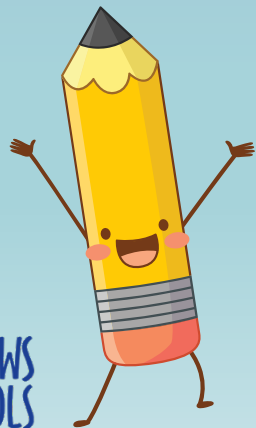


Welcome to PRESCHOOL

Watkins Early Childhood Center

School Administrator: Lyndon Hott



A little about our program...

- ❖ Watkins is one of four preschool sites in the Newport News Public School system. The program is known as NNPS Preschool
- ❖ We are a full-day program for 4 and 5-year-olds who reside in Newport News, VA
- ❖ Each of our classrooms is taught by a fully licensed teacher and an instructional assistant



School Information



- 9:40 AM- 3:55 PM
- Office Phone: 757-591-4815

I am kind

I am smart

I am important

I am a Watkins Star

Our Preschool Staff

Watkins Early Childhood Center has 15 classrooms. Each classroom is taught by 1 fully licensed and highly qualified teacher and 1 highly qualified instructional assistant.

Watkins Early Childhood has 2 Dual Language Classes where students are taught in both English and Spanish daily.

Principal:

Assistant Principal: Lyndon Hott

Administrative Secretary: Fran Bell

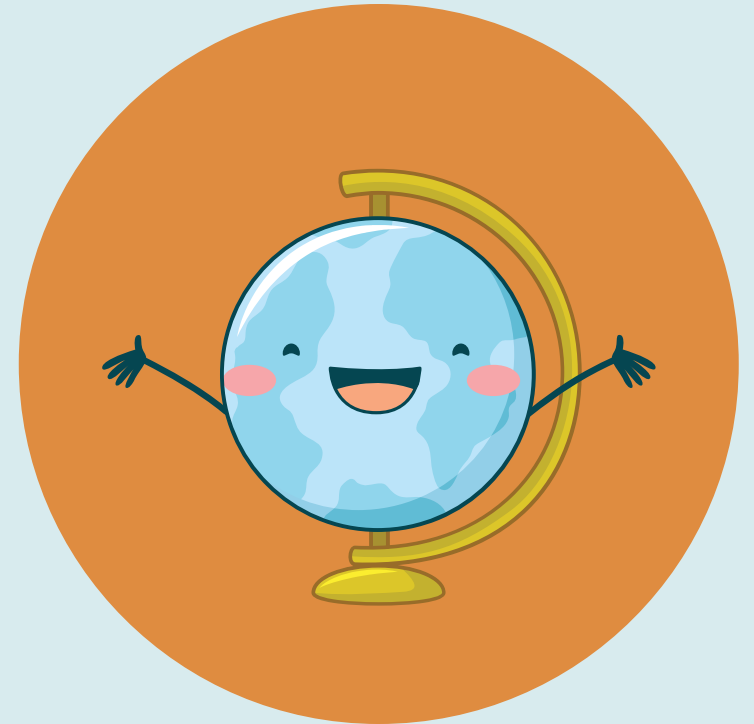
Registrar: Dinora Rivera

Registered Nurse: Nyanda Koroma

Treatment Nurse: Nicole Brightman

Reading Specialist: Sue Henton

School Counselor: Whitney Hickman



Our Preschool Curriculum



- We use The Creative Curriculum, which is built around 8 big units of study:
 - Beginning the Year
 - Trees
 - Signs
 - Clothes
 - Buildings
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - Balls
 - Insects
- Each unit incorporates elements of:
 - Reading and Writing
 - Math
 - Social-Emotional Development
 - Play and Discovery Experiences
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Music and Visual Arts
 - Health and P.E.
- The Creative Curriculum is aligned with Virginia’s Early Learning and Development Standards (2021), set forth by the Virginia Department of Education

○ You will receive information in the coming weeks about programs to support you and your child:

★ **Seesaw** is the online learning system NNPS Preschool uses to communicate with families and provide additional learning opportunities for students (both in and out of the classroom!)



○ ★ **Ready Rosie** is a family engagement tool that provides families social-emotional and academic resources and activities





Your preschooler will be issued an iPad, with built-in Wi-Fi, to support learning.

More information to come soon!





Home-School Partnership

Families are students' **FIRST** and **FOREVER** teachers. Please help provide the best school experience for your child by ensuring he or she:

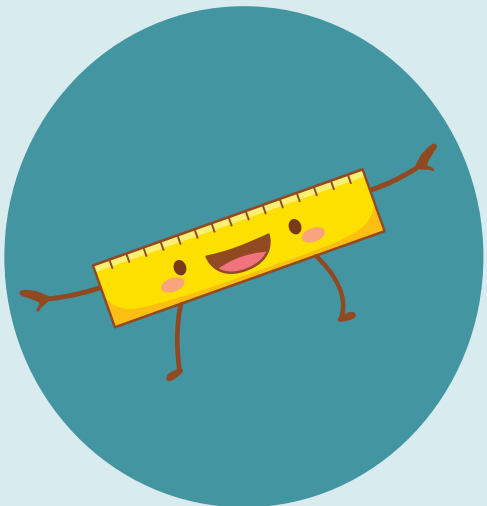
- ✓ attends school on time, every day
- ✓ wears the supplied name tag to school every day
- ✓ benefits from the full instructional day
- ✓ has a responsible person meeting them at school or the bus with the yellow pick-up card
- ✓ has several local emergency numbers on file in ParentVue
- ✓ has a change of clothes, updated throughout the year for appropriate weather, because accidents happen 😊
- ✓ wears appropriate school shoes for indoor and outdoor play (please no flip flops, sandals, or heels)

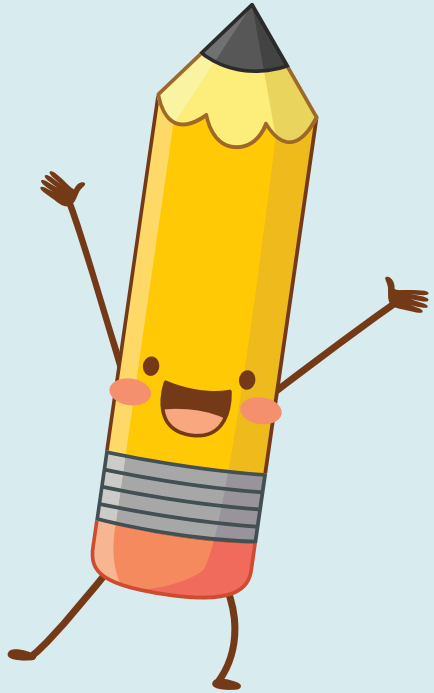


Home-School Partnership

Please partner with us further by:

- ✓ updating contact information in ParentVue as needed
- ✓ sharing essential information regarding health and behavior concerns with your child's teacher
- ✓ supporting your child's learning by asking your child questions and encouraging a positive attitude
- ✓ discussing and encouraging appropriate school behavior
- ✓ attending a conference with your child's teacher 2 times a year
- ✓ attending parent nights/workshops throughout the year
- ✓ cooperating with requests from the school staff regarding instruction and safety





School Supplies

- Backpack without wheels
- Change of clothes
- Tissues

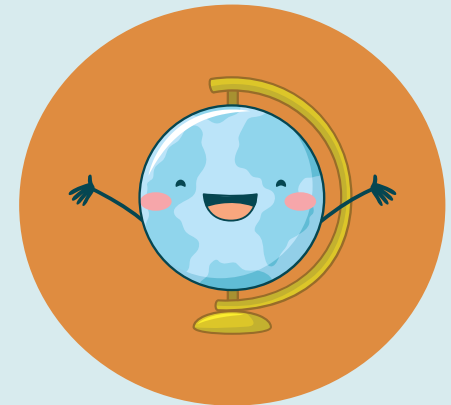
Attendance

Absence

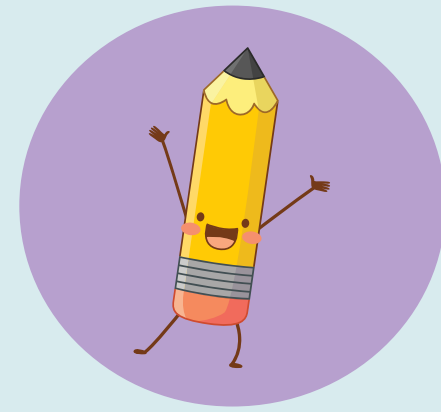
- The NNPS Preschool program begins your child's attendance record, which is part of their permanent educational record.
- If your child is absent, you will receive an automated phone message.
- If your child is sick, your child must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Please send a note with your child when he/she returns to school explaining the reason for the absence so the absence can be documented as excused.

Tardy

- The preschool morning is specifically designed to allow your child a calm, healthy start to his or her day.
- Please help your child succeed by arriving on time daily; instilling this daily practice teaches students accountability and respect.



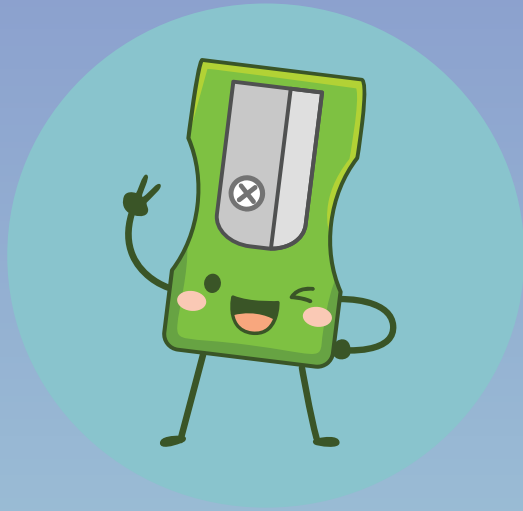
Meals



Breakfast & Lunch

- Breakfast and lunch are served daily and provided at no cost to students
- Your child may bring a lunch from home if you prefer
- School lunch calendars are available on the NNPS website
- Parents are always welcome to have lunch with their child
- Please work with your child to begin learning how to independently open their food and drink containers

Bathroom



- School staff members work on helping children be successful and independent with clean, healthy toileting procedures
- Children are expected and encouraged to go to the bathroom and clean themselves independently
- Please practice and prepare your child as the school environment may be a new experience
- Teachers may reach out to families to talk to and work with their child if bathroom difficulties are noticed



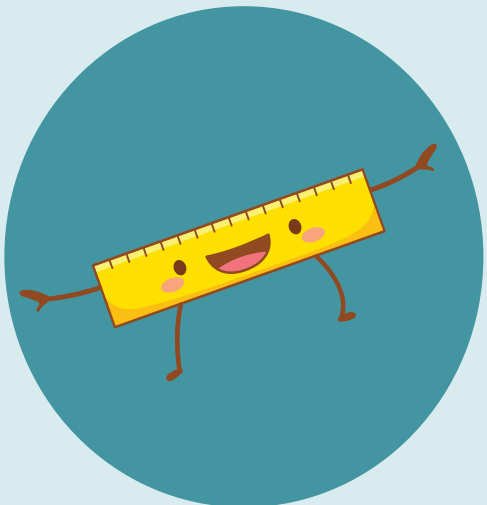
Name Tags

- All preschool students will receive a personalized name tag and required to ***wear to and from school every day***
- Establish a safe-keeping spot at home for your student to easily access his or her own tag each morning
- Please send all notes and information to school in your child's name tag
- Remember to **check tags daily** for important information, such as:
 - School flyers and announcements
 - Correspondence from classroom teachers
 - Memos and information from the school office



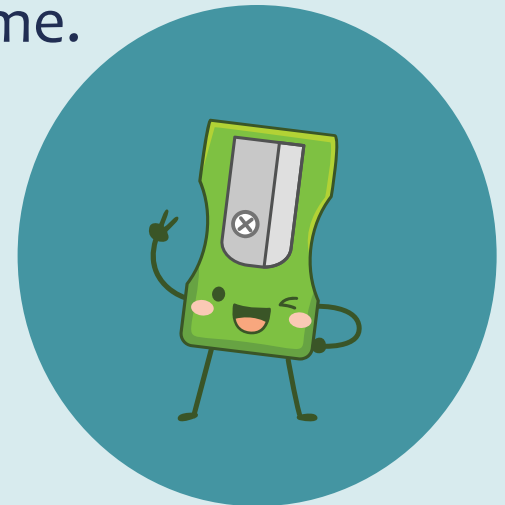
Drop-Off Procedures

- All Drop-Off Procedures are for the safety and benefit of all students, families, and staff.
- We strongly encourage you to have your child ride the bus to and from school, beginning the first day.
- If you choose to drive your child to school, a staff member will receive your child in front of the school starting at 9:30 AM.
 - To keep all children and staff safe, please:
 - ✓ Have your child ready to get out of the car when car door is opened
 - ✓ Have your child exit on the right side of the vehicle
 - ✓ Move quickly to allow other children a turn
 - ✓ Look before pulling away



Pick-Up Procedures

- All Pick-Up Procedures are for the safety and benefit of all students, families, and staff.
- Each family will be given a total of a 3 yellow pick-up cards. This card will need to be presented to pick up your child.
- Students can be picked up in the cafeteria **at 3:40 PM**. Here you will show your yellow card and sign your child out.
- If a child needs to be picked up early, please proceed to the office, **not** your child's classroom or the bus ramp. 3:15 PM is the cutoff time. After this point, students will be dismissed in the manner established by the parent. This is to ensure the safety of your child and to maximize instructional time.
- If a child needs to be picked up early, please call the office.
- Please ensure students are able to benefit from a full day of school as much as possible.



Bus Information



- Bus assignments and bus stop information will be available at Open House.
- Please review bus rules with your child daily - students are expected to be able to sit throughout the entire bus ride and keep hands and feet to themselves.
- To keep your child safe, a **yellow** NNPS Identification Card **must be presented daily** in order to receive your child off the bus.
- **RIDESHIP Program** - To keep your child safe, a T-PASS NNPS Identification Card will be issued. **Your child must wear this pass daily along with their personal name tag.**
- **Bus drivers will return students to school if an authorized person is not present with the NNPS Identification Card.** Failure to meet your child at the bus 3 times may result in the loss of bus privileges for your student.

COVID 19 Procedures



- ✓ *All vaccinated employees are not required to wear masks in their offices or classrooms. Students do not have wear face coverings, however, due to the age of students we serve, it is recommended.*
- ✓ We ask that all parents/guardians are required to conduct a health screening of their child each day before the child reports to school or boards a school bus.
- ✓ Cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms will be daily. PPE has been provided to all classroom teachers.
- ✓ The school nurse will notify parents/guardians of COVID-19 close contacts, need for quarantine, etc.
- ✓ If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please contact our school nurse.
- ✓ Visitors to the classroom will be very limited during the instructional day.
- ✓ Both parent pick up and drop off will be outside the school building.
- ✓ If your child is late coming to school, please report to the main office and a staff member will escort your child to class.



Some Final (Required) Information to Share

- NNPS Preschool is made possible by a combination of funds and grants:
 - Local – NNPS
 - State – Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)
 - Federal – Title 1
- Title I is the funding source from Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which provides money to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students.
- Title I funds must be used in schools with the highest concentrations of students from low-income families.
- How are Title 1 funds spent?
 - NNPS Preschool - over 50% of NNPS Title I funding goes to the preschool program
 - Family & Community Engagement Specialists
 - Title I Schools' Funds, including:
 - Providing intervention for struggling students
 - Providing instruction by properly licensed and endorsed staff
 - Opportunities for teacher professional development
 - Central Office support personnel

For Inclement Weather Conditions


Watch NNPS cable channel 47 or listen for NNPS on a local radio or television station

Check the NNPS website at www.nnschools.org

Call the NNPS Information Line at (757) 283-7810

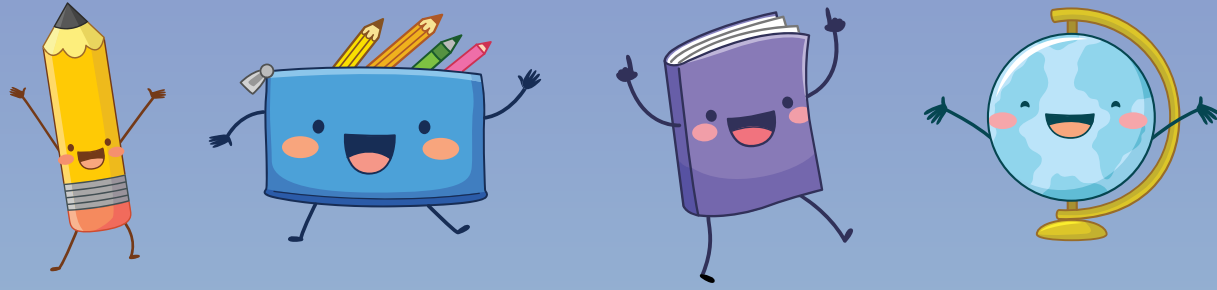
Follow NNPS on social media 

Save the Date!

 **Open House:** August 25th from 4 to 7 PM -
come meet your child's teachers, see the
classroom, and tour the school! 😊

 **First Day of School:** Monday, August 29

 **“Back to School Night:”** date TBA



Thank you for attending!

Any questions?

NNPS PRESCHOOL