Welcome to
Wattles
Elementary
Class of 2035

Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Ambrozy – Red Dot

Miss Jerome – Green Dot

Mrs. Mason – Yellow Dot

Office Staff

Mrs. Hazen

Mrs. Kreza

Wattles Elementary

Home of the Wildcats

2014 National Blue Ribbon School

2020 National School of Character

2017 Ranked #1 Elementary School in Michigan According to niche.com

50+ Years of Academic Excellence

Wattles Elementary Staff Purpose Statement

The Wattles Elementary staff will empower our school community intellectually, socially, and emotionally to positively impact the world throughout their lives.

WORLD CLASS
FOR ALL
EARLY CHILDHOOD TO CAREER
EQUITY AND WELL-BEING
DEEP LEARNING
BUILDING CAPACITY
TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLLABORATION • DEEP LEARNING • FOCUS

Wattles Elementary Anchors (Core Values)

- Choose Kindness
- Work for the Common Good
- Pursue Excellence

Wattles Elementary Community

- 402 students-over 200 families
- 1 principal
- 2 secretaries
- 18 classroom teachers
- 2 literacy specialists
- 2 English language specialists
- 1 math specialist

Wattles Elementary Community

- Elective teachers
- Ancillary staff (speech therapist, social worker, teacher consultant, psychologist, occupational therapist)
- Custodians
- Cafeteria workers
- Noon aides
- Health care aides
- Paraprofessionals

English Language Learners

- Troy is the most culturally diverse city in the State of Michigan.
- There are 81 different languages spoken by Troy families—25 different languages are spoken at Wattles—Telugu most popular.
- 50% of our students speak a different language in their home.

Parent Involvement

- Attending school programs and special events
- Use Powerschool
- Working with the Wattles PTO in any capacity
- Volunteering in your child's classroom
- Reading our eblasts through School Messenger
- Reading teacher newsletters
- Looking at our website

PTO
Parent
Teacher
Organization

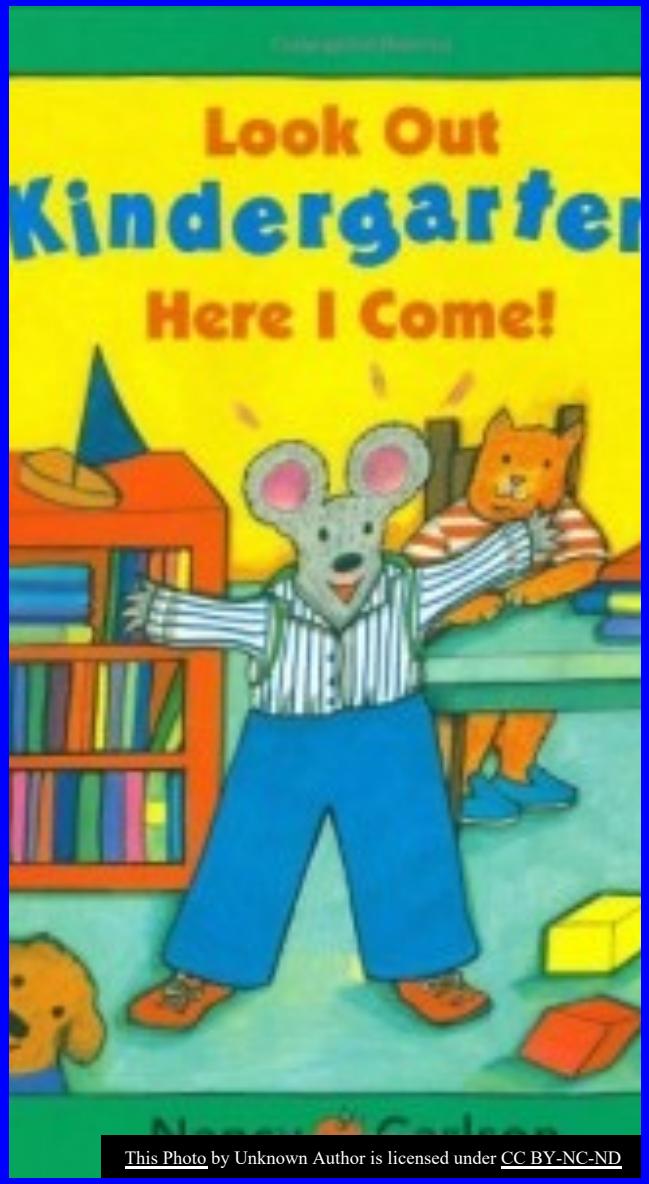
- Enrichment for Students
- Field Trips
- Classroom Programs
- Technology
- Playground Equipment

Troy School District Video

- https://vimeo.com/207160888

Typical Kindergarten Day

- Morning Meeting
- Reader's Workshop
- Snack
- Indoor Play
- Writer's Workshop
- Phonics
- Lunch
- Quiet Time
- Math
- Outdoor Recess
- Science or Social Studies
- Special (Art, Media, Gym, Music)



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Books About Kindergarten

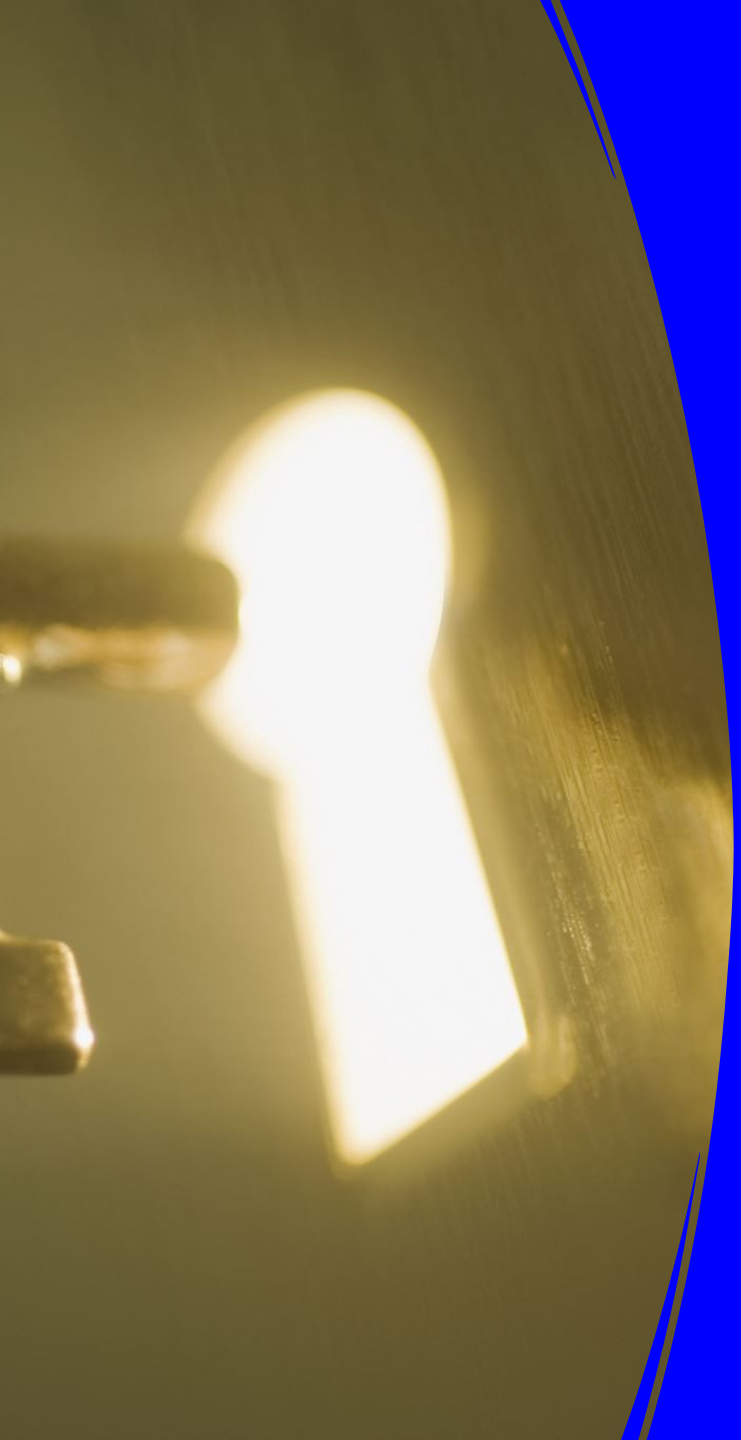
- A Teacher for Bear
- Countdown to Kindergarten
- Friends
- Froggy Goes to School
- Kindergarten Rocks
- Mouse's First Day of School
- Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come

Safe and Secure

All exterior doors are locked during school hours

Office security – buzzer, sign in, visitor badge

Tornado, fire, A.L.I.C.E drills



Keys to Success

- Good attendance
- Open, positive and frequent communication between school and home
- Establishing routines in life for your child
- Allowing disappointment
- Helping to develop responsibility
- Helping to develop independence

Bus Information

Provided to and from school if:

- Mile or more away from school
- Cross a major road
- To and from the same address
- Adult must be in view at bus stop time

Importance of Play

Research shows that emphasis on play in Kindergarten does not detract from academic learning, but actually enables children to learn more readily.

Play is how a child explores the world. Through play, children develop a sense of order and meaning out of their environment.

Play allows children to express and explore their emotions.

Tentative 2022-2023

School Hours

Full Day-8:39-3:37

AM Half Day–8:39-12:29

Late Start Day–10:09-3:37

Arrival Procedures

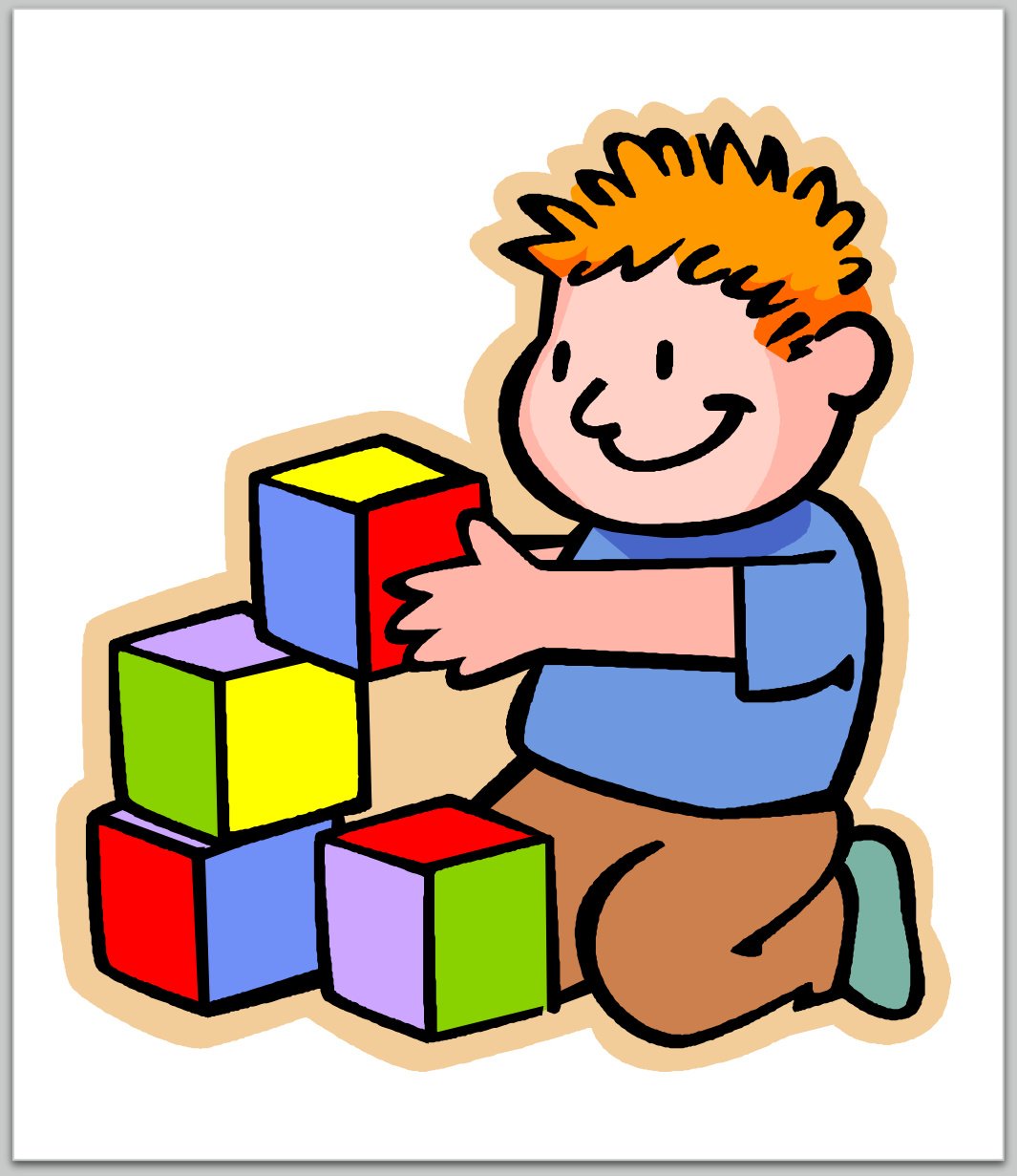
Dismissal Procedures

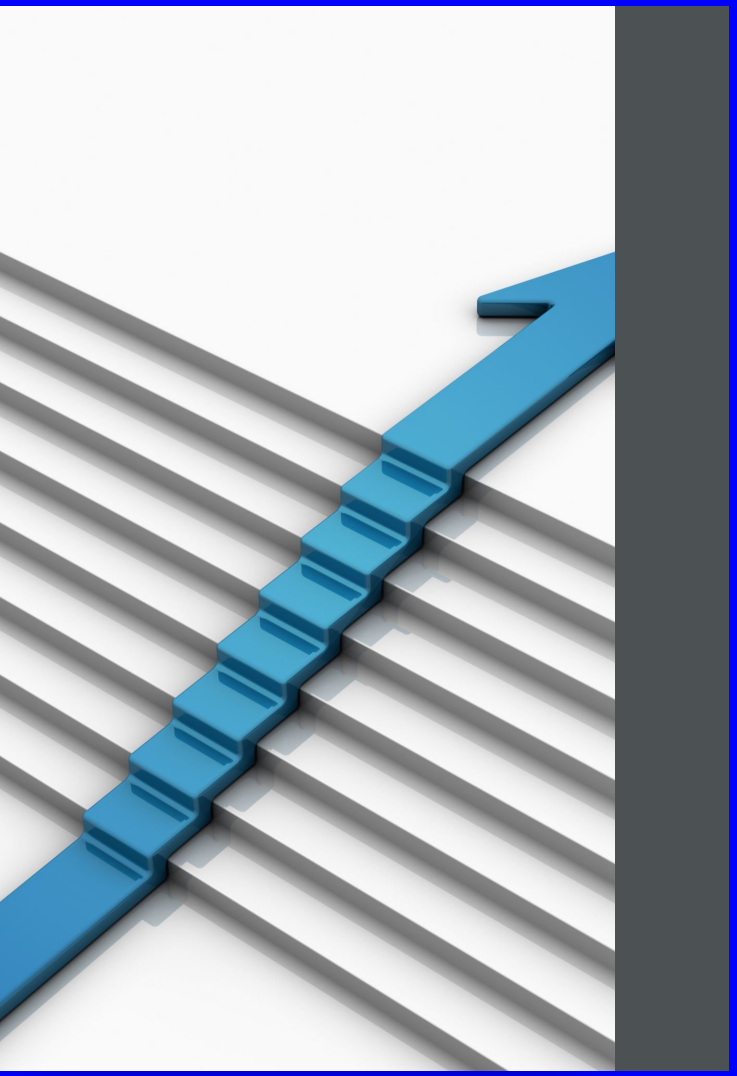
Bus Loop, Walkers, Parent Drop Offs

First Day of School – August 30th (Half-Day)

CARE Company

- Before and after school program
- Hours: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Location: Wattles Cafeteria





Next Steps

S-E-N-D Your Child to School Ready to Learn

S – Sleep

Did you know that most experts agree that 5-9 year olds need 10-11 hours of sleep?

E – Exercise

Don't let your child have too much screen time.

N – Nutrition

Your child needs a good breakfast, a health snack, and a nutritious lunch.

D – Desire to Learn

Children need a hug and a kiss good-bye each morning; try to not burden them with adult issues and worries

August Communication

- Welcome letter with classroom assignment
- School/District information
- Bus information

- Complete Authorization for Medication and Allergy Forms
- Contact us if your plans change, you move, or will not be in attendance the first day of school
- Generate excitement at home to start school
- Look for eblast from me by Friday
- Read to your child