



WELCOME TO

KOLTER KINDER

One more time...

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK:
A KOLTER GUIDE FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS**

PART 4: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KINDERGARTENER

Drop off...

We know there will be some tears. They will most likely be yours, not your child's! Bring them to their classroom, give a hug and a kiss, and GET OUT! Do not let the tiny humans see you cry!!! (that's what the PTO coffee is for!!) We promise, our Kindergarten teachers will take very good care of your kiddos!!

Who said there is no such thing as a free meal?

If you drop your student early enough (7:15 a.m.) then breakfast is available in the cafeteria (free to all students). They can also run around on the playground for morning recess.

Once the tardy bell rings...

At 7:35 a.m., each student is welcomed into the classroom to unpack his/her own backpack, have a morning meeting and then language arts block begins! They get to participate in Reader's Workshop, Literacy Stations, Guided Reading groups and Writer's Workshop.

What about lunch?

You can bring a lunch from home or buy it for \$2.35 in the cafeteria. Add money on your child's account online through SchoolCafe here: [School Cafe](#). Find the

hot lunch menu here: [What are they eating for lunch today?](#) You can visit your student and eat lunch with them, but please wait until after the first two weeks to let them establish their routines and make new friends.

Cool. What does the afternoon look like?

Math. Small group activities & guided math.

Then the Magnet teachers will come into the Kindergarten classrooms to introduce each language. Kindergarten students will experience Spanish, French, and Chinese throughout the year. Your student will choose his or her language path in the summer before first grade and then continue with the same Magnet class through 5th Grade. Once a week, students will visit Computer Lab, Abrakadoodle and PE. The day ends with a Science or Social Studies activity before Class Discussion and a Read Aloud.

My child can literally not survive without eating every 2 hours. Is there a snack?

Yes! Your teacher or room parent will coordinate a snack schedule. Each family will sign up for a week and bring snacks for the *whole class for the entire week!* That's right - ONCE A YEAR you'll hit up Costco and be done! Bring a bunch of snacks each day, for one week only, and then you never have to think about snacks again. Until next year :)

What should I pack in my child's backpack?

Besides a photo of mom??? Lunch, a water bottle, and it isn't a terrible idea to keep a complete change of clothes (undies and all) in a ziploc bag in your backpack... just in case! For those kiddos going to Extended Day- a snack could be helpful to get them through the last few hours of the day :)

Did we forget anything?

Probably. Ask it on the Kolter Community Facebook page or email Nicole Holub our Welcome Committee chair at nicholub@gmail.com

On a scale of 1 to 10, how nervous should I be?

Everyone at Kolter is working together for your child and all the children! If you need anything, help is not far. We pride ourselves in being a super-approachable PTO and are confident that our staff and administration is as well. Just ask!

Let's get this thing started!

We are so excited to see you tomorrow at the Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Playdate! Remember to be at Kolter North at 9 a.m. for lots of fun and a great kick off for the year. You don't want to miss it!

See you tomorrow at 9 a.m. for the Kinder Meet the Teacher and Playdate!!

Brought to you by the Kolter Elementary PTO Welcome Committee with the help of Kindergarten teacher, Ashley Barnes. Please keep in mind this is a very general description of your child's daily schedule and each teacher's routines differ slightly based on their own styles.

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