

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

April 2026

What We Learned

Language Arts

Our kindergarteners have been working so hard in phonics! We have officially learned all of our letters and sounds and are so proud of the progress everyone has made. Over the past few weeks, we have been reviewing CVC words with all the vowels a, e, i, o, and u, helping students strengthen their ability to blend and read simple words with confidence.

We also introduced new Heart Words: have, what, some, come, for, about, take, make, out and our. Students are learning to recognize these words automatically and use them in both their reading and writing. Throughout our lessons, children have been practicing stretching and blending sounds, tapping out words, and applying these skills when writing their own sentences. It has been so exciting to watch their confidence grow as they continue developing into strong readers and writers!

Math

Students continued building their understanding of addition and subtraction. Students learned how numbers can be composed in different ways to make totals up to 10 (Example: 4 can be made with $1 + 3$, $2 + 2$, etc.). They also practiced solving simple story problems and writing addition and subtraction equations. Students can be supported at home by creating fun math stories using equations like $6 + 2 = 8$ or $7 - 5 = 2$, and being asked to explain whether the problem shows adding or subtraction.

April

- Apr. 1 April Fools Day:
Bring in a joke to share
Summer Enrichment Academy
Registration Begins, closes 4/30
- Apr. 3 Schools Closed
- Apr. 9 Cashless Book Fair during day
PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM. Adult
shopping starts at 6:00.
- Apr. 10 Lunch Portal Opens for May
Orders
- Apr. 17 PTA Spring Craft
- Apr. 20-24 Schools Closed**
Spring Recess
- Apr. 27 PTA APEX Fun Run Fundraiser
(Information to follow)

**As always, please check our District
and School Google calendar for the most
current activities.**

Contact Info

Report Absences to:

kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org

Main Office:

201-438-7675 ext. 6219



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Upcoming Events

Cashless Book Fair

Set up an eWallet account in your child's name on our Book Fair website for April 9. Students shop during the school day. Adult only shopping is available prior to the PTA meeting. Students absent on April 9 will be able to shop on the make up day, Friday, April 10.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kindergartencenter>

PTA Meeting April 9 at 6:30 PM

Rutherford SEA:

Summer Enrichment Academy

July 6 through July 31, 2026
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Lincoln School 414 Montross Ave.

Registration: April 1- April 30, 2026.
Program Cost: \$475

This is a great opportunity for your child to stay engaged socially and academically! Students will be involved in thematic units centered around a high interest topic. The goal is to get the children excited about learning, use higher level thinking skills, foster creativity, and have fun with friends during the summer.

Additional information is available on our website,

<https://sites.google.com/rutherford-schools.org/summerprogramsite/>

Transition to Grade 1

Information regarding your child's school assignment for the 2026-2027 school year will be sent to families in late spring.

Principals of Lincoln and Washington will hold a information session for parents who will be attending these schools for the first time. This event will be held at the respective schools on May 12 at 7:00 PM for adults only.

A student visit to a first grade classroom will be held on June 5, 2026 during the day.

****Please help us spread the word that kindergarten registration is open and early registration is appreciated.**

Health Office

Allergy Season

If your child significantly suffers from seasonal allergies and needs medication administered during the day, please contact Nurse Erica Farrel for paperwork. Your doctor will be sure to have your doctor complete the orders for administration and provide the medication with the orders to the nurse.

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Playground and School Grounds

Playground and school property close for Bulldog Care use at 3:00. Please be mindful of your time and plan accordingly. The Kindergarten Center recognizes the benefits and importance of free play and need the assistance of our students' adult(s) to ensure safety within play when school is not in session!

- Children are not permitted back into the building once they are dismissed by their teacher.
- If an area is sectioned off, enforce this.
- Parents/guardians must be **on** school property monitoring their child at **ALL** times. Do not watch from the car. Your child must be in your sight and are not to run around the school.
- Children should not be playing in or around the bushes or the ground coverage. This includes digging anywhere, running through vegetation, or picking/pulling at branches.
- No standing or jumping from the top of the climbing rock.
- No climbing or standing on the playground bridge railing.
- Do not climb over fences or railings between play areas.
- Do not jump off the wall towards the equipment area, or jump or stand inappropriately on the equipment.
- No banging on windows, ringing door bells or congregating on stairs or entry/exit.
- Do not write on school property.
- Do not leave garbage of any sorts behind.
- Be mindful of over crowding during play as this lends itself to injuries and unsafe play.

