

# Welcome to TK/Kindergarten Orientation

George Washington Elementary School

# Transitional Kindergarten (TK) versus Kindergarten

Transitional Kindergarten is the class for students whose fifth birthday falls between September 2, 2020 and December 2, 2020.

► All other students will be in a Kindergarten class.



### A Glimpse At Our Day...

- ► 8:00 8:30 Independent Morning Work
- ▶ 8:30 9:00 Virtual Lesson
- ▶ 9:00 9:20 Recess
- 9:20 10:00 Virtual Lesson
- ▶ 10:00 11:30 Independent Work Time/Small groups
- ► 11:30 12:00 Lunch/Recess
- ▶ 12:00 12:30 Math
- ▶ 12:30 1:07 Independent Work Time/Small groups
- ▶ 1:07 1:37 Independent Work Hours/Teacher Office Hours
- \*Schedules may change throughout the year.



### **Attendance Matters**

We will be keeping track of participation through attendance and completion of independent work.

Virtual lessons on Zoom begin at 8:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday is a Minimum Day. The school day will end at noon.

### Materials Needed For School

- ▶ All of the academic supplies your child will need for distance learning will be found in his or her GW tote bag.
- Please help your child keep all of the supplies in the tote bag, and find a safe place to store it.
- ▶ Please be sure your child has his or her tote bag nearby during each virtual lesson and only complete worksheets when directed by the teacher.
- > Please help your child charge his or her iPad each night.



### Work Environment Norms

- Please find a quiet place for your child to work and learn each day.
- Avoid distractions such as TV, toys, and pets.
- ► Save snacks for break times.
- > Set a routine.
- ► Go to bed early.



## **Privacy** Prep

Frame It

**Know Your Buttons** 

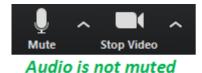
Interact

### **ZOOM Rules**

Please do not record/take pictures/or post our ZOOM conference on Social Media. This is against privacy rules.

Please have your materials ready and show up on time. Find a quiet place, free of distractions such as siblings and make sure you have good lighting.

Make sure that I can see you in the video. Video needs to stay ON so I can see you during our ZOOM conference.





Audio is muted

If we are in a group session, please stay muted unless lask you? question. If we are one-on-one, you can stay unmuted.

Remember...this isn't a recorded video. I'm LIVE, so chat with me and ask for help if you need it. I'm here to help you keep learning!

# "R.I.S.E. Up" Is Washington's reminder to encourage positive behavior

- ► R ~ Respect
- ► I ~ Integrity
- ► S ~ Self control
- ► E ~ Engaged



► Students are expected to demonstrate these characteristics during distance learning.

<b>R</b> RESPECT	<ul> <li>Give full attention to the speaker.</li> <li>Use skills for learning. (eyes open, ears listening, voice quiet)</li> <li>Mute when others are speaking.</li> <li>Take turns sharing.</li> <li>Use kind words and respectful tone.</li> <li>Stay on topic.</li> </ul>
INTEGRITY	Complete your work on your own with pride. Login on time. Make a commitment to do your work Use your digital device appropriately and visit websites approved by teachers and parents.
S SELF-CONTROL	•Follow directions. •Set goals and be willing to seek help when needed. •Minimize distractions.
<b>E</b> ENGAGED	<ul> <li>•Make yourself visible.</li> <li>•Be active and have fun.</li> <li>•Check communication daily.</li> <li>•Stay focused on assigned work.</li> </ul>

Before School Starts -It would be helpful if your children practiced these self help skills...

- Saying his or her first AND last name.
- Raising his or her hand.
- ► Following directions.
- ▶ Using the restroom before virtual meetings.



# It would be helpful if your children practiced these academic skills...

"Reading" books by describing what's happening in the pictures and listening to you read stories everyday.

Developing fine motor skills: holding a pencil, coloring, cutting with scissors

- Singing the alphabet song.
- Counting to 10.
- Recognizing and writing first name.

Kindergarten is an exciting and challenging experience!

Helping your child practice these skills will give him or her confidence as he or she adjusts to a brand new routine, environment, and technology.



# Kindergarten Question and Answer Zoom Meeting

► Please feel free to join our principal, Mrs. Hastings and the TK/Kindergarten teachers on Zoom on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 5:00.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.