

Dear Kindergarten Families,

WELCOME TO THE STALLINGS ELEMENTARY FAMILY!

This letter includes important information that you will need so that your child will have a successful start to the school year. Please read this information carefully and feel free to call our front office if you have any questions.

- We will host two Kindergarten events at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The first will be a meeting for **parents only** and will be held on **Tuesday, August 19**, from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. We ask that you please leave your children at home for this initial orientation session. We will meet in the school cafeteria where we will share a general overview of Kindergarten and our school.
- When school begins on August 25th, Kindergarten students will report on a **staggered** basis. Your child should attend only on the day indicated by the following schedule:

Monday, August 25:	ONLY students with last names starting with A-D
Tuesday, August 26:	ONLY students with last names starting with E-L
Wednesday, August 27:	ONLY students with last names starting with M-R
Thursday, August 28:	ONLY students with last names starting with S-Z
Friday, August 29:	NO KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTEND
Tuesday, September 2:	<u>ALL</u> KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTEND

On your child's designated "staggered" day the first week, they will be at school for a full day (until dismissal at 2:00 pm). The purpose of the staggered schedule is to accommodate some initial testing which is required for each student. The testing will help to facilitate heterogeneous classroom grouping and the staggered days also help to provide small group orientation time for students.

On your child's staggered day, we ask that you drop off Kindergarten students starting at 7:45 am using the driveway on the front side of the school (road that runs parallel to Stallings Road) and **NOT** in the regular car rider area. We will have tables set up outside where you can meet the Kindergarten team, sign in your child, and take pictures if you would like. **Please arrive no earlier than 7:45 am and no later than 8:15 am.** If you are also dropping off students in other grade levels, please drop them off at the regular time (between 7:00-7:30 am) in the regular car rider line. Because of our traffic patterns, you will not be able to pull into the designated Kindergarten drop off area until after 7:30 am. Please note that parents will not be able to accompany students into the school building.

Classroom teacher assignments will not be made until after the "staggered" days. Classroom teacher assignments will be shared at the Kindergarten Open House on 8/28 (information below).

- Our second Kindergarten event will be an **Open House for Kindergarten families**. This Open House will be held on **Thursday, August 28**. Both parents and students should plan to attend. Details about the Open House can be found on the accompanying flyer.
- On **Tuesday, September 2**, classes will begin on a regular basis for all Kindergarten students. Starting on Tuesday, September 2, Kindergarten students should be dropped off in the regular car rider line no later than 7:15 am each day. This will allow them time to get into their classrooms before the 7:30 am tardy bell. Kindergarten students can also ride the bus if you would like. As a safety precaution, parents will not be able to walk students to classrooms.

We hope your child has a great start to school and an exciting Kindergarten year!

Sincerely,
Laura Gaddy
Principal
Stallings Elementary School