

# Welcome to Kindergarten



Welcome parents, guardians and students to kindergarten at Wilson Foundation Academy.

My name is Tracy Watts and I am your child's teacher for this school year. I have taught in the Rochester City School District for 25 years. Most of my teaching experience has been as a kindergarten or first grade teacher.

Attached you will find information about classroom rules, homework, specials, snack, arrival, dismissal, contact information, daily communication, and a class schedule.

Please read these rules, consequences and rewards to your child. Help them to remember that each day is a new day and a fresh start.

Rules:

1. I can listen and follow directions.
2. I can raise my hand to ask or answer a question.
3. I can walk in the classroom and the hallways.
4. I can keep my hands and feet to myself.

## 5. I can be kind to others

We also try to teach our students Wilson's Motto:

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

Consequences:

1<sup>st</sup> time a rule is broken: I will remind student of the rule, model the correct behavior and have them practice following the rule correctly.

2<sup>nd</sup> time the same rule is broken: Student will receive a 5 minute time-out. I will again model correct behavior and have them practice following the rule correctly.

3<sup>rd</sup> time the same rule is broken: An e-mail, phone call or note will be sent home. I will model the correct behavior and have them practice following the rule correctly.

Rewards:

Students will have an opportunity to move their clips from number 1 to number 4 each day by following the rules. If a student reaches #3 then they will earn a Wilson Paw Ticket. If a student reaches a #4 they may select a special activity such as; selecting a prize from the prize box, extra computer/I Pad time, puzzle or game time.

## Homework:

Homework will be sent home daily Monday-Friday, beginning September 8th. I will supply a plastic homework folder for each student. One side of the folder is for papers that should remain home and the other side is for homework that should be returned daily. Also, it is expected that your child will practice reading daily (for now, you may read a story or nursery rhyme to your child) and practice the sounds associated with letters of the alphabet A-Z. Each night, your child should practice tying their shoelaces and printing their first name.

## Specials:

Kindergarten students will participate in gym, music, art, library and Spanish classes. We are on an A-D day cycle. I will send home a calendar each month with the specials listed. This makes it easier to know when P.E. class is. Our daily schedule is listed on the last page.

## Snack:

My students will eat lunch at 12:10 pm. Please send a snack to school daily for morning snack time.

Extra Clothing: Please send an extra set of clothes (play clothes/old clothes) in a plastic bag in case of an accident.

## Arrival & Dismissal:

School begins at 7:50 and ends at 2:00 pm. Dismissal for walkers/car riders will begin at 1:40 from room 60. I will begin to take students who ride the bus outside at 1:45 pm. If your child walks and is not picked up by 1:40 then they will be with me until after I have taken all bus students to their buses. I will then wait by our class back door (near the staff parking lot) with your child (around 2 pm). There may be a lot of congestion at this time so arriving by 1:40 is the better option for picking up walkers/car riders. It is very important that your child attends school daily. Please send a note to school if your child misses a day due to an illness or a doctor's appointment.

## Daily Communication & Contact information:

A behavior & academic sheet will be sent home on Fridays. I will use the following symbols to let you know how your child's week was. I will also note their academic progress for the week.



Great Week!!



Good Week! Needed a couple reminders



Try harder! Needed several reminders

## Academic Progress

Making Steady Progress with:

Needs support at home with:

You may also contact me by email: [Tracy.Watts@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Tracy.Watts@rcsdk12.org)

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## Daily Kindergarten Schedule

### Room 60

7:50 am Breakfast

8:10 A Day & C Day PE Class

B Day & D Day Science

8:50 Math

10:10 A Day & C Day Science

B Day Music

D Day Art/Spanish

10:50 Social Studies & Snack Time

11:30 English Language Arts

12:10 Lunch

12:40 Rest Time

12:50 English Language Arts Continues (Small Intervention Groups, Guided Reading Groups and Journal Writing)

1:30 Prepare for dismissal

1:40 Walkers/Car Riders may leave

1:45 Bus Riders get on their buses