



Welcome to Kindergarten at Cross Oaks Elementary!

We are very excited to welcome you and your child to Kindergarten at Cross Oaks! There are many reasons our school is a special place for children to learn each day. As a Capturing Kids' Heart campus, we are committed to forming authentic, caring relationships with children, parents, and with one another. We also teach our students valuable leadership skills at school that help them form more positive relationships with their peers and with the adults in their lives.

At Cross Oaks, we believe that social and emotional learning is foundational to all academic learning. We use research-based programs like Baby Doll Circle Time and Playworks to teach valuable emotional management and conflict resolution skills to our children, using the power of healthy play.

Our teachers work very closely together to ensure that all kindergarten students receive the best quality education at school, focusing on the needs of the whole child.

In an effort to create the best learning environment for each student, the first few days of school will be used to get to know each child and their

learning styles, strengths and needs. Kindergarten students will be placed in "Game Pods" when school begins August 12th. Teachers will rotate through the game pods and have the opportunity to work with every student in Kindergarten. The purpose of these pods is to allow the kindergarten team time to get to know the kids academic, social, and emotional needs before permanent class lists are made. Class lists will be created by the kindergarten teachers based on the kindergarten assessment, work samples, and observations. Your child's game pod assignment will be sent home via email from the Kindergarten team when additional information is sent home regarding meet the teacher night.

We are so excited to begin this new journey with you and your student! If you haven't already had a chance to do so, please complete [this survey](#) so we can learn more about your child.

We are here to help and support your family as you prepare for kindergarten. If you have any further questions, please call (972) 347-7100.