



Williams Bay Elementary School

4K Screening Q&A Meeting

1. How do we get involved with the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)?

The PTO meets once per month. Mrs. Bond sends out weekly communication called the “Nibbles”. This document will contain information on when and where the PTO meetings will be held. In August, Mrs. Bond will email families with the dates and times of the meetings for the 2020-21 school year.

2. How can I get my child excited about 4K?

Since we did not have an in-person 4K screening this year, some families are finding it difficult to get their children excited about coming to school. Some things you can do to generate excitement would be to drive by the school building often and show it to your child, let your child play on the playground (once it opens to the public), have fun buying your child’s school supplies together, pick out an outfit for the first day, show your child a picture of his/her 4K teachers on the school website. We are also working on an “Introduction Day” in fall to help ease your child into the school setting slowly and comfortably.

3. Should I continue to allow my child to nap at home this summer, or should I begin to wean them from naps during the day?

If your child will be attending Jerri’s kids in the afternoons at school in fall, they are offered a rest time during the afternoon and are able to nap at this time. There is no need to wean your child from naps over the summer if this is something they are used to. Plenty of rest is important for your child’s health and development.

4. How will drop-off and pick-up work for my 4K child?

Detailed information about drop-off and pick-up will be in the “Nibbles” sent out from Mrs. Bond. The first bell rings at 8:15 and the entry bell rings at 8:25. For the first semester of the school year, 4K students will meet by the front door and line up with their class. There will be a 4K teacher at the front doors at 8:15 to wait with your children. You may leave at this time, or stay with your child until 8:25, whichever you prefer. At 8:25, your child will enter the building with his/her teacher and class and say good-bye to you outside. When the second semester begins, the students are allowed to play on the playground with the older grades

beginning at 8:15. There is teacher supervision on the playground. Children are allowed to play until 8:25, when they will line-up with their class to enter the building and go to their classrooms. If you do not feel comfortable with this, you are welcome to wait at the front doors with your child until 8:25 when the entry bell rings. There will no longer be teacher supervision at the front door, but a 4K teacher will come to the door at 8:25 to bring any waiting students to the classroom.

5. How does snack time work in 4K?

We ask each child to bring in a few healthy snacks at the beginning of the year to share with the class. Examples are granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, goldfish, string cheese, yogurt, fruit, etc... We have a refrigerator right across from our classrooms to store items that need to stay cold. We share these snacks with the class, and everyone has the same snack each day. When we run low, we send a note home asking for more donations. If you prefer that your child has his/her own snack for allergy/other reasons we are happy to accommodate that and will give your child what you send. We also have white or chocolate milk each day at this time. Forms to purchase milk will be provided. Our district has a Free and Reduced Milk program available. Again, if you would like your child to have something else to drink that would be fine. We try to keep the daily snacks healthy, but do allow sugary treats for birthday treats or special events. All items need to be store bought with ingredient labels clearly shown.

6. Is the playground and work-out center open?

Not at this time. The goal to reopen the playground to the public is July 1. More information will be communicated to you when there is a definite date for reopening.

7. When will we know when/if/how schools will reopen in fall?

As you know, information is changing daily. Because of this, the administration is holding off on communicating plans until August.

8. When will families find out their child's teacher and whether they are in the AM or PM session of 4K?

Careful consideration of your requests and concerns are incorporated into your child's placement. You will be notified of your child's class placement by the end of June.

9. What should I be working on at home with my child to ensure he/she is ready for school in Fall?

The children all come to us at different skill levels. We will take them from where they are and bring them as far as we can over the course of the school year. To give your child a great start you could work on things like writing his/her first name, singing the ABC's, recognizing colors and shapes or even letters and numbers if he/she is eager and ready, counting to 10, putting on his/her jacket independently, zipping and snapping, using the bathroom independently, washing hands, opening snacks, coloring, cutting, cleaning up his/her toys, and sharing!

10. What activities can I offer my child to promote fine motor strength?

Coloring, cutting, gluing, lacing cards, hole punching paper, play dough, putty, spray bottles, peeling oranges, putting pipe cleaners in colander holes, stringing beads, sorting buttons, building with blocks or legos, writing in shaving cream, playing with nuts and bolts