

Kindergarten Jaguar Safari



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Welcome to
Abbotts Hill Elementary School!



The Fulton County School System is very proud of the established kindergarten program that is in place here at Abbotts Hill Elementary School. It is believed that kindergarten is a year to prepare children for a successful school experience by providing quality hands-on experiences necessary to build a solid foundation for learning. Success in school means that all children have an opportunity to grow and develop academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

Kindergarten is the beginning of the continuous achievement program. Children learn by doing and experiencing. In Fulton County and here at Abbotts Hill Elementary School, *continuous achievement* allows each child to experience success and challenge at his/her own performance rate.

We believe in parents as partners. Together WE can make a difference in children's education!





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The Road to Kindergarten is a
Journey...



Not a Race!



Abbotts Hill Elementary School
We opened our doors in the fall of 2000!

Our school colors are teal and black and our
mascot is the jaguar!



The staff at Abbots Hill looks forward to a strong partnership with you and encourages you to share your questions, concerns, and suggestions throughout the school year! Your role as parent is vital in the educational process!

We are excited for the upcoming school year and hope that this information will help your child's transition into our school community. We want this to be a happy and meaningful experience!

Attendance

Each day in kindergarten is important. Therefore, please plan vacations, trips, doctor, and dental appointments when they will not interfere with the school day.

Our day begins as soon as your child arrives between 7:10 am and 7:40 am. Please give your child additional time in the morning to ensure prompt arrival. Whenever your child is absent from school, it is essential that your teacher receive a signed, dated note stating the exact reason for his/her absence on the day they return to school.

A child arriving late to school must be checked in at the front office. The student will take a tardy pass to his/her teacher.

Discipline

Each teacher uses a reward system for good behavior. A refocus form (time-out) is used in the classroom after two warnings are given. Each teacher has provided the assistant principal with an approved list of steps taken within their classrooms before an office referral is made.

Breakfast and Lunch Money

For the 2021-2022 school year, due to COVID 19, breakfast and lunch will be FREE for all students. However, students must pay for any "extras." When this program is no longer offered, the following information will apply to school breakfast and lunch. When breakfasts and lunches are to be purchased daily, we recommend that you pre-pay for meals in advance using the on-line payment offered by the county, rather than have your child carry money each day. Each student be provided with a lunch card that will remain at school. This card works like an ATM debit card. The cashier scans the card at lunch, and the computer brings up his or her, balance. Your child's account is then charged for the meal or items purchased. The teacher will distribute it daily. Also, if a child usually brings lunch, but would like to buy milk, or has forgotten their lunch, he/she can purchase their lunch on the card.

If no funds are available on a student's meal card, or the student has forgotten their money, the student may charge their lunch. They may charge 1 time. After this, the charges must be paid before a student is allowed to charge again. When depositing money into your child's meal account, please place money, or check made out to Abbotts Hill Cafeteria, in a sealed envelope and label the envelope with your child's name, grade, teacher, amount, and the words "lunch money". However, the on-line payment system is available 24 hours per day for funds to be applied at any time and parents can use their debit or credit card to pre-pay for meals. Again, please be reminded that breakfast and lunch will be free to all students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Breakfast

Breakfast begins at 7:10 am and ends at 7:30 am. Students who wish to have breakfast in the cafeteria, should arrive to allow enough time for the meal. Students who arrive by bus will have ample time to have their meal. (Again, please be reminded that breakfast and lunch will be free to all students for the 2021-2022 school year).

Clinic

The clinic is open daily from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Transportation and Lunch Changes

The two biggest concerns five and six years olds have when going off to school are: How am I getting home? Do I have my lunch and/or lunch money? It can make or break a day! Please be sure to discuss any changes ahead of time with your child and make sure your child's teacher has a written note of the changes. All transportation changes should be made by sending in a note with your student. In cases of emergency, where it is necessary to make a last minute afternoon change for you student, please contact the front office by 1:30 pm. Please do not email transportation changes.

Calendar/Conferences

Our Fall Conference date is listed on the Fulton County Calendar. However, conferences can begin prior to this date. This allows the teachers to have an opportunity to get to know each child before meeting with parents. If either parents, or teacher, feel an earlier conference is needed, it will be scheduled before, or after, school hours. Curriculum Night is also scheduled shortly after school begins.

Daily/Weekly Folders

Communication is an important component for a child's success at school. A daily folder is used for communication between home and school. Please place notes and transportation changes in this folder. It is very important that you check your child's daily folder, take out the papers on the keep at home side, and return it the next day.

An Abbotts Hill Jaguar folder will be sent home every other Friday. Bi-weekly reports are sent home in this folder. Your child's work will be stapled to a bi-weekly progress report. Please sign the cover page attached to the papers, and return all papers to your child's teacher the following school day.

Snacks

We have a nutritious snack time each day (i.e., fresh fruit, granola bars and cheese). A snack should be sent in on the first day of school and every day after that. Water is available in the classroom. Please send in snacks separately from lunch boxes. Students often get confused by this and will eat their snack during lunch time. Please send in bottled water or a refillable water bottle for your student to use.

Homework

After a long, hard day at school, an ample amount of playtime is valuable. We encourage you to allow your child to play and to read each day. Beginning in October we will be starting homework. More information will be provided closer to October.

Birthdays

No outside food/treats are allowed (cupcakes, snacks, candy, etc.) for birthdays, however, treats may be purchased from the cafeteria (at least a week in advance) for \$20.00. Parents may use their student's lunch account to pre-pay for the birthday treat. The treats will be distributed in the cafeteria. Teachers may not be asked to distribute invitations, party favor bags, balloons to your child or their classmates.

Parent Visits

Parent visits for the 2021-2022 school year are on hold until further notice. Once the policy has changed, parents will be welcomed back into the schools. After that time, there will be many opportunities for you to participate in your child's school year. Volunteers are greatly appreciated at Abbotts Hill. Parents can volunteer as room parents, be a parent reader, help with special classroom activities, or help in the Media Center. Your child's teacher and the P.T.A. will make opportunities available once school begins. Before volunteering at Abbotts Hill Elementary School or any Fulton County School individuals must adhere to the volunteer guidelines and procedures as stated on the Fulton County website and register as a volunteer. Please check the Fulton County website or inquire at the front desk about the volunteer procedure.

Parent lunch visitation for the fall 2021 will be determined later. When parents are allowed to return for lunch visits with their child, they will sign in at the office and wait in the hallway at the cafeteria entrance for their child's class. However, lunch visitors are not allowed during the first week of school (for any school year) in order to help our staff acclimate students to the lunchroom routine. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated. Volunteer form completion/registration is not required to eat lunch with your child.

Learning Commons

Kindergarten classes will visit the Learning Commons every other week for a lesson, story time, and book borrowing! Once your child's class has been shown how to locate, care for, borrow, and return books, he/she will also be able to go to the Learning Commons in between class lessons to borrow books. Students must always return their borrowed book before a new book can be checked out.

Schedules

Your child's teacher will provide a schedule for P.E., Art, Music and 4CIT Lab so that your child will be prepared. These are referred to as "Specials." They will need to wear tennis shoes on the two days that they have P.E.

Clothing

We encourage children to wear comfortable play clothes with shoes that lace or buckle. New/fancy/dress-up clothes, which need to be taken care of, are often in peril when painting, cutting, gluing, and playing outside. Sandals and flip-flops do not provide any protection to little toes. Sneakers are required for P.E. Please refer to the Abbotts Hill Student Handbook for the dress code. Please label all coats, jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Emergency Information

Please keep the school and your teacher informed of all changes regarding phone numbers, addresses, emergency information, medication your child may be taking, etc. Please return your child's beginning of the year paperwork including all emergency cards, out as soon as possible. If there are any changes during the school year, please contact the front office with this information.

Supplies

Please provide a large, "easy to open" backpack for your child. Please check the backpack daily and read everything that is sent home. Suggested Supply Lists are located on the school website.

Foster Independence

We like to see the children foster independence as early in the school year as possible. For this reason, we encourage you to let your child walk to the classroom alone and ride the bus. There are adult staff members who are available to assist students with morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. In August, your child will be given a nametag, indicating your child's teacher and the mode of transportation he/she will be using. Your child must wear the nametag for the first 2 weeks of school to enable staff members to identify and direct children who may need help finding their room and/or transportation home.

Kindergarten Readiness Skills

There are many things that you can do to help prepare your child for kindergarten. The more prepared your child is, the easier it will be for him/her to adjust and discover that kindergarten is an exciting and successful year.

Please encourage your child to:

- Respect authority.

- Take care of things and put them away in proper places.
- Recognize and write his/her name.
- Tell an adult if he/she needs help.
- Make choices.
- Answer direct questions.
- Play independently for 10–15 minutes.
- Follow 1, 2, and 3 step directions.
- Play with other children his/her own age.
- Use crayons, pencils, scissors, and glue.
- Share his/her belongings.
- Try again after making mistakes.
- Tie their own shoes.

Suggested Resources for Children Starting School

Starting School, Janet, and Allan Ahlberg
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, Joseph Slate
Billy & the Big New School, Laurence Anholt
Berenstain Bears Go to School, Stan, and Jan Berenstain
Sam & Gram & the First Day of School, Dianne Bloomberg
Franklin Goes to School, Paulette Bourgeois & Brenda Clark
Will I Have a Friend? Miriam Cohen and Lillian Hoben
My First Day of School, P.K. Hallinan
My Teacher's My Friend, P.K. Hallinan
When You Go to Kindergarten, James Howe
Spider's First Day of School, Robert Krauss
Froggy Goes to School, Jonathan London
The Kissing Hand, Audrey Penn
Making Friends, Fred Rogers
Tiptoe into Kindergarten, by Jacqueline Rogers

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Tips For Parents of Beginning Students

- Have a positive attitude about your child entering school and about his/her future teachers and principals. Children tend to develop attitudes like their parents.
- Help your child learn his name, address, and phone number.
- Show enthusiasm whenever your child learns something new or develops a new skill.

- Establish rules to encourage respect for others.
- Encourage responsibility with all materials.
- Assist your child in becoming independent by encouraging him/her to do things by themselves.
- Provide opportunities for play and socialization with children the same age as your child.
- Encourage sharing and taking turns.
- Encourage good health habits, such as eating nutritious foods, getting ample sleep, rest, and plenty of physical activity.
- Listen to your child. Show genuine interest in your child's questions and conversations.
- Teach your child nursery rhymes and simple games.
- Read with your child. Talk about details in pictures and in the story. When the child is familiar with the story, let him tell it to you.
- Point out letters, words, and sentences on road signs as you travel, buy groceries, read books, etc.

Things Teachers Wish Parents Would Do

- Be involved in their child's education. Parental involvement helps students learn, improves schools, and makes the teacher's job easier.
- Provide resources at home for reading and learning. Parents should have books and magazines for their children, and they should read to, or with, their children each day.
- Set a good example. Parents should show their children that they believe reading is both enjoyable and useful. They should not spend all their time in front of the TV either.
- Encourage children to do their best in school. Parents must indicate that they believe education is important and they want their children to do the best they possibly can at school.
- Emphasize academics. Too many parents get caught up in athletics and in preparing their children for the world of work when academics should be their first concern.
- Support school rules and goals. Parents should take care not to undermine school rules, discipline, or goals.
- Use pressure positively. Parents should encourage children to do their best, but they should not apply too much pressure by setting unattainable goals, or by involving them in too many activities.
- Email teachers early if there is a problem so there is still time to improve the situation.
- Teach your child to listen to others and to follow simple directions.
- Encourage the development of large muscles by playing games that include rolling, crawling, creeping, walking, throwing, catching, jumping, hopping, skipping, etc.

- Encourage your child to move to the rhythm of music.
- Give your child numerous opportunities to express himself/herself artistically and develop eye-hand coordination using crayons, magic markers, paints, scissors, glue, play dough, sand, water, etc.
- Let your child help with everyday chores, such as cooking, making beds, setting the table, gardening, watering flowers, etc.
- Turn errands into field trips for your child. Talk about things as you see and do at the post office, grocery store, department store, park, service station, etc.
- Help your child develop number concepts by counting the plates on the table, the chairs in the room, members of the family, etc.
- Provide toys that allow the child to DO something . . . building blocks, dolls, balls, pots and pans, and tricycles.
- Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television. Be selective about the programs he/she watches. Watch some programs together and discuss.
- MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOR!! !

2021-2022 School Calendar – Approved December 10, 2020

JULY 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

4 Independence Day

Instructional Days – 0

JANUARY 2022						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

3 Teacher Workday
4 First Day of Second Semester
17 M.L. King Jr. Holiday
24 Late Start

Instructional Days – 13

AUGUST 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

3, 5-6 Preplanning
4 Professional Development Day
9 First Day of School

Instructional Days – 17

FEBRUARY 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

18 Professional Development
21 Presidents' Day (Inclement Weather Day)
28 Late Start

Instructional Days – 13

SEPTEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

6 Labor Day
20 Late Start

Instructional Days – 21

MARCH 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

11 Teacher Workday (Inclement Weather Day)
14 Professional Development
21 Late Start

Instructional Days – 21

OCTOBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

11 Columbus Day
12 Teacher Workday
25 Late Start

Instructional Days – 19

APRIL 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

4-8 Spring Break

Instructional Days – 16

NOVEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

15 Late Start
22-26 Thanksgiving Holidays

Instructional Days – 17

MAY 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

26 Last Day of School
27 Post Planning (Inclement Weather Day)
30 Memorial Day

Instructional Days – 13

DECEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

17 Last Day of First Semester
20-31 Winter Break

Instructional Days – 13

■ Preplanning/Post Planning/Teacher Workday (no students)
■ Holiday (schools closed)
■ Professional Development Day (students off)
■ First/Last Day of Semester
■ Late Start

The proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar includes a total of 180 instructional days for students: 87 days for First Semester and 93 days for Second Semester.

Please note: All state-wide election days will be remote learning days for students unless otherwise indicated above.

