

Welcome to Welchester

Our Kindergarten team wants to be the first to welcome you to Welchester! This is an exciting time for your family as you select where your future Kindergarten student will attend school. Jeffco has many options for where your child will begin their educational journey, so we are grateful that you have taken the time to learn more about Welchester.

Our Kindergarten Mission

At Welchester in Kindergarten, we strive to meet each child where they are academically, socially, and emotionally while establishing a foundation for life long learning.

Why Families have selected Welchester:

- “The staff is always friendly, and communication from the teachers and principal is open and frequent. The student populations seems to be diverse, which we also appreciate.”
- “The Kinder teachers were so warm and welcoming in the orientation / open house sessions. We got a great feeling right away. We also like that Kinder kids are mixed for the first two weeks of school to allow the teachers to identify dynamics, personalities, and learning styles and plan class lists accordingly.”



We are so excited to watch you SOAR with us here at Welchester!

Contact us:

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Jennine Tarpley- Assistant Principal
Danielle Zarate- Admission Secretary
Dierdra Ochoa- Family Liasion
Natalie Fish- Kindergarten Teacher
Jared Ritz- Kindergarten Teacher



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FUTURE
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Your Kindergarten Team

Natalie Fish



- Classroom Teacher
- 15 years teaching
- 14 at Welchester
- 4th year in Kindergarten

Jared Ritz



- Classroom Teacher
- 10 years teaching
- 4 at Welchester
- 4th year in Kindergarten

Leisa Hartford



- Kindergarten Paraprofessional

Collaboration

We strive to give every child in Kindergarten an amazing experience in school, and we know that this cannot be done in isolation. What sets us apart is our collaborative nature.

Collaboration is and will continue to be the Key to success within our team.

Together as a team we:

- Have taught Kindergarten for 4 years.
- Share students from day one.
- Plan all lessons.
- Analyze classroom data.
- Believe in the whole child philosophy.
- Believe in positive reinforcement.
- Love what we do!

In our Classroom Community we believe in:

The Whole Child Philosophy

- Differentiated Layered Centers
- Specific Learning Targets
- Clear Criteria for success
- Social Emotional Awareness
- Emphasis on empathy and kindness
- Meeting student where they are academically

21st Century Skills

- Collaborative learning opportunities
- Purposeful talk
- 1:1 technology use
- STEM activities

Fostering a positive and caring community

- Positive behavior approach
- Restorative practices
- Class meetings daily
- Mindfulness



Scientists have discovered that it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create a new synapse in the brain, unless it is done in play, in which case it only takes 10 to 20 repetitions.
Dr. Karyn Purvis

Our Curriculum

- Into Reading and writing
- Heggerty Phonemic Awareness
- Orton Gillingham approach
- Number Strings
- Second Step

Foundational Skills

- Develop number sense
- Alphabetic Principle
- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics instruction
- Developmental writing progression
- Writing progress

Importance of play based learning

- play based learning approach across all content areas
- a set time to focus on play and social skills