# Specials

Monday: Art

Tuesday: Guidance

Wednesday: Science

Thursday: Music

Friday: Media

# Teacher Note

Thank you for all of your support! I am looking forward to a wonderful year. Kindergarteners bring an infectious amount of enthusiasm for learning and I adore this age for that reason! Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about Kindergarten or how you can help your child at home.

**Have a wonderful week!**

Ms. Dodson

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It has been a pleasure getting to know your child! Mrs. Bajerski and I are forward to the year ahead with such fantastic kids. We have been “easing” into kindergarten with lots of books, exploratory centers, and group lessons. We want the children to get to know each other and be ready to work together as a class this year.

It’s hard work learning so many new things at once (how to walk in the hallway, go through the lunch line, come to the rug, etc.) and they have been doing a wonderful job. During the first few weeks, the emphasis is on establishing the routine and setting expectations for learning. We came up with a set of class rules after we read a story called No, David!. These are the rules we came up with:

1. Follow direction quickly
2. Respect the teachers and the other students
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself
4. Raise your hand to speak
5. Treat belongings in the classroom with care
6. Always do your best!

We are learning and practicing the rules – what they look like, sound like, and feel like. We will also be focusing on 5 life skills during social studies this quarter: being responsible, respectful, helpful, careful, and patient. Please encourage these skills at home!

You might also want to include the week's spelling words, test alerts, and any upcoming events such as field trips or special school events.

A newsletter also can extend classroom learning. Give students experience in writing for an audience by having them write articles describing class projects. Ask children to help you choose the colors of your newsletter, pick out clip art, put together story ideas, write and edit articles, and distribute the newsletter.

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

* Please remember to check the GREEN ALLIGATOR folder daily and return it to school. Remove anything in the “Keep at Home” side and check the “Return to School” side for important notes/info.
* If your child’s transportation changes (even if it’s for the day), please send a note in in their alligator folder letting us know.
* Please send in a family photo we will be making a scrapbook of our class and their families. This is a great way for the students’ to get to know their new classroom family a little better and also help them feel more comfortable in their new environment
* Send in $4.00 for the registration fee for RAZ Kids if you have not done so already.
* My Blackboard account is up and running and I will update it each week with information. Go to Alston Ridge’s website, click on class pages, and then click on my name under Kindergarten and it will take you to the site.
* Please send a water bottle in with your student each day for recess it gets hot out there!
* If you visit [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), our “book club” class code is: N8ZZF.

# Reminders/Further Information

* 7/30 - Open House
* 8/14 - Early Release (Dismissal begins at 1:15)
* 8/17 – Track out

# Important Dates

### Alston Ridge Elementary

Cary, NC

Week of 7/13/15 – 7/17/15

Kindergarten is a Hoot!

# What a wonderful first week!

