

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Mrs. Ward's 2015-2016 School Year

Awesome Assistants

Mrs. Baggett

Mrs. Kerns

Mrs. Donohue



Thank you for sharing your child with me!

- Your child will be cared for and treated with courtesy and respect!
- A warm classroom environment helps a child feel safe and learn to take new, positive educational and social risks!
- I understand how it feels to leave your young child in the care of new adults!
- I plan to partner with you to make this year a positive one for your child!



Mrs. Ward's Specials Schedule

Students go to specials daily.

Please check the schedule and be sure your child is dressed in sneakers on P.E. days (Wed & Fri)!

Please be sure to return your child's library book on a weekly basis so that they may choose a new one!

Monday—Art

Tuesday—Music

Wednesday—P.E.

Thursday—Music and Art

Friday—Library and P.E.

Computer Lab (TBD)



Mrs. Ward's Classroom Schedule

9:05 to 10:55
Language Arts Block
Morning Meeting
Guided Reading Groups
Journal Writing
Literacy Centers
Word Study

11:00 to 11:30
Lunch
11:35 to 11:55
Recess

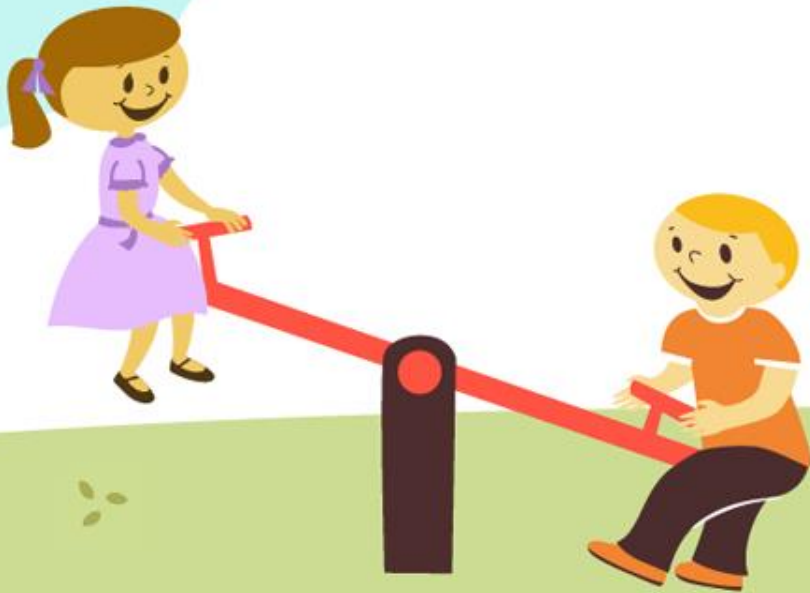
12:00 to 12:15
Independent/Shared Reading
Modeled Comprehension
12:15 to 1:00
Writing

2:00 to 2:40
Specials
2:45 to 3:20
Social Studies
Science/STEM activities

3:20 Review/Pack Up
3:25 Dismissal



Please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for outdoor play! We utilize the playground everyday unless the temperature is below freezing! Send mittens, hats, and sweatshirts when needed! Sending your child in closed toe shoes will allow participation in all outdoor activities, including using the tricycles!



Classroom Management Techniques Include:

Viking Cards

- Cards are given out school wide, so students can earn them anywhere!
- Thursday is shopping day! Trade in 10 tickets for a reward!
- Friday is reward day! YEAH!

Apple Tree

- Apples stay up high in the leaves as long as you are following the 3 R's at Valley Elementary!
- One move down to the middle of the tree is a warning.
- If an apple moves down to the trunk of the tree, parent contact is made.

I am ready to learn and let my classmates learn, too!

I can show respect to others!

I am responsible for my own actions!



School Items that you may see come home:

- Home/School Connection Folder (daily)
- Poetry Folder
- Math Journal
- Language Arts Journal

Homework:

- 10 to 20 minutes Monday through Thursday
- Little Books (please return daily)
- Voluntary Homework Calendar
- Math (may include manipulatives)

Please check book bags nightly, and communicate through the folder as needed!



Field Trips!

- Kindergarten plans to go on three field trips this year!
- The Great Frederick Fair (Sept. 22nd)
- Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch (fall)
- Catoctin Creek Nature Center (spring)

Parent volunteers are always welcome! There are limited seats on the bus, but parents are always welcome to meet us there! The more, the merrier!



Lunches/Birthdays/Invitations

Students have the opportunity to purchase lunch in the cafeteria!

Kindergarten classes sit by class in the cafeteria!

▪ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended for consumption by their individual student. So.....non-edible items are a great alternative!

- It is school policy that students refrain from handing out party invitations at school. Please refer to the student directory, and send them from your home mail! Thank you!



Parent and teacher collaboration is they key to your child's success!

I have an open door policy, so please stop in if and when you can!

Parents work within the classroom!

Please Volunteer!



All about Mrs. Ward!

I have been teaching for FCPS for 12 years!

I have taught kindergarten for 8 years, and I have also taught special education and prekindergarten!

I live in Jefferson with my husband, two daughters (12 and 14), a dog, and a guinea pig who loves to visit Valley ES!

I love the color green, teaching kindergarten, reading, playing tennis, traveling to ANY beach, and sea turtles!

Thank you for taking the time to come tonight!

I am looking forward to getting to know your child, too! Please fill out the interest forms with your child and send them back to school!

Staggered Opening Days

Students come on a designated day only! Everyone returns together on Thursday, Aug. 27th!



Please contact me with questions or concerns!

You can:

Email me at Jennifer.ward@fcps.org

Write a note in your child's folder.

Call me at 240-236-3000 ext. 62993

Notes need to be written for the office if:

- Your child is absent.
- Afternoon transportation changes.
- You plan to pick up your child early for an appointment.