

Coulson Tough

Kindergarten

2018-2019





Kindergarten Information 2018-2019

Dear Kindergarten Parent,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Coulson Tough Elementary! If this is your first experience with our school, we welcome you into a partnership between home and school that facilitates success for children. Our school curriculum addresses the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth of your child. Kindergarten is the foundation for establishing positive habits that will follow children throughout their school career.

Language and literacy are the cornerstones of our Kindergarten curriculum. Phonemic awareness, language experience, written expression, and listening and reading comprehension are an integral part of our approach. Included in our packet, you will find suggestions for things you can do at home to prepare your child for Kindergarten.

The school day is from 8:05a.m.-3:10p.m. Attendance does count, even in Kindergarten. Please do not schedule a vacation when school is in session. Every day is packed with learning which cannot be reproduced at home. On days when your child is ill, please call the school to explain the reason for their absence, and send in a note with the reason for the absence when they return to school.

The most important thing you can do to ensure your child's success in school is to help them understand that school is a happy place and learning is exciting! It is important to establish a daily consistent routine. A predictable bedtime, mealtime, time for homework, and a time to read together are all factors that create stability in a child's life. Schedules that are constantly changing and lack routines are difficult for young children. Please try to keep transportation methods to and from school the same.

It is common for young children to have difficulty separating from parents during the first few days of school. The best way to separate from your child is to give them a big hug and a smile, say goodbye, and then leave. We find that with the teacher's comfort and assurance, children quickly transition to whatever is happening in the classroom at the time.

To help us with placement in the Kindergarten classroom we have developed a checklist for preschool teachers or daycare providers. It is best completed by someone who has worked with your child in a classroom-like setting. Please give this checklist to the person you believe knows your child in this capacity and ask them to mail it back to our school before June 1, 2018. If you have any extreme concerns over your child's placement for next year, please email our counselor, Jessica Waters, by June 1, 2018.

We will be conducting Kindergarten assessments on Friday, August 3rd from 8:00am-3:00pm. These assessments will help us plan for your child's education and to better meet their individual needs, academically, socially and emotionally. This assessment will take

approximately 15 minutes and will be administered by one of our Kindergarten teachers who will be working one on one with your child. Parents will wait in our front hallway during the assessments. Please click on the Sign Up Genius Link and chose a day and time. [Kindergarten Assessment](#) or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d48aac2ea64-kindergarten>

We hope that you and your child will join us on August 13th anytime between 4:00pm-5:30pm for Camp Kindergarten Meet the Teacher! Please have your child bring along a small favorite stuffed animal, their backpack and all of their school supplies if you did not order them online through our PTO. This is a special time for you and your child to meet their teacher and become familiar with the school and classroom. You will receive an email from your child's Kindergarten teacher on the afternoon of Friday, August 10th, 2018.

To stay current on all things Coulson Tough, please access our website: <http://tough.conroeisd.net>. We look forward to having your Kindergartener at Coulson Tough and getting to know your family!

Sincerely,

Shawn Creswell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Kindergarten Assessments	Friday, August 3 rd
Kindergarten Teacher Email	Friday, August 10 th
Camp Kindergarten Meet The Teacher	Monday, August 13 th @ 4:00-5:30pm
First Day of School	Wednesday, August 15 th @ 8:05am-3:10pm

Key Contacts:

Shawn Creswell- Principal- screswell@conroeisd.net

Sunnye Nowlin- Assistant Principal (Kindergarten-3rd Grade) - snowlin@conroeisd.net

Jessica Waters- School Counselor- jwaters@conroeisd.net

Cyndi Schulken- Nurse- cschulken@conroeisd.net

Carolyn Duncan-Registrar- cduncan@conroeisd.net

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11660 Crane Brook Drive
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Coulson Tough K-6 School Registration Instructions for 2018-2019

Click on this link to “Find Your Neighborhood School” in Conroe ISD:

https://routeinfo.conroeisd.net/infocatorrcc/info.aspx?OrgGuid=ORG-CONROE&profileguid=conroe_1718

If you are moving to the Coulson Tough school zone from another CISD school zone, please make an appointment using the link in #4 at top of page 2 and bring the Proof of Residency for the new address (see page 2) and the parent’s photo ID.

Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before September 1st and meet eligibility requirements. If eligible, they will attend a half-day program at Glen Loch Elementary in the afternoon.

*If your child was not a Conroe ISD student in 2017-2018, you will need to register online and fax or scan and email the **COMPLETED** checklist **PLUS A COPY** of the actual immunization record to the school nurse. (See #3 below) Immunization records will be periodically reviewed when the nurse is off June 2 - August 3, 2018. The nurse returns to campus on August 6, 2018.

New-to-Conroe ISD students will need to register online & complete the steps below:

Go to www.conroeisd.net

- click on “Parents/Students” near top of webpage
- click on “Enrollment and Transfers”
- scroll down to “New Student Registration 2018-2019” (orange rectangle)
- click on “Create Account” in lower left,
- then log in and select “2018-2019 School Year”

Please note: If you are not already residing in your home in the Coulson Tough school zone when you register your child online, then you will also need to apply online for either an IntraDistrict Transfer if you are residing inside Conroe ISD or an InterDistrict Transfer if you are residing outside of Conroe ISD. The links for these transfers are found on: www.conroeisd.net > “Parents/Students” > “Enrollment & Transfers.” The links for the two types of transfers are found on the right side of the webpage. Then email your “Proof of Residency” (fully-executed lease or sales contract -- all pages) in the Tough school zone to studenttransfers@conroeisd.net.

If you do not have a computer available, please email Carolyn Duncan in our registration office at cduncan@conroeisd.net or call 281-465-5906 to arrange a day and time for you to come in and use one of the school’s computers during school hours or in the summer during registration hours.

2. After you have completed and submitted the online registration, please email Carolyn Duncan at cduncan@conroeisd.net to make sure your child’s online registration was received.
3. *The electronic Immunization Checklists for Pre-K and for KG-6th grade are found on the CTough Registration webpage. At least one school day prior to making your appointment to complete the registration process (see #4 on next page), please send the completed checklist **PLUS** a copy of the original immunization record to Nurse Cyndi: **email: cschulken@conroeisd.net, fax: [936-709-9909](tel:936-709-9909)**. You can also take a picture of the forms with your phone and email them.

HELPFUL HINT: You may want to download one of the free apps for scanning with your phone such as CamScanner from the Apple store or Google Play. Nurse Cyndi will contact you if your child is missing any required immunizations. If your child does not have all the immunizations required by Texas public schools, please be aware that an updated record with the missing immunizations will be necessary to start school.

Please Note: Bring the child’s original/official immunization record to your registration appointment so that we can make a copy.

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4. After your child's immunizations have been approved by Nurse Cyndi, please use this link to schedule your registration appointment:

***** Please schedule a separate 30-minute appointment for each child. *****

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4faca2eaa8-20142015>

Bring the following original documents to your appointment even if you have uploaded the documents to your child's online registration – this is needed for verification purposes and to ensure we have clear copies of the documents:

- Original/Official Immunization Record
- Completed and signed 2018-2019 Immunization Checklist -- the links for the interactive KG-6th and the PreK Immunization Checklists are on the CTough Registration webpage
- Child's original Birth Certificate
- Child's original Social Security Card (or original Passport if born outside of U.S.A.)
- Proof of Residency – recent (within past 30 days/4 weeks) original utility bill for gas, water or electricity with new address showing as "Service Address/Location" and a parent/legal guardian's name showing as customer -- or a fully-executed (signed and dated by all parties) and complete (all pages) original lease, sales contract, or disbursement statement from closing on purchase of a home. If not already residing in home in Coulson Tough school zone, then an approved IntraDistrict or InterDistrict Transfer is required. See Item #1.
- Original Photo ID of parent/legal guardian registering child
- Military ID or foster care paperwork, if applicable
- Grades 1 – 6 must also provide: most recent original report card from previous school. Please also provide any standardized testing, i.e. Stanford, Olsat, STAAR, etc. if possible.
- For KG students please bring a small, approximately 2 inch x 3 inch photo of the child for their KG Placement card.



2018-2019 Kindergarten School Supplies

These supplies will be available to order online beginning May 15th:

www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks

Use the School ID: TOU002

Each set will be competitively priced and delivered to school.

Online ordering ends June 24, 2018

Questions? Contact our PTO School Supply Coordinator

Vicki Clove at clovefamily@mac.com

Crayola Crayons (24 count)	4
Crayola Washable Thick Classic Markers (8ct.)	1
Pink Bevel Eraser (latex-free)	2
Crayola Washable Watercolors (8 colors)	1
Kleenex tissue (85 ct./flat)	3
Mirado Black Warrior Pencils (pre-sharpened)	12
Fiskars 5 in. Blunt Scissors	1
Elmer's Colored Washable Glue Stick (0.77 oz)	8
Black Expo2 Low-Odor Fine Point Markers	8
Crayola Washable Fine Tip Classic Markers (8 ct.)	1
Expo 9 in. x 12 in. two-sided Dry Erase Board	1
Clorox/Lysol 35 ct. wipes (Not for skin)	1
Play-Doh brand – any color	One container
Primary Journal Grades K-2 (Mead Brand)	3
Hefty One Zip Bags (Gallon Size, 20ct.)	1
Hefty One Zip Bags (Quart Size, 40ct.)	1
Handi-Wipes (for cleaning hands)	1
3 x 3 Post-it Notes (large square, any color)	4
Elmer's 4oz School Glue	1
Sterilite School Supply Box (any color)	1



Coulson Tough Kindergarten Titan Times 2018-2019



What is Camp Kindergarten Meet the Teacher?

You and your child are invited to attend Camp Kindergarten on Monday, August 13th, anytime between 4:00-5:30pm. This will be an exciting time for your child to meet their teacher and classmates. We invite your child to bring his/her favorite stuffed animal to join them in the class.

Please be sure to bring your child's backpack and their school supplies. We will be tagging their backpacks with safety transportation tags at the meeting. You will have a chance to tour the school with your child as well.



What do we do on the first days of school?



Please feel free to walk your child to the classroom on the first day. At 8:15 am we will have a "Tears and Cheers Coffee" for all Coulson Tough parents in the library. We invite you to join us for refreshments along with the opportunity to meet members of administration and the PTO Board. On the second day, you may walk your child to the classroom door and allow him/her to walk in to the room independently. By the third day parents need to say goodbye to their child in the car line or at the front door if they are walkers. Kindergarten students will be directed to the Commons where they will be closely monitored until the bell rings at 7:45 am. At that time, students will be escorted to their hallway and teachers will greet them at the classroom door. You may want to

discuss this with your child so he/she will know what to expect.

What about lunch?

We encourage students to bring a lunch for the first two weeks of school. After they are comfortable with the seating arrangement and lunch schedule (30 minutes for lunch), it's easier to learn how the lunch line works. Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch at the visitors table after Labor Day. This will give your child time to get used to the lunch routine. Please remember lunch is a social time for your child and their friends.

Parents may send money (cash or check) to set up a lunch account at the school. A "Parent Access" account allows parents to see the amount of money available in their child's account. Additions by cash or check may be made through the front office or by sending money in an envelope to the teacher in the Kinder Keeper folder. To set up a lunch money account online, or for more information about purchasing meals visit the CISD main website, go to the "Students/Parents" tab, then click on "Child Nutrition."



Will Kindergarten students have a snack time?

Kindergarteners will have a daily snack time. Snacks should be sent daily in students' backpacks and kept separate from lunchbox items. Students may also have a reusable water bottle at school that is free from leaks. Parents will receive a list of CISD-approved snack items from the teacher at the beginning of the year. **Please do not send any items containing peanuts or tree nuts due to student allergies.** If your child has special dietary needs, please inform the teacher and school nurse.

What is the Attendance Policy?

Students feel prepared when they arrive by 7:45am and have time to unpack their items and settle in for the day. A student is marked tardy if they are not in the classroom and ready for instruction by 8:05 a.m. A student is considered absent if they arrive later than 9:00 a.m. A note from a doctor, dentist, or other health care provider(HCP) along with the parent/guardian signing in the student on the iPad in the front office on the day of the appointment, will excuse an absence or tardy as long as the student comes to school after the appointment. Our morning televised announcements begin at 8:00am and we highly encourage you to plan your child's arrival time to be 7:45am.



What are the Dismissal Procedures?



Parents will decide how their child will go home each day and inform the teacher on or before the first day of school. Dismissal forms will be available at Camp Kindergarten. We also ask that you bring your child's backpack to Camp Kindergarten so we can tag their backpack with their safety transportation tags. Changes in regular dismissal must be made no later than 2:00 pm on the day of the change. We ask you send a note on the day of the change in your child's folder.

Severe Weather Dismissal

Severe Weather Dismissal occurs when our area is under a **severe** weather threat as determined by the weather service. We will notify parents of a severe weather dismissal via Remind 101. Please register for a Remind 101 account. Directions are located in the Coulson Tough Handbook Addendum. If a severe weather dismissal occurs, students who regularly walk or ride their bikes home will choose another transportation method: bus rider (if available for your address) or car rider. If it is raining, but not thundering/lightning, students will go home their regular way. Please keep an umbrella and rain jacket in their backpack if they are a biker/walker.



Why must I create a "Parent Access" account?



This is an online system available from the district that allows parents to receive school emails, newsletters, view grades, attendance, lunch account balances, etc., at their convenience. We ask that all parents please register for an account for each child that they have in CISD schools at www.conroeisd.net by the end of first week of school. Setting up an account will only need to be done once for your child's entire school career in CISD and will provide you with important information on your child which you can easily access at any time. Our teachers also use Canvas for homework, assignments, and their calendar. Your log in for Canvas is the same is your Parent Access account.

Can I visit my child at school?

We love having our parents assist with a variety of activities during the school year! All visitors to our building must check in and out through the front office with a current driver's license or other form of photo identification. Visitors such as classroom readers and volunteers for special days and parties will be arranged by your child's teacher and room parent. Volunteer opportunities will be announced at the beginning of school and on our PTO website. To be able to volunteer (or go into your child's classroom at any point during the school day) you must register on the CISD website by clicking on the "Volunteer in CISD" link. This must be done each year for the safety of all our students.



What if my child forgets his/her lunch, folder, etc.?



Items that are forgotten (i.e. homework, projects, folders, etc.) may be brought to the front office to be put in the teacher's mailbox. Teachers will pick up these items at the end of the school day. Lunches will be placed on a drop off table. Ideally, please send lunch with your child in their backpack in the morning as Kindergarten students often worry when they realize they do not have their lunch with them. Make it part of your daily routine to assist your child. In order to maintain the learning environment and to maximize instructional time, forgotten items will not be delivered to the classroom while the teachers and students are in regular curriculum periods. The only exception would be for medically needed items such as eyeglasses.

WELCOME TO COULSON TOUGH!

We know your child is excited to start Kindergarten. Our school nurse, Cyndi Schulken, has helpful information to make your child's transition to school a wonderful one.

MEDICATION:

- In order for the nurse to give your child any medication (over-the-counter or prescription):
 1. The medication dosage must be approved for your child's age by the FDA (herbs cannot be given).
 2. The medication must be in the original container (expired medication cannot be administered).
 3. A prescription medication must have the prescription label on the bottle or inhaler.
 4. A parent/guardian must bring medication to the nurse and sign it in (dosage and time).
 5. Per CISD policy, children are never allowed to transport any medication or keep it in their backpack.

FOOD / SPECIAL TREATS:

- We have many children with food restrictions or severe (life-threatening) food allergies.
- Per CISD policy, please make sure you **notify the teacher** prior to bringing food such as special treats for birthdays or class parties. The teacher or nurse will assist with identifying students with food allergies.
- We respectfully ask that peanut or tree nut snacks and foods be avoided in the classroom. This includes foods that "may be processed on equipment that processes peanuts/nuts".
- Since lunch is eaten in the cafeteria, your child MAY bring peanut / tree nut containing foods for lunch, just not for snacks in the classroom.
- Please contact Nurse Cyndi if your child has any type of food allergy or if you have questions.

REGARDING ILLNESS:

A student will be sent home from school with the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or more (37.7 Celsius)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Too ill to function in the classroom
- A student should not be sent to school if a fever-reducing medication is required to get the temperature below 100 degrees.
- Per the CISD Student Handbook, students must stay out of school until they are fever / diarrhea free for 24 hours.
- It is important to call, email, or send a note to the nurse and teacher if your child is having any type of health problem on a particular day. For example: your child wakes up with a bad headache but no fever, and you decide to let him try going to school. Call the nurse, share this information with her, and ask to be called if your child comes to the clinic.
- TIP - Pack a spare pair of clothes each day, including underwear and socks, in your child's backpack (accidents and spills occasionally happen, and little ones love putting on their own clothes).

Always feel free to contact our school nurse, Cyndi Schulken, if you have any questions.

Phone: 281-465-5905 Email: cschulken@controeisd.net Fax: 281-936-9909

Kindergarten, Here I Come!

Below is a list of skills to help your child be ready for Kindergarten.

1. Sing the ABC's

Sing the ABC song with your children throughout the day. Sing it as you change your baby's diaper, give your kids a bath, set the table for a meal, or when you're driving in the car. It takes less than a minute to sing and there are plenty of minutes in a day where you can sneak it in!

*Hint: Be sure to sing clearly and slowly through the "L, M, N, O" portion of the song. When we sing it quickly, it sounds like one long letter - and your child will learn it that way!

2. Write his/her first and last name

Start by concentrating on the first name. Be sure to encourage proper grip on the pencil or crayon! Say each letter as you write. Ideally with a capital letter only for the first letter of their name.

3. Identify all 26 letters - capital and lowercase

This is a skill that would be great for your child to know when entering Kindergarten. Start with the first letter of your child's first name. Whenever you see his/her name in print, point out the first letter and say its name. Pick random letters as you encounter them: on a cereal box or license plate, in a book, on a toy... Be creative.

4. Write all 26 letters - capital and lowercase

A great way to practice writing the letters is by tracing them. Write the letters on a piece of paper with plenty of space around each one. Have your child trace the letters with a pencil, crayon, or marker. After your child can trace them, see if he/she can do it without the tracing as a guide. Again, start with capital letters. There are even fonts available for download that print letters (and numbers!) with dashed lines for tracing!

5. Know all 26 letter sounds

First, it is important for your child to identify each letter, both upper and lower case in isolation.

6. Count from 0-100

Your child should know the numbers 0 - 10 before starting Kindergarten. Spend a minute here or there counting, point out *how many* of something there are ("Wow! There are two dogs walking outside!") and eventually start asking your child to identify how many there are. ("Look at the dogs outside! Sarah, *how many* dogs are there?") Practice counting with your child as high as they can go with the goal of being able to count from 0 to 100.

7. Identify numbers 0 - 20

As your child is learning the numbers, be sure to point them out when you see them in day-to-day life. Point to and identify numbers in a recipe, on a sign, in a book, at the store, or write them yourself.

8. Write numbers 0 - 20

Again, start by tracing. It's fun and it will help your child learn how to correctly form each letter. Don't stress that each number is perfect.

9. Basic sight words

Sight words are a great way to give a child a "head start" in reading. These words occur often in beginner reader books. Knowing these words will eliminate the need to "sound out" every, single, word. Attached is a list of our district's Kindergarten sight words.

A FEW Great TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Websites

www.ABCya.com

www.pbskids.org

www.starfall.com

www.coolmath.com

www.makemegenius.com

www.timeforkids.com

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

www.pebblego.com

www.brainpopjr.com

<https://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/coulsontoughk-6>

Apps

Red Apple Reading

Island Adventures

Moose Math

Fish School

Draw and Tell

Park Math

Abcmouse

pbskids

YouTube Videos

Vowel Bat

Have Fun Teaching Sight Word Songs

The Letter Sounds Song

Count to 100

The Letter Factory by LeapFrog

Counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s

Alpha Blocks

Numbers in the Teens

Numbers in the Twenties

LeapFrog Talking Words Factory

Leap Frog Word Caper

Number Jacks

"Sight" Words

Phonics & Word Analysis

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