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Welcome to Kindergarten
Parent Orientation

Class of 2036



Welcome

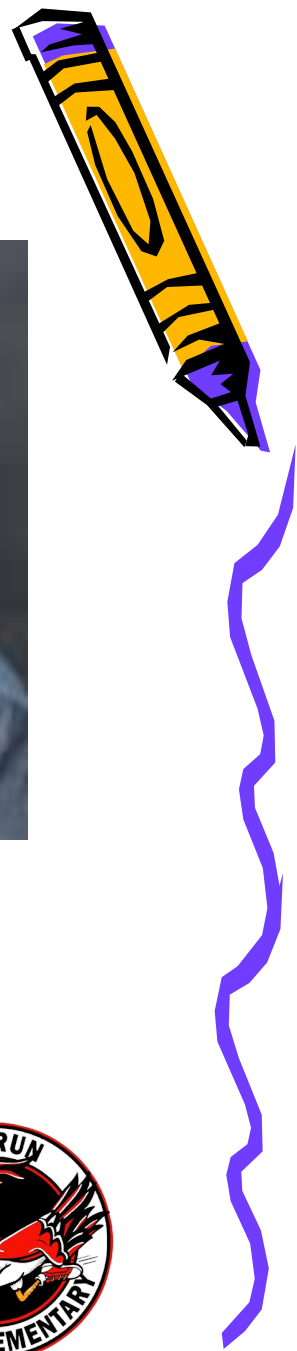
Ms. Christie Yarn, Principal
Mrs. Colleen Vaughan, Assistant Principal

Ms. Hodges, Teacher & Mrs. Tran, Assistant
Ms. Schuetz, Teacher & Ms. Raynor, Assistant



Christie Yarn

- 26 years as an educator and administrator
- Originally from Syracuse, NY
- First year at Little Run!
- Hobbies: Walking, traveling, food festivals



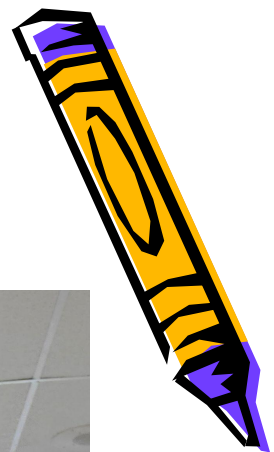
Colleen Vaughan

- Originally from Saratoga Springs, NY
- 20 years in education - Teacher, Coach & AP
- Five years at Little Run
- Kindergarten sets the tone!
- When I'm not working I enjoy spending time with family, traveling, and being outdoors



Lea Hodges

- 15+ years teaching Pre-K - 4th Grade (Taught K 6x)
- Lifelong learner
- Enjoys bird watching, hiking, kayaking, reading & playing word games with my cat on my lap
- Loves Kindergarten: It's the building block of education and where the road to success begins

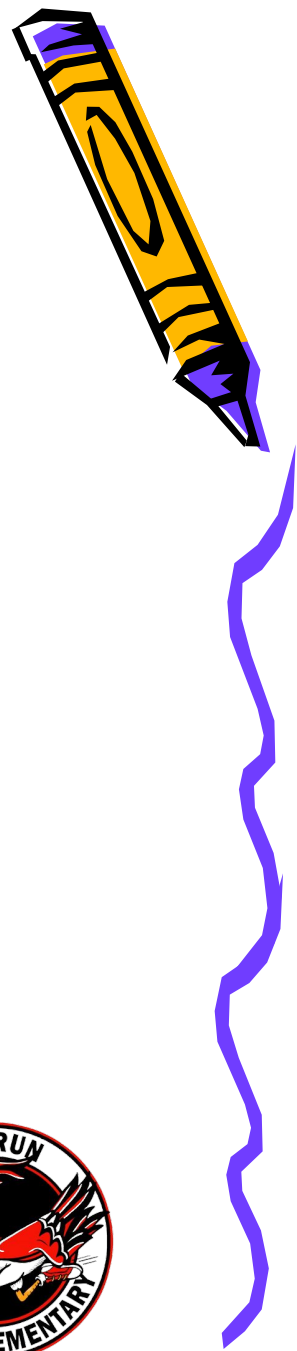


Kristen Schuetz

- 8 years of teaching total (K, 1st, 2nd);
6 years at LRES
- Hobbies: Running, reading, doing puzzles, and playing with Sammy the Beagle
- Deep love for Kindergarten!



Who's in the room?



Please raise your hand if...

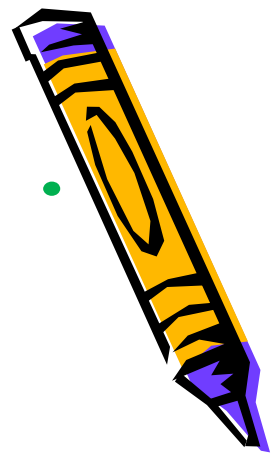
- This is your first child entering Kindergarten/Little Run.
- You have other children at Little Run.
- You just moved to the Northern VA area.



What you will learn today . . .

An Introduction to:

- ✓ What our school looks like
- ✓ A typical Kindergarten day
- ✓ Home/School Communication
- ✓ PTA
- ✓ Kindergarten Purposeful Placement Process (KP3)
- ✓ Supporting Your Kindergartener at Home



What does our school look like?

- **Strong Community School**
 - children are supported by parents and teachers
- **Outstanding Educators**
 - providing an individualized caring environment
- **Knowledge and Ability**
 - meeting the different learning needs of children



Little Run Profile



- 60 years of history
- Part of the Woodson Pyramid
- Enrollment, approximately 300 students
- Includes grades Pre-K through 6
- 28 languages represented
- Two teachers per grade level
- Community Development: Responsive Classroom



Kindergarten Curriculum



Literacy & Word Study



Basic math skills



Investigation, exploration, discovery, active learning and creative expression

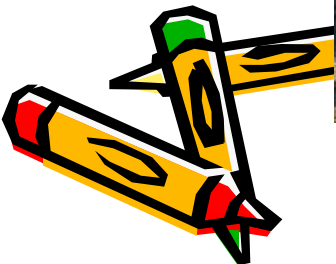


Developing quality work habits and school routines

Encouraging a positive self-image and fostering positive interaction with others









A day in the life of our Kindergarteners...








Sample Kindergarten Schedule

Morning

- Arrival 
- Morning Work 
- Morning Meeting
- Reading 
- Writing 
- Recess 
- Lunch 

Afternoon

- Calendar 
- Math 
- Science/
Social Studies 
- Recess 
- Specials
- Pack Up 



Morning Meeting

Morning meeting is an engaging way to start each day, build a strong sense of community, and set children up for success socially and academically.



Four Components: Greeting, Sharing, Group Activity, and Morning Message

Literacy

Your child will participate in many forms of literacy activities during the day. Reading Workshop, Writing Workshop, Word Study, Shared Reading and Read Alouds.



Word Study



Independent,
Paired, & Shared
Reading

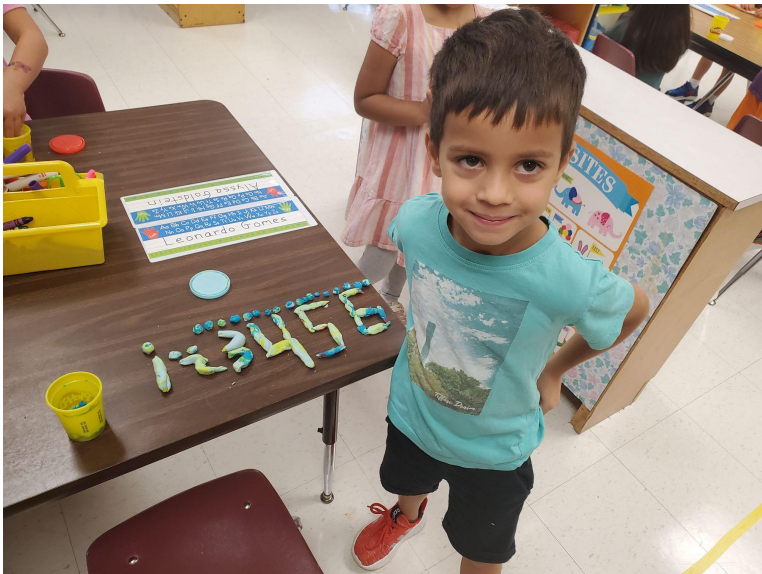


Writing
Workshop

Math

- Calendar
- Math workshop

Your child will learn important math concepts through hands-on math activities, investigations, small groups, and games.



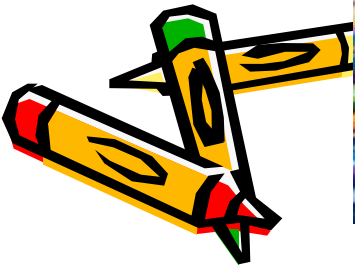
Science and Social Studies

In science, students discover, investigate, and problem solve.

In Social Studies, students examine a variety of materials to learn about themselves, their families, and community.



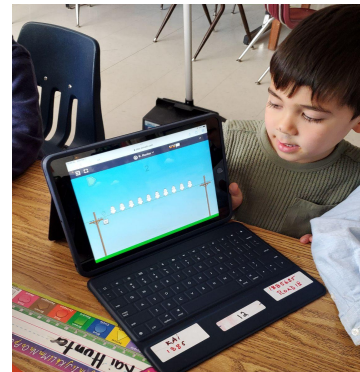
Play in Kindergarten



Kindergarten Specials

Your child will participate in specials every day. Here are our wonderful specialist teachers:

- **Library:** Mrs. Beaumont
 - Lessons & checkouts once per week
- **Art:** Mrs. Hashime
- **Music:** Mrs. Weingartener
- **P.E.:** Mrs. Brown
- **Tech Time:** Ms. Oerhlein
- **AAP:** Ms. Hitchcock



Counselor Felicia Kennedy



Social emotional learning & health



Home/School Communication



Kinder Weekly Update
(Weekly Newsletter)

LR News You Choose
(School Weekly
Newsletter)



News You Choose



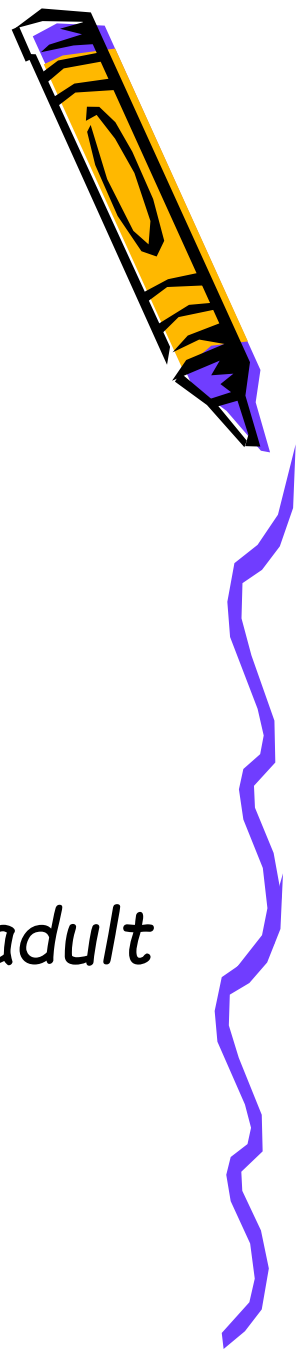
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Transportation

- SACC/Walkers
- Kiss n Ride
- Bus



**Kindergartners MUST be met by an adult*



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



Rebecca Tulkoff
PTA President

*More info at: littlerunpta.org



PTA: Some of What We Do



Facilitate yearly fundraiser events.



Coordinate cultural events.



Organize after school events.



Run the Teacher Mini-Grants



What is KP3?

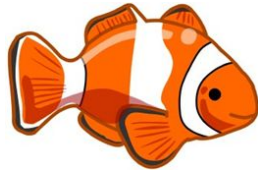
Kindergarten Purposeful Placement Process

A process by which all students have the opportunity to experience both classroom settings and peers across the grade level in order to create a well-balanced class grouping.



What does KP3 look like?

- Each student is assigned an animal name



- Students rotate once per day for a week
- Students have a base class where they begin and end each day



Benefits of KP3

- In depth look at students' individual strengths and needs
- Create a well balanced and diverse student grouping
- Teachers build relationships with all students



Supporting Your Kindergartener at Home

Routines are important

Positive mindset

Address student worries

Keep us informed; we are here to help!



Timeline

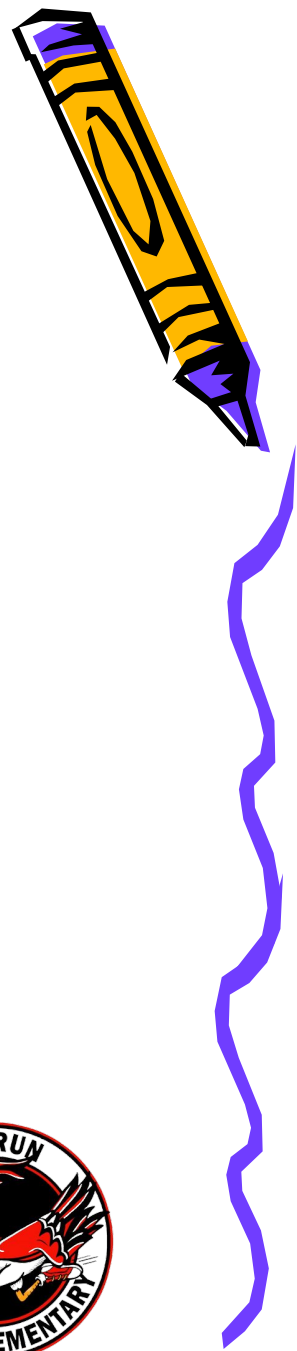
Orientation: Friday, March 3rd

Summer Playdate: TBD

Open House/BTSN: TBD

KP3 Implementation: Aug. 21st - 24th

Final classes created and parents notified: Friday, August 25th



Kindergarten Registration

Registration is by appointment. Contact Mrs. Victoria Reyes, our school registrar, to make an appointment vvreyes@fcps.edu



"A positive parent-teacher relationship helps your child feel good about school and be successful in school... it makes a child feel like the important people in their life are working together."





Thanks for coming!



We look forward to seeing you at the start of the school year!

