

## 2024/2025 Parent Orientation

### Health and Safety

- Teachers will get the students out of the cars and walk them to class.
- Please have all items labeled. Students will wear name tags with their name and their teacher's name until everyone is comfortable with the routine.
- Close-toed shoes
- No cowboy boots
- Crocs with backs (Hard)
- No Jellies
- If your child turned 4 over the summer or if your child is 4 and new coming in, you must turn in an updated 121 Form before the first day of school.

### Arrival

- 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. NO students are to be dropped off before 7:30 am
- Pre-K students are to be dropped off under the breezeway located between Kindergarten hall and the main building. No exceptions for the safety of the children.
- No students are to be dropped off or walk on campus before 7:30 a.m.
- Tardy is considered after 8:00 a.m.
- You can arrive up until 10:00 with a doctor's note. This is for meal preparation purposes.
- The result of 3 tardies will be a meeting with Dr. Thomas.

### Dismissal

- Dismissal is 2:20 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Pre-K students are to be picked up in the front of the school office. Please form two lines. Teachers will be on duty to put the children in the car and direct traffic. **Please, stay in your vehicles!** Time is limited to get everyone into their vehicles so we ask that you do not get out of your cars to help keep the line moving.

- All students must be picked up and off campus by 2:30 p.m.
- Name tags will be given out to place on cars dashboards until we get used to everyone's vehicles.
- **NO CHILD WILL BE DISMISSED BETWEEN 1:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.** This goes for any notes or messages to the teachers also. The office of the school that your child attends must to be contacted before 1:30 p.m.

## Attendance

- Due to the amount of curriculum instructional time that is required, attendance of 180 days is necessary for this program. 7 excused absences and 3 unexcused absences will be allowed. 3 tardies will equal 1 absence. If student is tardy sign in at the main office.

## Pre-K 4 Assessments

- Attendance is so important due to the fact that Pre-K 4 is a testing program. Students are tested twice a year using the MKAS. This test measures their Kindergarten readiness. All students are required to receive a score of 498 to be considered Kindergarten ready.
- Brigance is our ages/stages and social/emotional assessment. This assessment will gauge where the student has developed at the current age.
- PL5 is the assessment used for speech
- All assessments are completed within the first 45 days of school. (Brigance, PT and OT - Bright Steps, Speech and Hearing - PSD, Vision - Sight Savers)
- Renaissance Star Early Literacy
- Math Shelf
- Cognitive Toybox

## Pre-K 3 Assessments

- Brigance
- PL5
- 45 Day Screeners
- TS Gold
- Math Shelf
- Cognitive Toybox

## Curriculum

- Pre-K 4 uses the MS Beginnings curriculum
- Pre-K 3 uses Creative Curriculum
- Al's Pals
- STEAM Xpress

# **Homework/Home Assignments/Parental Involvement**

- Home Activity Logs (In-Kinds) are to be completed DAILY on the Learning Genie Parent App.
- The three-year-olds and four-year-olds use Ready Rosie.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

- Four mandatory conferences are required a school year. Teachers will notify you two weeks before the conferences to schedule a good time. Two of these conferences are Home Visits.
- During the conferences all assessment results will be covered.

## **Communication**

- Each child will carry a folder in their school bag. All information will be placed in the folder daily. Please send any information, comments, questions, or concerns in this folder. Teachers will respond daily as the folders are checked daily at naptime. All questions and concerns that need to be addressed with a phone conversation will be handled after dismissal.
- Pre-K has a website that will contain all information pertaining to pre-K. The monthly newsletter will be on the website as well as the handbook and upcoming events. The website is: [psdec.com](http://psdec.com). Click on programs then Public Pre-K Program.

# Uniforms

- Picayune School Uniforms
- Pants/Shorts/Dresses – Khaki, Navy, & Gray (Solid Only)
- All pants and shorts must be hemmed. Skirts/Shorts and Dresses/Jumpers must be worn 3 inches above the kneecap and must be fitted around the waist. Pants/shorts must not sag.
- Uniform Fabric – No Denim material. No blue jeans or other types of jeans. No corduroy. No sweat pants, yoga pants, or wind pants.
- Polo Style Pullover Shirt with two or three buttons with a collar (Maroon/Gray/White) No Navy Blue Shirts. All shirts must fit appropriately. No tight fitting or over-sized shirts will be permitted. Undershirts may be worn under uniform shirt.
- T-shirt style shirt with Picayune School District or SSL Logo, an established college or university, or the United States Armed Forces may be worn daily. The shirt may be worn untucked.
- Socks must be worn. No inappropriate pictures, words, or logos. No leggings or jeggings.
- Close toe and closed heel shoes, preferably tennis style shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, jellies, shower shoes, shoe skates, slippers, or slides are not allowed.
- Students may wear solid maroon, gray, or white sweatshirts (with or without hoods) or sweaters. A uniform shirt must be worn under the sweatshirt or sweater. No logos except school or school district name.
- Any color jacket can be worn. A uniform shirt must be worn under the jacket.

# School Supplies

- School supply lists are available on the school website: [psdec.com](http://psdec.com)
- School supply lists are also at Wal-Mart
- School supply lists have been emailed to you.

# Potty Trained 3 Year Olds

- ALL students MUST be potty trained, fully able to use the bathroom and able to care for all needs and clothes in the bathroom. Please do not put belts on boys if they cannot buckle them alone. Teachers will not assist in the bathroom. Parents will be contacted if their child has an accident at school. If child has regular accidents they will be released from the program.

# Field Trips

- The program will cover the students' cost, parents will be responsible for the cost of themselves. All money collected for field trips is non-refundable. Parents may get discounted rates depending on the field trip. Parents will be

notified 30 days before the field trip money is due, however, the due date will be the final day to pay in order to get the discounted rate.

- We are asking that every child wear a field trip t-shirt for safety reasons the day of the field trip. Information concerning t-shirts will be sent home with advance notice prior to the Field Trip.

## **Transition to Kindergarten**

- We use the term transitioning instead of graduating. All students who will attend Kindergarten next year will transition at the end of the school year.
- The transition process for PreK and Head Start begins in December. We will have our first Transition Meeting in December to provide you with options for the Transition Ceremony. At this time, you will have a chance to vote on the details of the ceremony, the location, and ceremony attire.
- We will have another Transition Meeting in March providing you with information about the Elementary Schools and have local school administrators speak to you about their registration process. They will also answer any questions that you may have at this time.
- Transitioning students will take field trips to the Elementary Schools that they will be attending. This will occur in March and April. Permission Slips will be sent out once these trips are scheduled.
- Transition Ceremony will be held in May in the South Side Lower Elementary Cafetorium.