



Dear Afton Elementary Families,

We are so excited to begin a new learning journey with you and your child as they transition into kindergarten this Fall. Transitions are a part of children's lives every day. However, some transitions take on greater significance because they impact children and families in profound ways. Starting kindergarten is one of those transitions. To create a positive transition process, we have incorporated a **Transition Week** into the first few weeks of school. Transition Week helps support kindergarteners in transitioning into the public school setting successfully by:

- ★ Time to rest and recoup between the first few days of school.
- ★ Smaller class sizes allow:
 - Teachers the opportunity to give more individualized attention to students.
 - Build a solid teacher/student relationship that will in turn build a stronger classroom culture for the remainder of the year.
 - Learning routines and procedures (classroom, playground, lunches, pick up, dismissal, etc.) in an environment and pace that is not as overwhelming.

Your kindergartener will be assigned to attend school on:

GROUP A
Thursday, August 21st Half Day 7:55-12:30
Monday, August 25th & Wednesday, August 27th Full Days 7:55-2:35
OR
GROUP B
Friday, August 22nd Half Day 7:55-12:30
Tuesday, August 26th & Thursday, August 28th Full Days 7:55-2:35

The days your child will not be attending he/she will be able to have a day to rest and recoup before returning to school.

Families **with confidential concerns** can sign up for a **one-on-one meeting** with their child's teacher through PTC Fast during one of the two half days of school: Thursday, August 21st or Friday, August 22nd from 1:00 p.m. thru 3:00 p.m. A link to sign up will be sent out at the end of summer. Families **without** confidential concerns **do not have to sign up** for a one-on-one meeting.

Kindergarten continues to evolve throughout the years as we strive to create a more appropriate approach to your child's educational journey. This is a wonderful opportunity for your incoming kindergartener to explore their new learning environment. More information will be coming regarding your child's assigned days. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You!
The Kindergarten Team

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Mrs. Burton	Mrs. Call
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