

**WOODFORD COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM PROGRAM
LOWPOINT WASHBURN GRADE SCHOOL
2024-25**

FALL WELCOME LETTER

Hello and welcome to our fun filled 24-25 school year! I am Maria Berardi Smith and I am your child's teacher. I am joined by Rebecca Oltman as our paraprofessional. I have been with the district for 6 years and Rebecca has been here for 3 years. Our favorite unit of the year is always our butterfly unit where the kids get to watch caterpillars go through the life cycle that includes a butterfly release. Get ready for many fun-filled, action packed activities this school year!

Required Orientation Video for new families: An orientation video will be sent to your email address on file. It will also be posted on the WCSEA website with the preschool registration information for Lowpoint Washburn.

Supply Drop Off Day for all families: August 7th anytime between 10am-2:30pm

Building Entrance: Please use the side entrance of the building during pick up/drop off times or for supply drop off. . Our classroom is immediately inside the side doors. If coming outside of these times, use the main entrance with the intercom system.

First day of class: August 15th

There is a 2PM district dismissal that day. Afternoon students will be dismissed at 1:50pm.

Class times: 8:00-10:30am and 12:30-3:00pm (Wednesday schedule for pm class is 12:30-2:00pm).

Paperwork: All families will be emailed a registration link from Ameer Meinhold at WCSEA. New students only - You will bring a courthouse copy of your child's birth certificate, recent physical with immunization record, and income verification on Supply Drop Off day. All paperwork must be received before a child may start school.

Bus: There is no bussing service to school in the morning. Students may ride the small bus home at 10:30. For afternoon students - The small bus will bring all students to school. Country students can ride the big bus home while town students are picked up by parents at 2:50pm. Eligible Roanoke families - bus transportation is provided by Roanoke in the AM session. Danette Darrow (LW) or Jen Heckman (RB) will reach out about bussing in late July or early August.

Backpacks: Children need to bring a backpack to school every day. I will place papers and notes home in the bag so please check it daily.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Maria Berardi Smith
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