

Room Parent Guide TCA North Elementary Kindergarten

Please use the events as a guideline to the Kindergarten grade school events. It is important to contact your classroom teacher to see what the classroom's needs are for each event; some events may require food or parent volunteers, while others may not. These descriptions come from past year events and how they were run – teachers may feel the need to alter some of the activities.

Kindergarten Grade Events

Field Trips

Field Trips will be coordinated by your classroom teacher. Here is a tentative list – these do change so check with your teacher:

Garden of the Gods (Aug/Sept)

Children's Theater (April)

Zoo Mobile (May)

Grandparent's Day (September)

Coordinate with your teacher any anticipated needs for this day. It is often nice to have one or two parent volunteers in the classroom to help with escorting grandparents (they may need to use the elevator vs. the stairs), providing coffee/tea to them, answering questions. Send a class email as required. Note: The school caters a brunch to the grandparents on this day – classes need not bring food! It's a wonderful way for grandparents to see their grandchildren in their school environment!

Field Day (September)

Recently, TCA North Elementary has started doing a Kindergarten Field Day. As the Kindergarten classes do not participate in the "Big Kids" field day – they often do their own mini field day. This could be anything from games in the gym to games on the playground. It typically is on or near Grandparents Day. Since this event changes every year – check with your teacher to see what they will be doing this year!

Thanksgiving Event (November)

Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated by a Thanksgiving feast at TCA. Talk to your individual teacher as to how the day's events will take shape, as each teacher tends to be a little different. You will need to send out a request list specifying which foods, utensils, and decorations to bring.

Christmas Parties (December)

For this event you will want to get with your teacher early as the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is short. Sometimes, the class will elect to do a small gift exchange or they may opt to collect items to be donated to a charity (mitten tree) – check to see what your teacher is planning. This is also a time you may wish to recognize your teacher/tutor with a special gift. You could offer to collect money for a class gift (gift cards are nice) or you may opt to have families recognize the teacher on their own – either way make sure to inform your parents early!

Send out an email requesting food, utensils, and decoration requests as needed for your class!

Valentine's Day (February)

For this event coordinate with the teacher what they would like to do. Decorating of the Valentine's Day bag is often a popular activity followed by the eating of sweets. For this event send 2 emails to your class. The first email should contain a list of all the boys and girl's names in the class – don't forget to mention that bringing Valentine Days cards are optional, however if you do decide to bring them, please bring one for everyone in the class, including the teacher and the tutor. The 2^{nd} email should contain a request for food, utensils, decorations – you can even request stickers, bags, and other items.

100s Day (March)

This unique celebration allows your child to celebrate their 100th day of school as a kindergartener! The children will be asked to decorate an old shirt with 100 items. The creativity is endless: 100 M&Ms, trains, poof balls, pieces of candy. Coordinate with your teacher what they will need for this day, they often make a trail mix comprised of 100 items (M&Ms, cheerios, raisins). Also fruit loop necklaces are quite popular! Send an email to your class coordinating your classroom needs early!

Colorado Round-Up (April)

The little buckaroos get to dress up in western wear and enjoy learning about Colorado and the life of a cowboy. Coordinate with your teacher as to any needs for vittles they might need on this day, along with any volunteers as well.

New Kinder Orientation (April)

You are now coming to the end of the school year and your Kindergartners will soon be First Graders! Next years' Kindergarten parents may be new to TCA as many of you were, so that now makes you the expert! You may be asked to help organize or even speak at the New Kindergarten Orientation night. Coordinate with your teacher any special needs they might have for this event. This event is to provide guidance and insight to new TCA families as to what they can expect as a kindergartener and a kindergarten parent at TCA.

Music Program (May)

Your teacher has worked hard with your children to provide a special musical performance by your child. Coordinate with your teacher any seating, setup, food, and other items that may be required for this event.

Teacher/Tutor Birthdays

It is always nice to recognize a teacher/tutor on their birthday. Check early to see when your teacher's birthday is – in the past some grades have had a teacher with an August and a September birthday! This activity is entirely up to the discretion of the room parent