Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Class of 2025
“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 his life are working together.”
Welcome

Mr. Michael Macrina, Principal
Mr. Martin Gross, Assistant Principal
Mrs. JoVon Rogers, Assistant Principal
Ms. Leech, Ms. Elznic - Room 117
Mrs. Parker, Ms. AlAghbar - Room 118
Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Kunzman - Room 120
Mrs. Reininger, Ms. Escobar - Room 119

Registration, this year, is by appointment only. Please see Ms. Lynn Cowart, our school registrar, to make an appointment.
What you will learn today . . .

An Introduction to:

✓ Being a valuable member of the Island Creek Elementary School
✓ What our school looks like
✓ Safety and Security
✓ Crocs Creed - Overview
✓ A Typical Kindergarten Day
✓ Language Arts Expectations
✓ Meeting Individual Needs
✓ Parent Partnership
What does our school look like?

- **Strong community school**
  - children are supported by parents and teacher
- **Outstanding educators**
  - providing an individualized caring environment
- **Knowledge and ability**
  - meeting the different learning needs of children
Island Creek Profile

- Specialized Preschool - 6th grade programs
- Significant school in Hayfield Pyramid
- Enrollment, approximately 810 students
- Active and involved PTA
- On-site child care - SACC (703-449-8989) [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc/sacc.htm]
- Preschool Programs - Special needs
- ESOL Programs to meet individual needs
- School based Advanced Academics Program
- Non-Categorical Special Programs
Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing and one-time

• Classroom
• Specials
• Help from home
• School
Safety and Security at Island Creek Elementary School

Safety and security is a top priority.
Students will be supervised at all times.

- Safety is everyone’s responsibility
- All employees must wear identification badge (including maintenance workers)
Sign In and Out

*Everyone who comes to school signs in and wears a badge*

- **Visitors** - Must check in first at main office
- **Volunteers** - Must check in at main office
- **Change in routines** - Going home with friends
  - Note is required from both sets of parents

- **Checking in Students** -
  - **Late Arrival** - Sign in at main office
  - **Early Dismissal** - Check out procedure from main office
Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival- 8:10 Staff members help transition students from arrival into the school.

Dismissal- 2:50 (Tue-Fri) Monday early closing (12:20). Teachers/Patrols bring students to bus, van riders, walkers, or Kiss and ride areas and wait with students.
Emergency Care Card (E.C.C.)

• Our primary way of contacting you in an emergency.
• Be sure to fill them out accurately and update E.C.C.- moved, new jobs, new telephone number and Day Care information.
• Accessible via Parent View
  - Parent view not accessible until September for updates.
Medications
By regulation, parents only may bring medications to school and give it directly to nurse.

Attendance
Call in to the attendance phone line 571-642-6363
Absent students: parents are notified

Lunch Account
• Students enter a PIN# or bring money to buy lunch (yes, we do adjust to a smaller pin #)

Label Clothing - Inside jackets, sweaters, possessions
Transportation

- Bus Riders: get into routine early on first day

- Kiss and Ride: Observe Safety/Traffic Rules
  - Assigned area for pick up and drop off
  - No left hand turn onto Morning View
  - Park and walk into the building with your child is always an option
  - Bus lot is for buses only
Delayed Openings/Early Closings

- Channel 21 or local television and radio

- Plan Ahead For Child Care- Make sure child knows what he or she is supposed to do in these situations.
Croc Creed Program

Encouraging Children to make good personal decisions through teaching valued character qualities.

We can all make a difference in our children’s future.
ICES Character Qualities

Respectful
Responsible
Cooperative
Safe
Honest
Kind

What do we hope to achieve from these?
You are the key to your child’s success

Please use the character quality words at home with your children. They will learn from your examples.
Home/School Communication

• Blackboard/Parent View
• Email
• Voicemail
• Keep in Touch
• Island Creek Website
• Croc Courier (Monthly Newsletter)
Kindergarten Philosophy

The Kindergarten program focuses on:

• Language Development
• Basic math skills development
• Promoting an appreciation for diversity
• Incorporating active learning
• Providing opportunities for investigation, exploration, and discovery
• Encouraging a positive self-concept
• Promoting creative expression
• Fostering positive interaction with others
• Developing quality work habits and school routines
Kindergarten Specials

• Library
  - Lessons & checkouts once p/week

• Art
  - Once per week

• Music and P.E.
  - Five times a week
Instruction

Meeting the individual needs of students:
- Learning / Developmental centers
- Literacy / Math Stations
- Differentiated instruction
- Small groups / Flexible grouping
- Resource teachers
- Parent volunteers
Language Arts - Fosters literacy learning through engagement in print-rich experiences to develop:

**Oral Language**
- Listening
- Phonemic Awareness
- Speaking
- Story Retelling
Language Arts- Continued

Reading

- Print Awareness
- Read Aloud
- Alphabet Identification
- Shared Reading
- Phonics
- Independent Reading
Language Arts- Continued

Writing

➢ Draw
➢ Write
➢ Share
Important Kinder Croc Notes

- Bring towel (Quiet time)
- Healthy snacks for afternoon
- Be conscious of allergies - i.e. nut free
- In the AM, Kindergarteners are brought to the classrooms by a Patrol (daily)
- Notify classroom teachers and front office if your child’s before or after school plans change in writing.
- Make sure you write how your child goes home on a white index card and place it in their backpacks for the first week of school.
LITTLE EYES DO SEE MUCH MORE THAN WE THINK!