

Welcome to Kindergarten!



2024-2025 School Year

Meet the Teachers!



Mrs. Caldwell



Ms. Harris



Ms. Thorpe



Ms. Duong



Mrs. Galvan

Your child is entering Kindergarten!

This is an exciting time that can also be met with anxiety. We want to help you and your child feel comfortable and confident.

Talk to them about the Ellis School/Classroom Agreements

We make good choices

We are caring and inclusive

We listen and follow directions

We keep everyone safe





Independence

Kids learn to be more independent and self-motivated learners.



Friendship

Kids meet new people, and develop friendships.



Social-Emotional

Kids learn how to manage their emotions and how they affect others.



Academic

Kids learn to read, write, add and subtract.

Goals for Kindergarten

Snacks and Lunches

Prepare your child for a snack and lunch schedule. Kindergarteners will eat snack 9:45-10:00am and eat lunch from 12:00-12:20pm. Lunch at school will begin when full day begins. Breakfast or brunch and lunch are available for free at school every day.

Please send food in plastic or metal containers that your child can open by themselves, on his/her own; please **no glass**! Please send healthy choices for you child. (some ideas [here](#))

Due to hygiene (and helping build independence), teachers will not be peeling/cutting/opening things for students; please make sure food is prepared so your child can do it all themselves!



Play Life Skills Bingo with Your child!

The skills included in the Bingo game will help your child become more independent and confident.

Getting ready for Kindergarten

Visit Ellis Elementary School	Clean yourself after using the restroom	Practice cutting straight lines	Speak in complete sentences	Zip and Unzip your own jacket
Know how to hold scissors	Shorten/cut out afternoon naps	Practice saying Please and Thank you	Free	Know your first and last name
Know how to hold a pencil	Practice sitting criss cross on the carpet	Know when your birthday is	Button/Snap your own clothes	Practice cutting curvy lines
Open your own snack/lunch packaging	Practice Coloring	Know how to wash your hands properly	Blow your nose with a tissue	Tie your Shoes
Set a bedtime routine	Know how to use a glue stick	Dress yourself	Talk about how fun school is	Clean up after themselves

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