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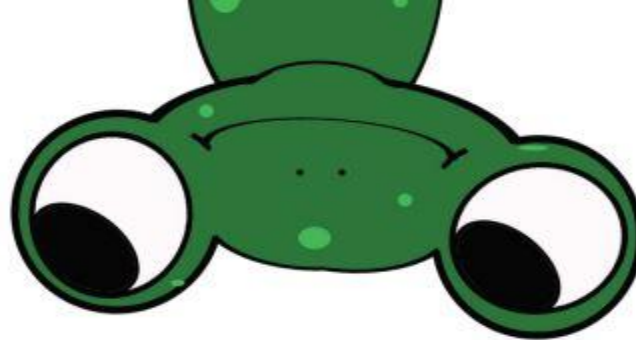


Ready for Kindergarten 2021-2022!

Stowers
Elementary School

Principal: Catherine Lennard
Assistant Principal: Dustin Robinson



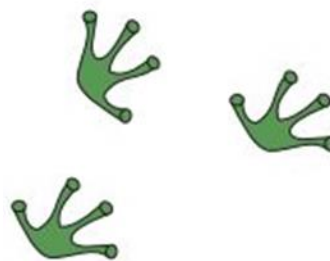


Welcome Parents

We are excited to welcome your child to Kindergarten!

What to expect in or virtual meeting and tour.

- ▶ School Mission / Vision
- ▶ Enrollment Information
- ▶ What makes our kindergarten program special?
- ▶ Parent's role in kindergarten success
- ▶ A typical day



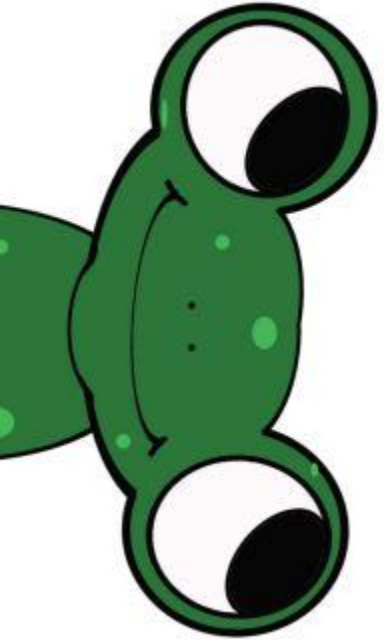
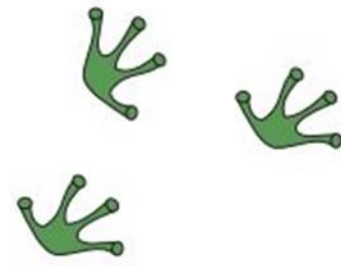
Stowers Elementary School

Our Vision: To be a leader of holistic education in the district by developing productive, contributing, and successful members of society.

Our Mission: Provide meaningful, engaging instruction and experiences that promote the development of well-rounded students.



Important Contact Information



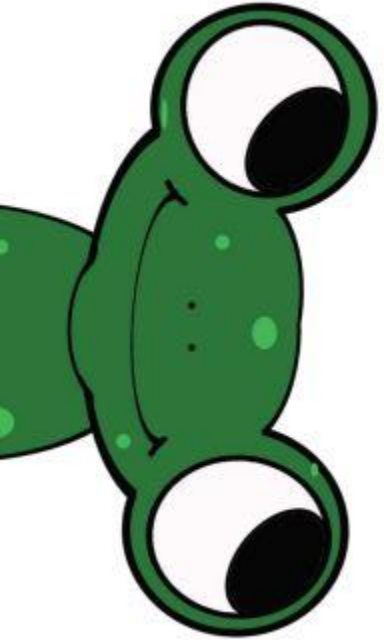
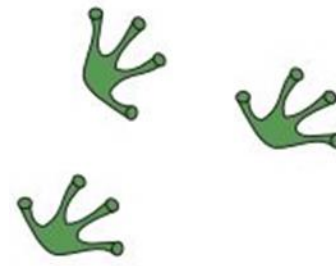
- ▶ School Phone Number: 813-657-7431
- ▶ School Address: 13915 Barrington Stowers Dr., Lithia FL, 33547
- ▶ School Website
 - ▶ <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/stowers>
- ▶ Student Hours:
 - ▶ Monday 7:10 - 12:55 PM
 - ▶ Tuesday - Friday 7:10 - 1:55 PM



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Important Dates



- ▶ August 10, 2021 - Student's First Day of School



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Steps to Enrollment



- ▶ A parent/legal guardian must complete the registration process and provide the proper documents to the school site where the child will attend.
- ▶ Your child can attend kindergarten next August as long as she or he turns 5 on or before September 1.
- ▶ Your child is zoned for a particular elementary school based on your address. Find your [assigned school](#).
- ▶ For parents who wish to send their child to a school outside of their zoned area, see our [choice options](#).



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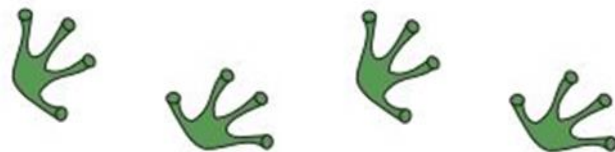
Documents needed for enrollment

- ▶ **What forms do I need to complete?**
 - ▶ **Student Enrollment Record Form** - SER (provided at the school site or electronically)
 - ▶ **Student Residency Form** - can be completed ahead of time, supporting documentation is required



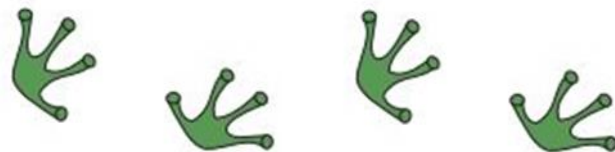
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Documents needed for enrollment (Continued)

- ▶ What supporting documents do I need to register for kindergarten?
 - ▶ Birth certificate or passport
 - ▶ Social security card, if available
 - ▶ Florida Physical HRS Form -- Florida Physical HRS form supplied by a doctor dated **within** 12 months prior to entry in Florida Schools (first day of school)
 - ▶ Florida Immunization Record on HRS hard card (form #680) supplied by a doctor
 - ▶ Two forms of verification of address that prove where you live but are NOT your driver's license or state-issued ID card (homestead exemption, property tax receipt, current electric bill, contract for purchase of home, lease agreement or warranty deed)
 - ▶ If a child lives with someone who is not a parent, you may also need to complete a student resident form, which is available at the school



You child's success depends on...

GOOD ATTENDANCE!

- ▶ Children who are **present** on the first day of kindergarten miss an average of **9** days of kindergarten. Children who are **absent** on the first day of kindergarten miss an average of **18** days of kindergarten.
- ▶ Children who are absent for **18** or more school days in kindergarten have the **lowest** academic performance in 1st grade.

The Key to Success... Show Up! All Day, Every Day and ON TIME!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



How to be “Kindergarten Ready” . . .

- ▶ A child’s first school experiences can be greatly enhanced with the knowledge of how to recognize, read, and write their first and last names.
- ▶ Children in Kindergarten are expected to identify letters and sounds within the first nine weeks.
- ▶ To aide in using technology during our school day, children should be able to recognize numbers 0-9 and use a mouse and keyboard.
- ▶ Download the Ready For Kindergarten Monthly Checklist for more information.
 - ▶ <https://hillsboroughschools.org/docs/00/00/24/24/CountdownKindergartenChecklist.pdf>



Beyond the Skills...

- ▶ Children must be ready to cope with:
 - ▶ A change in place.
 - ▶ A change in expectations.
 - ▶ Adjustment to a new peer group.
 - ▶ A new authority figure.
 - ▶ A new role as a student.
 - ▶ Consequences to actions.
 - ▶ Accountability for work.



It is all about EXPOSURE!

- ▶ Exposure to books and printed materials
- ▶ Exposure to conversations
- ▶ Exposure to writing materials
- ▶ Exposure to other children and adults
- ▶ Exposure to technology (mouse, keyboard, touch screen)
- ▶ Exposure to self-help skills (restroom, shoes, lunch needs, jackets, zippers, buttons, etc.)
- ▶ Exposure to rules, expectations, and consequences



Two Most Important Things

- ▶ READ, READ, READ *to and with* your child.
- ▶ TALK to and LISTEN to your child without distractions. Conversation is how children build their vocabulary and develop confidence in communicating with others.



You child's success depends on...

- ✎ Behavior that promotes learning
- ✎ Participation in the classroom family
- ✎ Active listening throughout the day
- ✎ Responsibility (getting work done)
- ✎ Independence
- ✎ Effort
- ✎ Self-sufficiency in the restroom



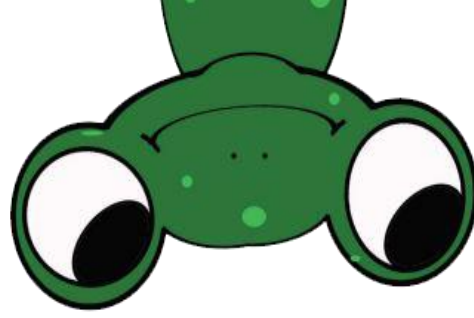
What is Expected from You?



- ☞ Encourage positive behavior
- ☞ Create independence: say goodbyes at the gate
- ☞ Review & sign agendas/daily work together
- ☞ Read with and to your child every night
- ☞ Make sure the teacher knows how your child will be going home (bus, car, walking, private provider van) and notify the office and teacher of any changes
- ☞ Make sure the office always has your current phone numbers, address, emergency contact, and email address.
- ☞ Ensure your child arrives at school on time (7:10 - 7:40 AM is arrival)
 - ☞ School begins at **7:40am**
 - ☞ Monday Early Release Dismissal 12:55pm
 - ☞ Tuesday - Friday Dismissal 1:55pm



Uniform Policy



✦ Tops:

- ✦ Black, White or Burnt Orange Polo
- ✦ Stowers School Spirit Shirt

✦ Bottoms:

- ✦ Khaki or Black
- ✦ Jeans on Friday
- ✦ Appropriate, closed-toe shoes for outside play

► Our Kindergarten Team

- Ms. Alonso
- Mrs. Crater
- Mr. Dokumaci
- Mrs. Marra
- Mrs. Scott
- Mrs. Simpson
- Mrs. Ward
- Mrs. Santarlas (paraprofessional)





Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten

- ✎ Is my child going to be ready? What does he or she need to know?
- ✎ What are the Florida Standards?
- ✎ What does that look like in Kindergarten?
- ✎ What will my child be doing all day?
- ✎ What can I do to get my child ready?
- ✎ Florida's Office of Early Learning Development Standards document - Birth to Kindergarten:
<http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/docs/OEL-SR15BtoK.pdf>



Start of the Year Assessments

- ✎ **Star:** Star Early Literacy is a state-wide assessment given to all children entering a public school kindergarten in the state of Florida. It will be given during the first 30 days of school.
- ✎ **i-Ready:** i-Ready is an online computer program that students will utilize throughout the year. Students will participate in lessons as well as diagnostic measures.



Reading

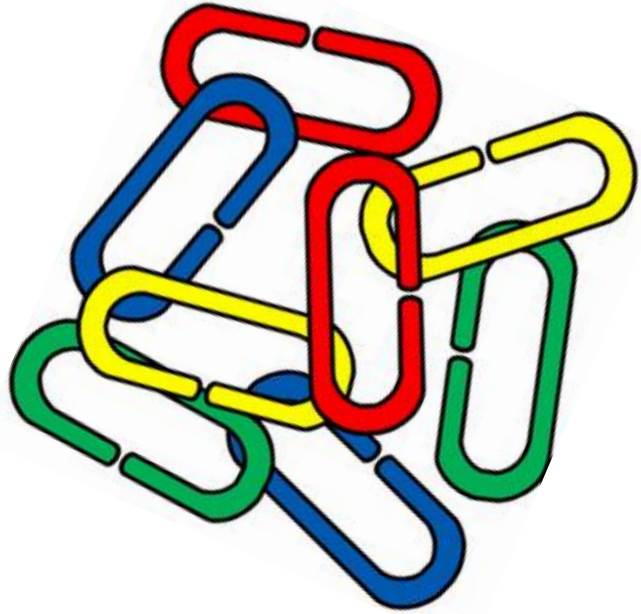
- 👉 Read Alouds
- 👉 Shared big books
- 👉 Interactive read alouds
- 👉 Small groups
- 👉 Sight words
- 👉 Independent Practice



Writing

- ✎ Modeled
- ✎ Shared
- ✎ Guided
- ✎ Independent





Use of
manipulatives to
deepen
understanding

Math



Science

- 👉 Observing using the five senses
- 👉 Hands-on activities for deeper understanding



Social Studies



Calendars, Weather, Holidays, and American Heroes



Rules and Laws, Good Citizens

Jobs and Money, Wants and Needs, Families



Maps and Globes, Symbols of America



Lunch and Breakfast!

- ✦ Student numbers (7-digits)
- ✦ Universal Breakfast
 - ✦ Free for all students
 - ✦ Served between 7:10 a.m. - 7:40 a.m.
- ✦ Free and Reduced Lunch
 - ✦ Forms available upon registration/online registration available
- ✦ Current lunch price is \$2.25 (2021-2022 prices are subject to change)
- ✦ Payment options: Online Payment is available
- ✦ Online Lunch Registration, click below.
 - ✦ [Online Lunch Application](#)



Summer VPK Program

- ✎ FREE Summer program to ensure kindergarten readiness (dates and times to be determined)
- ✎ Approximately 20 sites throughout the district
(should be available by Late Feb/Early March)
- ✎ Registration requirements: proof of birth, proof of residence and a shot record
- ✎ Registration at open summer VPK sites begins May, 2021
- ✎ Child must be eligible to start kindergarten August, 2021
(5 years old by September 1, 2021)
- ✎ Child may not have attended a school-year VPK

VPK Hotline: 813-272-4840



BSAC

Please access the link below for more information regarding our on-site before and after school BSAC program!

<https://www.mybsac.org/stowers/>

Click the Frog to Take a Virtual Tour!

