

Directory of Important Telephone Numbers



Palmetto Elementary School 847-5442

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Pelzer Elementary School, 947-3911
Cedar Grove Elementary School, 847-3500



School Hours

Palmetto Elementary School and Preschool hours will be 7:50 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. when on regular schedule. Children arriving after 8:00 a.m. will be considered tardy. Your child is more likely to have a good day if he/she gets started on time. Car riding students must be picked up **no later than 3:15 p.m.** It is imperative that you have your children here on time and picked up on time daily. **Children should not arrive before 7:20 a.m.** Parents will be notified after five tardies, and a detention will be assigned after eight.. There will be **no early dismissals after 2:15 p.m.** unless there is a doctor's appointment or an emergency.

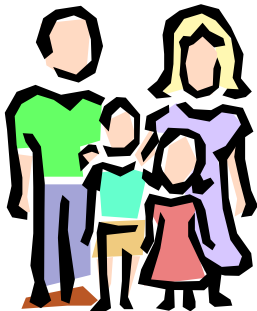
School Lunches

Palmetto Elementary School serves nutritious meals every school day. Reduced price meals are available to those who qualify. To cut down on paperwork and so that we may use time more efficiently, we request that students plan to pay for lunches at the beginning of each week. Any exceptions will need to be made with the cafeteria supervisor. All students will be given a free lunch form with their Beginning of School packet. If you think you may qualify for free or reduced lunch, please return the application. **You must reapply yearly for qualification for Free/Reduced meal prices. You will be responsible for the full cost of all meals until the form is received.** If you are unsure, please complete the application and the school will notify you about your application. All meals should be paid for in advance. However, in the event that your child accrues a balance greater than \$20.00, they may be served peanut butter and jelly sandwiches until the account is paid in full. All lunch fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year to receive a report card.

Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children on any day. If you fix lunch for your child, please send the lunch with them in the mornings.

Parents in the Halls

Parents should not wait in the halls before the beginning or the end of the school day. We have many benches at the front of the school for parents to wait on their children. Please do not wait or stand in the lobby area at the end of the day, because this creates many problems with class disruptions and congestion. It is easier to dismiss school when there are fewer adults in the hall. Parents of kindergarten students may walk their children to class the first two weeks of school. After this, children are expected to walk by themselves to class.



Visitors

All visitors (any non-school employee) entering the school during school hours must report to the office upon entering the building. Visitors will be given a **visitor's badge** upon entering the building. **Visitors must sign in and out.**

Insurance

Insurance is available, but not required. Several insurance options are listed on the insurance application. Each student will receive an application in his or her student packet.



Certificates

At the end of the year, students are recognized for attendance and other yearly accomplishments during our annual Awards Day Program.

Each nine weeks award certificates are issued for the following:

All "A" Honor Roll

"A/B" Honor Roll

Spirit Award

Student of the Month (A student is recognized each month from each homeroom.)

Grading Scale

A 93-100

B 85-92

C 77-84

D 70-76

F 69 and Below



Conferences

At the end of the first nine weeks grading period, each student's parent is invited and expected to come in for a conference to discuss the student's progress and to pick up report cards. Report cards will not be issued until a conference has been held.

The parent, teacher, or principal may request a conference relative to student concerns at any time. However, the conference will be held at a time agreeable with the teacher, but at the earliest convenient period when the teacher does not have a class. Teachers are not allowed to take teaching time for conferences. Parents should contact the teacher for conferences. Teachers should not be routinely stopped in the morning or afternoons for unscheduled conferences. Parents can use the faculty and staff parking lot when they have a conference or they need to enter the building.

Guidance

Children who are experiencing extreme problems at home and/or school are referred for guidance counseling. This may be offered through the district or recommended through community services.

Workshops on positive discipline, developing self esteem, and other parenting issues are given throughout the year to assist parents in utilizing the same discipline strategies used at school to provide continuity between home and school.

Mentoring Program

Palmetto Elementary's Mentoring Program is an intensive one-on-one program. Our faculty, staff and community members help students who are experiencing difficulty in class, at home or having problems with social skills. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact the guidance counselor at 847-5442.



Unforeseen Hardships

Unforeseen hardship can occur in any family. Some of these hardships may include losing your job, death in the family, hospitalization, illness, eviction from your home, etc. If you need assistance, contact Tanya Richbourg, Family Services Coordinator or Judy Humphries, District Social Worker at 847-3632.

Child Abuse/Neglect

In compliance with the SC Protection Act of 1977, a school teacher, nurse, counselor, or other school professional acting in an official capacity who has reason to believe that a child under the age of 18 has been subjected to physical, mental, or emotional abuse and/or neglect must report or see that a report be issued to Social Services or a law enforcement agency in the county where the child resides or is found.

School personnel are mandated reporters. If any school personnel suspects child abuse and/or neglect, they are personally responsible for reporting this directly to the Department of Social Services. The principal or assistant principal should be notified before a DSS referral is made.



Early Arrivals

Our building will be open, except for emergencies, to receive students beginning at 7:20 a.m. for those working parents who need this service. **Supervisors do not arrive until 7:20 a.m. Please do not drop your child/children off before this time.**

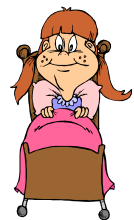
Students in preschool – grade 2 who do not eat breakfast will assemble in the multi-purpose room. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 who do not eat breakfast will assemble in the cafeteria in the mornings.

Early Dismissal

In the event circumstances make it necessary for parents or guardians to get children out of school before the end of the school day, **they are asked to sign them out through the office only. Do not** phone the school and ask us to have them standing outside waiting until someone comes. These precautions are taken to protect the child, as well as the school. The faculty and administration discourage leaving school early. It is important to remember that students are missing valuable instruction when they leave school early.

A student must remain in class until 10:00 a.m. to be counted present. Early dismissals will not be allowed after **2:15 p.m.** unless there is an emergency.

Sick Children



DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL SICK. If your child has been vomiting, had diarrhea, had a fever, or simply does not feel well, do not send them to school. Strep throat is highly contagious, and if your child is complaining of a sore throat, you are not to send them to school. In the case that your child has had a fever the previous night, do not give Tylenol or any other fever reducers and then send them to school the next day.

Ringworm is very contagious. Please be sure to treat ringworm with an anti-fungal cream and cover with a Band-Aid.

Distribution of Medication

All efforts should be made to schedule your child's medicine at home. However, it may be necessary for your child to receive medicine while attending school. In such cases, the following is required:

- The school must have a written order form from your physician stating the diagnosis, name of medication, dose, time interval, side effects, and duration of treatment. Forms are available in the nurses' office, or your doctor may write all of this out. ***The prescription label is not a written order.*** If the dose changes during the year, the doctor must write a new order.
- The school must have a signed permission form from the parent or guardian for any medication, including over-the-counter medications. Forms are available in the nurse's office.
- Medication must be brought in by the parent, in the original container labeled from the pharmacy – never in a baggie or envelope. If the medication is over-the-counter it must be in a sealed, unopened bottle with the child's name on it. Medication will be kept locked in the nurse's office. Children must never carry or take medication of their own.
- Parents are responsible for keeping track of and maintaining an adequate supply of their child's medication for school use.

If you have any questions about medication administration, please feel free to contact our school nurse at any time.

Attendance

The Education Improvement Act of 1984 makes regular school attendance compulsory for all children, ages 5 (on or before September 1) to 16, inclusive. A child may be exempt from kindergarten only if the parent/guardian files the "Form to Elect Non Attendance in Compulsory Kindergarten" with the school in his attendance area.



The law requires that school officials immediately intervene when a student has three consecutive unlawful absences, (this means the parent will receive written notification of the absences). Ten or more days absent from school may jeopardize promotion. Since a child cannot adequately make-up missed instruction, we expect regular attendance.

To be counted present, a student must remain in class until 10:00 a.m. Students may be excused from attendance in school with a doctor's statement

Excused Absences

1. Students who are ill and whose attendance in school would endanger their health or the health of others may be temporarily excused from attendance. Please do not knowingly send a sick child to school.
2. Students in whose immediate family there is a death.
3. Students who are suspended or sent home for other reasons by the school.
4. Students may be excused from attendance in school in accordance with local board policy.

Unexcused Absences

1. Students who are willfully absent from school without the knowledge of their parents.
2. Students who are absent from school without acceptable cause with the knowledge of their parents.

Note:

Frequent tardies or early dismissals constituting absences from the same class or subject does interfere with instruction and may jeopardize promotion to the next grade.

Discipline Policy

Order and respect must prevail for directed learning within a class to take place. We expect our teachers to be able to spend the majority of their time instructing, motivating, and supervising rather than punishing. If you will work with your child concerning self-discipline at home, his problems at school will be minimal. Each class will design its own set rules and consequences. You will be notified in writing concerning school and class rules and consequences.

The following rules apply to any Palmetto Elementary or Preschool student:

1. Who is on school or district property;
2. Who is in attendance at school or any school-sponsored activity, whether on or off school grounds;
3. Who is enroute to and from, on a school bus or other district vehicle; or
4. Whose conduct at any time or in any place has a direct and immediate effect on maintaining order and discipline at Palmetto Elementary and in Anderson School District One.



Palmetto Elementary School Discipline Plan

1. Follow all directions.
2. Do not leave the classroom without permission.
3. No gum in the class or halls.
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself and off the walls.
5. No disruptions in the halls. This includes running, spitting, backslapping, and loitering.
6. No playing in the restrooms.
7. Students will dismiss from designated areas at the end of each day.
8. Students will display good manners towards adults and fellow students.
9. Be respectful to other students and adults.

Cafeteria Rules

1. Follow all directions.
2. Walk while in the cafeteria.
3. Do not get out of your seat without permission.
4. Talk to people at your table only. Students should speak in a low voice. Students will observe silent lunch if their class is too loud.
5. Do not throw away trays.
6. Do not talk about things that are inappropriate.
7. Students will be dismissed by grades and classes in the morning and at lunchtime.

Possible consequences to be applied in cases of inappropriate conduct may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

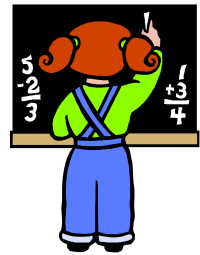
1. Student/Parent Conference
2. After School Detention
3. Paddling
4. Suspension
5. Other sanctions approved by the administration.

Nothing in this policy prohibits the Superintendent or other appropriate District-level Administrators from directly, or in consultation with appropriate school-level administrators, imposing authorized disciplinary sanctions.

*Students are expected to comply with the District's policy and procedures regarding student discipline. A copy of the District's policy is available at each school. Any type of bullying will not be tolerated, and will be handled through the school's discipline policy.

Dress Code

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing. No student (boy or girl) should wear clothing that is too revealing or distracts the learning environment. This includes short dresses or shorts. Dresses and shorts should be no shorter than the tip of the student's middle finger when arms are held straight down. Students are discouraged from wearing flip-flops (or shower shoes). "Heelies" (shoes with built in wheels are not to be worn at school. Hats and visors are not to be worn in the school building. Clothing which advertises alcohol or tobacco products, or has inappropriate language or graphics on it, is prohibited in school. Underwear should not be visible at any time (i.e., no sagging pants). The administration reserves the right to send a student home to change clothes, or have a parent bring a change of clothes to school, when deemed necessary.



After School Detention

In order for maximum learning to take place, a class and school must first have high expectations for good discipline. The administration acknowledges that there are times when students may have to be punished for not following school rules. After School Detention will be held every Wednesday from 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. A discipline notice is sent home with the student indicating when a student has detention. . ***Parents should be here to pick up their child/children by 3:50 p.m.***

Weapons on School Grounds

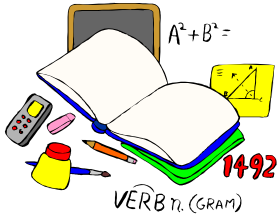
No Weapons of any kind will be allowed on school property. This state law applies to parents, students, and employees. If a weapon is brought to school, local law enforcement officers may be contacted.

Threats to Faculty and Staff Members

South Carolina State law prohibits threats to faculty and staff members by parents or other patrons. Threats are considered those of physical, verbal, or mental nature. If threats should occur, local law enforcement officials will be contacted and the individual in question maybe charged with a felony. A felony is a crime punishable by imprisonment and/or fines.

Money and Other Valuables at School

Please do not send large sums of money and other valuables to school with your child. Please write your child's name on all coats and jackets.

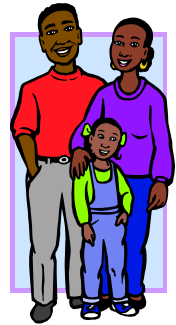


Lost and Found

Articles of clothing, books, etc., found about the building are to be turned into the office. These items will be placed in the lost and found area. Please write your child's name on all coats and jackets.

PTO

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool has an active Parent Teacher Organization. The chief aim of the PTO is to promote the welfare of children and youth in the home and the school. All families are asked to be active in the PTO. The cost for membership in the PTO is \$3.00 per family.



Head Lice Procedure

When live lice and/or nits are found on a student, the student's parents will be notified to pick up their child at school as soon as possible. In the event the child cannot be picked up at school, he/she will be discreetly isolated as much as possible. The district lice letter will be sent home with the student.

Upon returning to school, the parent/guardian must accompany the student and the student will be re-checked by a trained staff member or school nurse. If any live lice and or nits are found, the student will be sent home immediately. All nits must be removed before the student will be allowed to re-enter the classroom.

If a student is sent home repeatedly with head lice, DSS may be notified of possible neglect.

Field Trips



Field trips are carefully planned by teachers to be valuable extensions of the classroom program. Parents must sign a permission slip and pay any fees for students to attend. Students not attending field trips will remain in a classroom to complete work assigned by their teacher. Teachers may invite parent chaperones. Bus capacity will limit the number of chaperones able to ride the bus.

Volunteers

Volunteers are valuable and participation is encouraged. Volunteers are asked to do a variety of jobs from clerical help to instructional assistance, including the role of grade mother in assisting with special holidays. Volunteers are also needed in the PTO workroom and in the office. If you want to volunteer, please contact your child's teacher or the office at 847-5442.

Accelerated Reading Program

Students in grades 1-5 participate in an Accelerated Reading Program. They can go to the library each morning between 7:30 and 7:55 a.m. to read and take AR tests. The library is also open until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. Accelerated Reading is a computer-based program that is designed to increase student vocabulary and comprehension skills. It also improves students' self-esteem and attitudes toward reading.



Character Education Program

Palmetto Elementary's Character Education Program is designed to help students develop sound character, democratic values, ethical judgement, and the ability to work in a self-disciplined and purposeful manner. Character Education is implemented via morning announcements, guidance and health classes, and in the media center.

Technology Plan

Students and staff members will be provided with the latest software and hardware. Before leaving Palmetto Elementary School, all students will be able to perform the following tasks:

1. Log on to the Internet and use this information as an educational resource.
2. Access e-mail and send e-mail.
3. Use the computer as a problem-solving tool.
4. Master basic keyboarding.



Changing Transportation

Transportation arrangements or changes should be made clear to students **before** they come to school each day. Some examples of these changes are a student who is normally a car rider is to ride the bus; a student who normally rides the bus is to be a car rider; a student is to ride a different bus; a student is to ride home in a car with someone else. Any of these changes will require that you send a NOTE to school stating what is desired. The note should be brought to the office for a signature and returned to the child. For a bus change, the child will give the note to the bus driver when the student gets on the desired bus to leave school. If you need to clarify a note you may call the school, but for the safety of your child **NO changes in transportation should be arranged by telephone.**

Bus/Car Riders

1. Preschool children will remain in class. Special permission must be given for them to ride the bus.
2. At the end of the day, car riders in Kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2, will report to the multi-purpose room.
3. At the end of the day, car riders in Grades 3-5 will report to the covered area outside, and sit on the benches.
4. Bus Riders will report to the bus area, at the back of the school.



Provisions for Car Riders

To better provide for the welfare of our students after dismissal each day, we request your support with the following:

1. Car pick-ups are to be made from the covered walkway in a designated area.
2. Students being dropped off and picked up away from the prescribed loading zone are to have adult escorts.
3. Cars should not use the bus lanes.
4. Cars should not block traffic lanes, or pick up children from the staff parking lot. Do not stand in the faculty/staff parking lot and wait for your child to cross the loading zone. Students will not be allowed to do this.
5. Car riders will not be allowed back into the building unless they have permission from the teacher on bus/car duty.
6. Students should not be dropped off or picked up at the back of the building.
7. Parents of children in the preschool program should walk their children into the school and come inside to pick them up at the end of the day.
8. Students in kindergarten, first, and second grade will wait inside the multipurpose room. Anyone who picks up a kindergarten, first, or second grade student must use the pink card on which the student's name is written. These can be obtained from the Assistant Principal. Students will not be released unless the pink card is shown. If you do not have your card you will be required to go to the office and sign out the student.
9. Please be respectful of others in the morning. Drive up to the traffic monitor and drop your child off. Do not drop your child off at the mailbox in front of the school.

We feel that these guidelines will aid us in providing closer supervision and a safer environment for our students before and after school.



Bus Service

Students who live in the Palmetto Elementary School attendance area (bus boundaries) may ride the bus to and from their residence. Any questions about being eligible for bus service will be answered by the district bus supervisor, Benny Bridges, 947-8989. The state transportation department describes riding a bus as a “privilege” rather than a “right”. As a privilege, the students must maintain a mode of conduct acceptable to pre-established safety conditions to be allowed continuous ridership. Misconduct on the bus by a student may result in the loss of the “privilege” to ride the bus. Suspension from the bus **does not** justify absences from school. When students are dropped off at home, parents of students in preschool and grades 1 and 2 must be visible to the driver. If not, your child will be brought back to school and you must arrange for them to be picked up. Students who are frequently brought back to school may have bus service suspended.

District Bus Policy

Our policy includes bus problems that we see frequently.

Examples:

Possession of food drinks, or candy on the bus

Disrespect

Yelling, spitting, or riding with head out of the window

Spitting on the bus

Making unnecessary, distracting noise

Profanity

Refusal to obey driver instructions

Refusal to obey safety guidelines (includes standing or moving while bus is in motion)

Throwing objects on or out of the bus

Theft

Threatening other students

Vandalism

Consequences

First Offense Warning to student

Second Offense One day of bus suspension

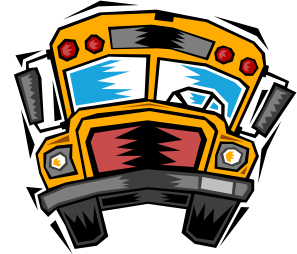
Third Offense Three days of bus suspension and required parental conference at school

Fourth Offense Five days of bus suspension

Fifth Offense and Any Subsequent Offense- Ten days of bus suspension

**Fighting, smoking, weapons, and sexual harassment will be a minimum of five days of bus suspension and may be automatic permanent suspension based on severity.

**The administration reserves the right to administer consequences for misbehavior as deemed appropriate.



Parents' Requests

As a policy we **do not** honor parent requests of a particular teacher for their children. All of Palmetto Elementary's teachers are very strong and capable professionals. If for some reason you feel that your child will not be successful in a particular teacher's class, please see the principal before class rolls are established.



School Programs and Activities

Accelerated Reading

After Care Program

Awards Program

Beta Club

Brownie Troops

Character Education

Employee Appreciation Day

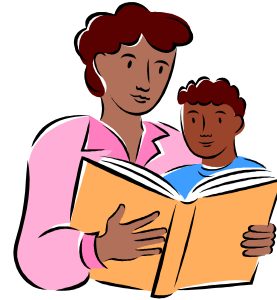
Exemplary Writing Program

Fall Fundraiser

Field Day



Flexible Scheduling
 Homework Center
 Internet and computers in each room
 Launch – Gifted and Talented Program
 Mane Press Newspaper
 Math Club
 Media Assistants
 Mentoring Program
 Morning Announcements are broadcast by students
 Office Assistants
 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
 Pony X-Press Mail and Newsletter
 PTO Programs
 Recycling Club
 Rocking Chair Readers
 Safety Patrols
 School Improvement Council (SIC)
 Student Book Club
 Student Government
 Student of the Month
 SWISH (Fluoride program) Helpers
 Trike-A-Thon for Charity
 Twenty-Year Service Plaque
 Tutorial Program
 Volunteer Program
 Yearbook



Students with Special Health Care Needs

Many health care services can be provided for students to keep them at school where they can learn and participate with other students. Our goal is to provide information to parents and legal guardians about some of the services and programs available for addressing the health care needs of students during the school day to help students succeed in school. It is important that the necessary health care information is shared with the appropriate people, such as teachers on duty during recess, bus drivers, and cafeteria employees to make sure that the students' needs are met throughout the school day.

Individual Health Care Plans or Individual Health Plans (IHP's)

Individual health care plans are also called individual health plans or IHPs. School nurses who are registered nurses write IHPs to guide how a student's health care needs will be met while at school. The nurse works with the student, the student's parents or legal guardians, the student's health care provider, and other school staff to write the plan. IHP's are written for students who have special health care needs that must be met by school staff during the school day. IHP's are also written for students who have been approved by the school district to self-medicate or self-monitor. To learn more about IHP's, talk with your child's school nurse.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)

Section 504 is a federal law that requires public schools to make adjustments so that students with certain disabilities can learn and participate in settings like other students who do not have disabilities. To be eligible for services under Section 504, a student must have a condition that substantially limits one or more major life activities. A team decides if a student is eligible. The team should include the student's parent or legal guardian, the student (if able), and others who know the student or know about the student's disability, such as a teacher, a guidance counselor, a school nurse, and other school staff. If the student is eligible, the team develops an individual accommodation plan. The individual accommodation plan explains how the student's needs will be met while at school and may include health services for the student during the school day if needed. To learn more about Section 504, contact your child's guidance counselor or Dr. Brian Keith, Director of Special Services at 864-847-7344.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Students, ages 3 through 21 years, may receive services under the IDEA if the student needs special education and related services to benefit from his or her educational program. A team decides if a student qualifies for services under the IDEA. The team includes the student's parent or legal guardian, teachers, and other school staff. The team develops an individualized education program (IEP) if the student meets federal and state requirements. The IEP outlines a plan for helping the student receive a free appropriate public education and meet goals set by the team. The IEP may include health services for the student during the school day if needed. To learn more about IDEA, contact Dr. Brian Keith, Director of Special Services at 864-847-7344.

Medical Homebound Instruction

Medical homebound instruction is a service that is available for students who cannot attend school for a medical reason even with the aid of transportation. A physician must certify that the student has such a medical condition but may benefit from instruction, and must fill out the medical homebound form that the school district provides. The school district then decides whether to approve the student for medical homebound services. The school district will consider the severity of the student's illness or injury, the length of time that the student will be out of school, the impact that a long period away from school will have on the student's academic success, and whether the student's health needs can be met at school. To learn more about medical homebound services, contact your child's guidance counselor or Mr. David Havird, Associate Superintendent at 864-847-7344.



Palmetto Preschool Program



Palmetto Preschool is accredited by the National Academy of the Education of Young Children. Teachers are certified by the State Department of Education in Early Childhood Education. The preschool is licensed to serve 95 children ages 3 and 4 whose birthday is on or before September 1. These child-staff ratios meet guidelines for the State Department of Education and the Department of Social Services.

Personnel: Regarding Corporal Punishment

Upon being hired, each employee of the Palmetto Preschool Program will be given a copy of the discipline policy on the Department of Social Services' guidelines. Each employee is required to read and sign a statement that violation of this policy could result in termination of employment. If a teacher, parent, guardian, etc. report a violation of the said policy, it will be investigated by the administration and a determination will be made.

Termination from the Program

A student may be dropped from the program if one of the following exists:

1. If you and your child do not reside in Anderson District One, or the appropriate attendance area.
2. Continuously violating the rules and procedures of the Palmetto Preschool Program.
 - a. Dropping your child off before 7:20 a.m., when supervisors are not on duty.
 - b. Frequently picking your child up late.
 - c. Excessive unexcused absences.

Payment of Fees

An Activity fee is charged for ALL students enrolled in the Palmetto Preschool Program. Your child will receive a tote bag to bring to school instead of a book bag. All your child's papers and school notices will be placed in this bag, which should be checked daily.



Personal Belongings

Each child in the three and four year program should bring an extra change of clothes appropriate to the season. This includes socks, shirt, pants and underpants. The students in the full-day K4 class will have blankets and pillows for naptime. The naptime belongings will be sent home every Friday for you to wash and return on Monday. Book bags and coats should have the child's name in them.

Services to Children with Special Needs

Children identified with special needs will be served within three different services:

1. Clinic Based Receiving special services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy or speech therapy.
2. Phase-in Classroom experiences are gradually provided.
3. Full inclusion The child attends school full time with therapies provided as needed.



Special Occasions

The Preschool Program uses every possible opportunity to celebrate. The following is an idea of some of the projects we have throughout the year.

Trike-A-Thon
Rocking Chair Readers: Read to children
Field Day
Birthdays
Preschool Family Reading Nights

Palmetto Preschool Program Policy for Enrollment

Parents must meet the following ***before*** a child is enrolled in the Palmetto Preschool Program:

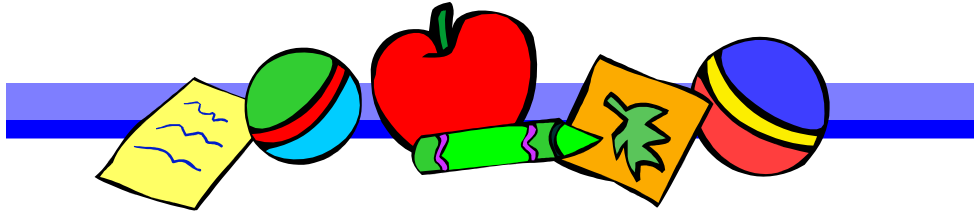
- Proof of residence in Anderson School District One
- SC Certification of Immunization
- Small sized birth certificate
- Complete physical examination
- Completed USDA lunch/breakfast form
- 3-K or 4-K will be screened using the state required Dial 3. All factors will be considered in determining the students selected to attend. Students who are developmentally delayed will be given first priority.

Other Considerations are:

- Children in protective custody
- Children in foster care
- Children with special needs
- Children in single family homes
- Children who live with grandparents
- Children whose parents may be disabled

- Children's score on the Dial-3 Assessment
- Other mitigating circumstances

Palmetto Preschool Program operates on the same calendar as Palmetto Elementary School and Anderson School District One. The school year is 180 days, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Parents may begin picking up their children at 2:30 to avoid the Elementary school traffic. All children must be picked up by 2:45 p.m. If you have car trouble or other unforeseen circumstances, you must call the preschool at 847-3631 to make us aware of the situation.



Help Your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten

Discuss what your child will be learning in school – colors, numbers, shapes, and letters.

Answer your child's questions about school. Reassure your child that school is fun!

Read to your child daily. Visit the library together.

Turn every day into a learning experience. Let your child help with everyday chores.

Teach your child safety rules – whether walking or taking the bus.

Review the good behavior expected of your child, such as taking turns and following rules.

Visit your child's school and meet their teacher.

Encourage your child to eat well, get enough sleep, bathe daily, and brush teeth two times each day.

Get involved at your child's school. Join the PTO. Volunteer in the classroom.

Notice the new things your child is learning to do. Reinforce your child's progress with praise.