



Fairfield City Schools

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Dear Kindergarten Parents:

We welcome your child as a member of the future graduating class of 2024! Entering kindergarten is an important milestone in the life of a child. It represents a step toward independence. This packet includes forms you will need to complete to register your child for attendance in Fairfield City Schools. New this year, Fairfield kindergartners will be attending the elementary school in which they will attend for grades 1-4. We are so excited to begin this journey with you!

Early registration nights have been scheduled for **April 19 and May 18, 2011, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM**. Although your child will attend one of our five elementary schools, these registration nights will be centrally held at the current Kindergarten Center (4641 Bach Lane). Along with touring a kindergarten classroom and registration being available, our elementary school principals will be on hand to meet you and answer any questions you may have. If you are not able to attend either of these dates, completed registration packets must be returned to our district's New Student Welcome Center during the hours of 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM to complete your child's registration process. More detailed registration requirements can be found in the flier included in this packet. It is important that you register as soon as possible so that we can plan for the number of teachers that will be needed. We hope you can join us on one of these early registration dates.

There will be a special kindergarten **parent orientation** on **August 16, 2011 from 6:30-7:30**. This parent orientation will be **held at your child's elementary school**. You are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting is a time for you as parents to learn about our kindergarten program and how we can work together to make this a smooth transition for your child. We ask that you please make childcare arrangements for your kindergartner and siblings during this time so that you can attend.

There will also be an Open House at your child's elementary school where you can bring your children to see their classroom and meet their teacher before the school year officially begins. As the school year begins, you will probably notice that the first week of kindergarten is a little different than grades 1-4. The first few days of school are on a staggered start schedule. On those days the class is split into smaller groups with only part of the class coming at a time. This phased-in start allows the teacher and student an opportunity to become better acquainted. Students are able to make the transition from home to school and to learn the routine in a more personalized environment. You will receive more information about the Open House, be informed of who your child's teacher is, and be given your start date in the mail sometime during the first two weeks of August.

We look forward to meeting you and your kindergartner as we prepare for the 2011-2012 school year!

Sincerely,

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