



Roosevelt

Elementary School

Kindergarten FAQ's

Beginning kindergarten is such an exciting time for both students and families! Kindergarten is the beginning of your child's educational journey. Students learn and grow so much during the first year of school. We know you will be amazed at all you see in your child. While this is an exciting time, we also know that there are a lot of questions that families have regarding how, and what, to expect during the first few weeks of school. Below are some common questions we receive, along with answers. We hope that this will help you prepare for kindergarten!

Sincerely,
The Roosevelt Staff

- **When will I learn who my child's teacher is?**

You will receive a letter in early August stating who your child's classroom teacher will be, along with information about our upcoming **Kindergarten Orientation** on August 21 and **Welcome Back Day** for all families on September 1.

- **Does my child attend all day on the first day of school?**

The first official day of school is **Friday, September 1** between **8:00–11:30am** or **1:00-4:30pm**. This day is known as **Welcome Back Day**. This is an important day for all Roosevelt students and their families to attend as we prepare for the new school year. It is also a great opportunity for you and your child to meet the people who will be investing their time, energy, and expertise caring for your child throughout the school year. We are blessed to have a tremendous group of highly dedicated staff members who are ready to get started! Families with a kindergarten student should plan to attend a kindergarten-specific meeting with their child during one of the four options listed below

- 8:00-9:00am
- 10:00-11:00am
- 1:00-2:00pm
- 3:00-4:00pm

Your visit will last approximately 30-60 minutes.

- Visit your child's classroom to meet their teacher, drop off school supplies, gather school information, ask questions, etc.
- Meet our Music, Art, Physical Education, Library Media Specialist, and support staff members who will also be working with your child.
- Complete lunch forms and add lunch money to your child's account.
- Complete medication forms and drop off medication in the office (if needed).
- Sign up for *Skyward* family access.
- Learn about our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).
- Sign up for volunteering opportunities.



- **How do I know what school supplies to bring?**

The Eau Claire Area School District has a unified supply list for all elementary schools, which can be found here: [2023-2024 School Supply Lists](#)

- **What are my child's lunch options?**

If interested in having your child eat breakfast or hot lunch at school, you may make your first payment in the cafeteria on *Welcome Back Day*. Checks can be made out to the Food and Nutrition Program. You can also add money to your child's account through www.mylunchmoney.com. The 2023-24 school lunch prices are available here: [Eau Claire Area School District Food and Nutrition](#)

Students have the choice to purchase breakfast and lunch at school or pack their own cold lunch from home. Families may also qualify for free or reduced meal pricing. If you believe you may qualify for free or reduced-price meals, please complete the short application found here: www.myschoolapps.com. These applications are critical because they help the Eau Claire Area School District receive funding for many school programs. New applications are required every year unless your family received a letter from the *ECASD Food and Nutrition Department* stating that you do not need to complete an application this school year.

If your child will not be eating school meals and bring food from home, please ensure they are packing nutritious options to choose from instead of candy and other junk food. When choosing a beverage to pack, please make sure the beverage is non-carbonated and non-caffeinated. Students who bring carbonated or caffeinated beverages with their meal will be asked to return them to their lockers to take home, with cold water as an available option to them.

- **What if my child has specific health needs or medication during the day?**

If your child requires medication to be administered by school staff, please be sure to complete the appropriate forms. These are available in the school office and on the district website, located here: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/School-Nurses> Please remember that all medication containers must be labeled to match the doctor's orders that are indicated on the forms. We are unable to dispense any medications until the above procedures are followed.

- **Do you have before or after school childcare at Roosevelt?**

Before and after school care is available through *Grace School Age Child Care* (on-site between Roosevelt/Lakeshore Elementary). To enroll in this service please contact them at (715) 832-3039.

- **What time does school start and end, and how does drop off and pick up work?**

Students are welcomed into our building for breakfast at 8:15am. If your student is not eating breakfast, they should head directly to the playground. Please note that there is no playground supervision until 8:20am. All students who are walking to school, or being dropped off by a

parent, should begin on the playground. Families are welcome to park and wait there with their child(ren) until the 8:30am bell.

Our first bell, signifying that all students should enter the building, rings at 8:30am. Classes begin at 8:40am.

Our afternoon bell rings at 3:35pm for dismissal. If your student is riding a bus, he or she will be dismissed out the front door. If your student is getting picked up, or walking home, he or she will be dismissed to the playground. All parents should plan on picking students up on the playground. Eighth Street is reserved for our bus traffic only. We recommend arriving early for pick up, as the side streets get crowded, and you may need to allow extra time to walk to the playground. We have also found that agreeing on a meeting spot, such as the slide, before the year begins helps in connecting with your student at the end of the day.

- **What if I have questions during the summer? Who do I contact?**

Our school building will be closed for the majority of the summer with staff returning in late August. If you have questions before that time, please feel free to contact Principal Ben Dallman at (715) 852-4710 or bdallman@ecasd.us. He will be available to meet by appointment.

- **How do you communicate with families during the school year?**

While we do send flyers home in a folder your student will receive on the first day of school, we frequently email parents about important school happenings. Please ensure that we have your correct email address on file. We also use our Facebook page for important announcements. Please visit us at www.facebook.com/rooseveltelementary.

- **When will my student have lunch and recess?**

Specific lunch and recess times will be announced in your Roosevelt Family Handbook, on your *Roosevelt Family Calendar*, and on our website and updated by September 1.

- **Can I come have lunch with my child?**

Because of space limitations and confidentiality reasons, we are unable to accommodate visitors for lunch during the school day like we have in the past. If you have questions about this, please call me at (715) 852-4710.

- **Can I volunteer in my child's classroom?**

Yes! Please connect with your child's classroom teacher at the start of the year to see what help he or she may need.

- **How do I communicate if my child will be out of school, arriving late, or leaving early?**

If you have an absence, late arrival, or early dismissal to report, please call our attendance hotline at (715) 852-4700. If dropping late, or picking up early, please go directly to the office at

door 1. If you need immediate assistance, please call our secretary at (715) 852-4701.

- **I have questions about busing. Who do I contact?**

Buses will run at their normal schedule beginning on **Tuesday, September 5**, but please be aware that the routes often take a bit longer to start the year. Because of this your child(ren) could be arriving home a bit later than expected the first few days of school. If you have specific questions about bus routes, please call Student Transit directly at (715) 839-5116.

- **We are looking at planning a vacation next spring. How do I find the school year calendar?**

You can find our district calendar on the ECASD website at www.ecasd.us.

- **Can I join the PTA?**

Yes! We have a very active PTA, and we would love for you to join! Please visit our [Roosevelt PTA Facebook page](#) for more information.

- **When will school pictures be taken?**

School pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, September 19**. Watch for emails and flyers for more information. Retakes will be on **November 2** and will be announced well in advance.

Si desea que alguien le traduzca esta carta o si tiene preguntas, llame a Kresly Rodriguez-Martinez al (715) 852-4246.

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