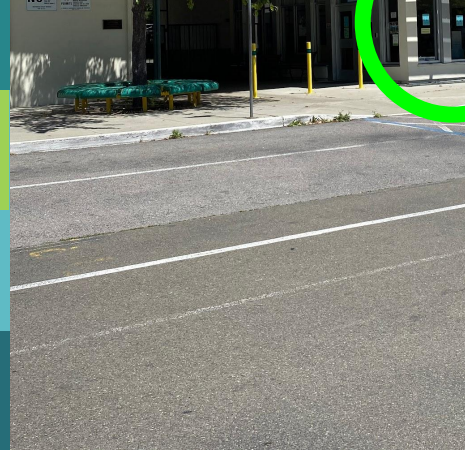
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SCHOOL

Which teacher will I get?

Class lists are posted on
the office windows on the
Friday before school starts:
August 16 @ 4:00 p.m

Ms. Erlyn's class will
be notified over the
summer.



I have more
questions!

