

The background is a dark blue gradient with several white four-pointed stars. On the left, a purple rocket with a white circular window and a red flame is launching upwards. A large blue planet is behind the rocket, and a smaller blue planet with a white outline is to its left. A red planet with white spots is in the upper left. A red planet with a ring is in the lower right. A long, thin, wavy red line curves from the rocket's tail towards the right side of the image.

# Blast Off Into Kindergarten

Dranesville Elementary School  
Kindergarten Orientation  
March 3, 2023

**Welcome!**



# Welcome from the Kindergarten Team



Your trust and partnership in  
caring for each Dranesville  
Dragon means the world to us.

**—Dranesville Teachers and Staff**







# Portrait of a Graduate

What will we learn to be?



# We will learn to be Goal Directed and Resilient

I don't give up when  
something is hard.

I learn from my mistakes  
and keep trying.



I make a plan to  
finish what I  
start.

I stay on task  
during work  
time.



# We will learn to be Critical and Creative Thinkers

I can say why  
an idea is a  
good one.

I ask questions to  
help me solve  
problems.



I use my  
imagination to  
think about new  
ideas.

I show  
that I am  
creative.



# We will learn to be Global and Ethical Citizens

I have rights and responsibilities as a member of my school community.



I show I am a good friend by making good choices.

I treat others with respect and kindness.





# We will learn to be Communicators

I listen and  
ask questions  
so I can  
understand.



I write and share  
my ideas.

I speak so others  
can understand  
me.





# We will learn to be Collaborators

I help my team  
not give up  
when things  
get hard.



I respectfully listen  
to the ideas of  
others.

I share my ideas.

I try to see things  
from other  
people's side.



# Work, Learn, and Play

What will our day look like?

# Typical Kindergarten Schedule

Morning Meeting

Language Arts

Lunch

Recess

Mathematics

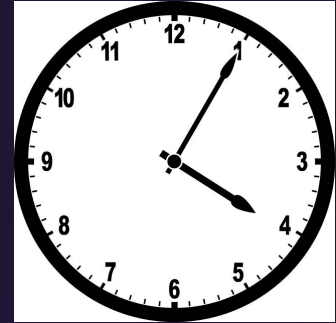
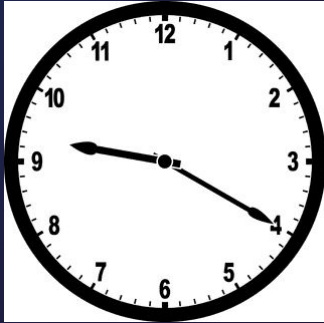
Science or Social Studies

Specials

Recess

Choice time

Dismissal





# Curriculum

What will we learn?

# Curriculum

## Social Emotional, Academic, Specials

### Social Emotional

Morning Meeting

Counseling Lessons

Zones of Regulation

### Academic

Language Arts

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

### Specials

Art

Music

Physical Education

FLES/ Language Through Content

STEAM

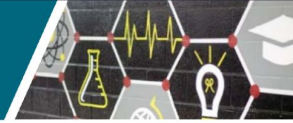
Library





# Kindergarten Year at a Glance

Fairfax County Public Schools



## Writing

- Developing a Writing Process
- Drawing for Meaning
- Studying Patterns
- Informational Writing
- Personal Narratives
- Poetry
- Research
- Persuasive Writing and/or Author Study

## Oral Communication

- Active Listening
- Collaborative Discussions
- Conversation Skills



## Portrait of a Graduate



A goal of FCPS is to provide opportunities for students to demonstrate learning in authentic ways and support students in the development of skills that employers are seeking for the workforce. Teachers in FCPS are enhancing learning opportunities to include the Portrait of a Graduate attributes:

- Communicator
- Collaborator
- Ethical and Global Citizen
- Creative and Critical Thinker
- Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual

To develop these skills, FCPS strives for all students to:

- Develop knowledge and skills that can be applied across subject areas and in real life settings.
- Utilize and grow critical thinking skills that require them to go beyond the facts
- Engage in learning that fosters curiosity.
- Confront and make contributions to solving real-world problems.
- Demonstrate learning and skills in a variety of ways, such as projects and portfolios.
- Set goals and reflect on their progress.

## Reading

- Engaging with Storybooks: Print Organization
- Character Development
- Nonfiction
- Finding Patterns in Stories
- Poetry
- Research
- Learning about Print

## Word Study

- Building Alphabet Knowledge
- Building Letter-Sound Relationships
- Building Words
- Short Vowels and Word Families
- Digraphs





# Kindergarten Year at a Glance

Fairfax County Public Schools



## Mathematics

- Sorting and Classifying Attributes
- Counting
- Numeral Writing and Recognition
- Patterns
- Fluency for Numbers through 5
- Part-Whole Relationships for Numbers through 10
- Addition and Subtraction with Numbers through 10
- Measurement
- Coin Identification and Counting
- Two-Dimensional Shapes
- Calendar
- Tables, Picture Graphs, and Object Graphs
- Fraction Number Sense

## Science

- Scientific Investigation
- Five Senses
- Observations
- Plant and Animal Needs
- Life Cycles
- Speed
- Magnets
- Shadows
- Weather Changes
- Phases of Water
- Sink and Float
- Reuse and Recycle
- Water and Energy Conservation

## Social Studies

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Being a Good Citizen
- Economics: Jobs, Choices, Wants, and Money
- Geography: Land and Water Features
- Map Skills
- Community and Community Members
- Past and Present
- American Symbols and Holidays



# Social Emotional Learning

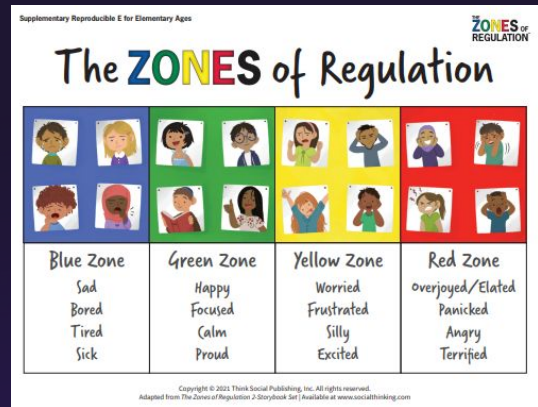
## Morning Meeting



## Calm Corners



## Zones of Regulation



# Social Emotional Learning

DOMAIN	STANDARD
Academic Development	Understand the expectations of the educational environment
	Use appropriate communication skills to ask for help when needed
Career Development	Understand the concepts of job and care
Personal-Social Development	Demonstrate good manners and respectful behavior towards others
	Identify resource people in the school and community and understand how to seek their help



# We Learn Core Content and More with Our Specialists and Resource Teachers





# Preparation

- 4 Boxes Crayola Crayons 24 count
- 2 Boxes Crayola Ultra Clean Washable thick markers 8 count
- 1 box Crayola Colored pre-sharpened pencils 12 count
- 10 Purple Elmer's Washable Jumbo Purple Glue Sticks
- 1 Elmer's School Glue 4oz
- 1 Fiskars 5" blunt scissors
- 2 Scotties Tissues
- 1 Hand Sanitizer w/pump 8 oz
- 1 Liquid Hand Soap w/pump
- 2 Pink Bevel Eraser (latex free)
- 2 Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 Pack of 4 Low Odor Black Fine Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 2 Papermate Black Flair Medium Felt Tip Pens
- 1 Black and White Composition Notebook (wide ruled)
- 1 Box of Ziploc Quart Bags 25 count
- 1 Box of Ziploc Gallon Sized Bags 25 count
- 1 Sturdy headphones that go over the ears/no earbuds



# Transportation



Here Comes The Bus

## Walkers

Kindergarten walkers may enter doors 1, 3, or 5.

Kindergarten walkers will be dismissed from door 4 and must be met by an adult.

## Kiss and Ride

Our Kiss and Ride loop is in the parking lot off of Powells Tavern. The longest wait will be before doors open and the bell. Please be patient and remain in your car. A staff member will come to your car, call for your child, and your child will enter from the passenger side at the loading zone near the playground.

## Bus

Students eligible to ride a bus will be assigned a bus. Steps and times will be in SIS ParentVUE a few days before school begins.

Kindergarteners will have yellow tape place on their backpacks to identify them to the bus driver. They will sit in the front of the bus and MUST be met by an adult.

Notify the main office of any transportation changes before 3:00 pm to ensure that the message gets to your child's teachers.





# Attendance



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!  
We all Belong Here.  
Every Day Counts!

[dranesvilleelem.attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:dranesvilleelem.attendance@fcps.edu)

# Communication

- Phone (703) 326-5200 
- Email 
- Talking Points 
- News You Choose  
Weekly Newsletter 



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# Community of Helpers

Who are the helpers?



# Administrative Team



"In every neighborhood, all across our country,  
there are good people insisting on a good start  
for the young, and doing something about it."

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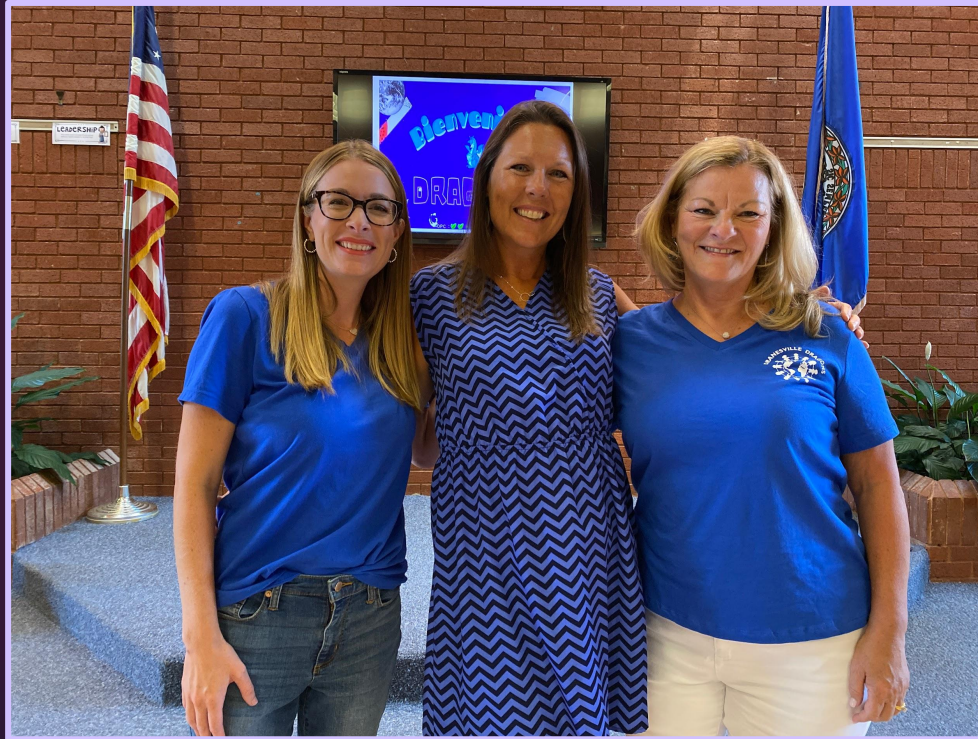
—Mr. Rogers

# Front Office Team and Clinic





# ★ Clinical Team



# Food Services



<https://fcps.nutrislice.com/menu>  
<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>  
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>



# SACC

Before School Care

6:30 am - 9:05 am

After School Care

4:05 pm - 6:15 pm

Welcome to the School Age Child Care (SACC) Program- a great place to be a child!

2022

2023

**SACC** provides fun, safe and educational care for children in kindergarten-sixth grade before school, after school and during school vacations in most Fairfax County public elementary schools. Children with special needs are fully included in all SACC centers.

The SACC program serves children five days a week, Monday-Friday.

Before School - 7 a.m. until school begins.

After School - End of school day until 6:15 p.m. SACC service begins when the children are dismissed from school.

Winter/Spring/Summer Programs - Full-day winter, spring and summer programs are offered at several consolidated sites throughout the county.

Comprehensive health and safety protocols are followed at all locations.

**SACC CURRICULUM GUIDE 2022-2023**

**Connecting to Animals, Plants and their Environments**

Children will explore the lives of animals through biomes. Biomes are collections of the plants and animals living in a specific environment type. There are five biomes to explore: Aquatic, Grassland, Forest, Desert and Tundra. By exploring the environments they live in, the people they are near, and the way they live their lives, we can begin to understand the world of animals.

**Making Tracks**

Throughout the school year we will immerse ourselves into diverse environments and discover all that they have to offer, from wild terrains and weather to flora and fauna. We will move through the school year using "tracks." An animal track is an imprint left behind in the soil, snow, mud or another ground surface by an animal walking or slithering over it. Much like the tracks animals make, we will leave an imprint on the lives of children by connecting them to diverse environments.

**Meet the Staff**



**Mrs. Skyler Madison- Center Supervisor**  
I've been working for SACC for the past 18 years! I love a good road trip to the mountains, lake, or beach. I'm a mom of 2 girls whom I adore! I also have two fur babies, a dog, and a cat.



**Mr. Tomasa**  
I'm excited to be back at Dranesville for my 13<sup>th</sup> year! I have 5 dogs and enjoy taking vacations in Florida with my family. I enjoy painting and doing puzzles with the kids.



**Mr. Deion Jones- Head Teacher**  
I've been in the program for 8 years. I love working with kids and doing a variety of activities such as playing sports, baking, telling silly stories and putting on fun events. I look forward to a great school year!



**Neighborhood and Community Services**  
SACC School Age Child Care  
1201 J Government Center Plaza  
Fairfax, VA 22035  
Phone: (703) 449-8989  
Email: SACC Registration  
ncssaccregistration@fairfaxcounty.gov

**SACC Dranesville Elementary**  
School Age Child Care  
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Herrington, VA 20119  
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**Skyler Madison C.S.**      **Tomasa Moradiego**  
**Deion Jones H.T.**      **Amanda Thai**



# Dranesville PTA

## OUR MISSION.

Make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

## OUR VALUES.

Collaboration	Diversity
Commitment	Accountability
Respect	

## HOW WE SUPPORT.

Some of our programming includes:

Back to School Party	Dragon Runners
Start with Hello Week	Teacher Appreciation
Turkey Toss	Run-a-thon
Chess Club	Dragon Days
Therapeutic Arts Program	Book Fair

Our funding supports:

Field Trips	Technology Licenses
Classroom Subscriptions	Instructional Support
Cultural Arts	Musical Instruments
Science Materials	Technology Equipment
Library/Classroom Books	And much more...

Join the PTA

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go to:  
[www.dranesvillepta.com](http://www.dranesvillepta.com)  
or email:  
[drake@dranesvillepta.com](mailto:drake@dranesvillepta.com)

Volunteers are needed. Please consider donating your time to support our students, staff, and community. Let us know you can help through our website or by emailing us.

# Get Ready to Blast off Into Kindergarten!

Blast Off Into Summer Reading: Fortnightly Library

Playdate at the Playground

Teachers at the Bready Park

Parent Resource Fair

Welcome Walks

Open House

Sign up for News You Choose to receive our weekly newsletters





# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!



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