



Kindergarte

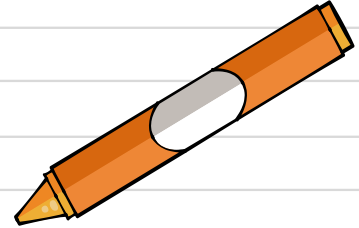
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Orientation

January 2026



Kindergarten Philosophy



- Provide a safe and caring environment where learning flourishes
- Recognize that children are individuals with a broad range of needs, learning rates and styles, knowledge and experiences and interests
- Respect the development of the whole child recognizing that children learn through active involvement and play
- Establish a foundation for lifelong learning
- Value teachers and parents as partners in a child's learning

Preparing for Kindergarten



Bathroom Skills

Ability to wipe/flush independently

Shutting and locking a bathroom stall door

Undo/redo clothing (e.g. belt, buttons)

Clothing

Ability to snap, buckle, zip and button clothing

Practice tying shoes (putting on socks and shoes)

Put on a jacket

Eating/Drinking

Practice inserting straws into boxed drinks

Eating lunch independently

Cleaning up- knowing what to throw away and keep (e.g. metal spoon)

How to open a snack package/milk carton

Other

Ability to wipe/blow nose

Respectfully answer an adult

Transition between activities

Saying "Goodbye" in the morning



Kindergarten Day Schedule

- 8:20-9:00 Opening Circle
 - Calendar, schedule, read aloud, sharing
- 9:00-10:15 Specialists/Literacy/Math Block
 - Math activities
 - Phonics/Literacy center activities
 - Writer's Workshop
- 10:15-11:00 Snack and Recess
- 11:00-12:15 Science/Social Studies/SEL centers
 - Children rotate through 2 classrooms
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch and Recess
- 1:00-1:30 Reader's Workshop/Story time/Sharing
 - 1:30-2:15 Choice Time
 - 2:15-2:30 Cleanup and Jobs
 - *2:30 Dismissal

*Dismissal is at
1:00 pm the first 6
weeks of school.



After School Options for Kindergarteners



Workshop Education

Workshop Education after school program provides child care up until 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. (Workshop teachers pick up students from their classrooms.)

PTA Classes

The PTA creates a variety of after school class options for students to participate in. Examples: Hip Hop, Ukulele, Spanish, Legos and more! (seasonal classes based on availability)*

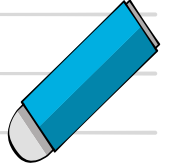
*PTA classes end at 3:10 pm and begin in late fall.

Curriculum Overview

Literacy

- ☐ Reader's Workshop
- ☐ Writer's Workshop
- ☐ Foundations Phonics curriculum
- ☐ Small group instruction (3-4 students with the teacher)
- ☐ Interactive Writing
- ☐ Shared Reading
- ☐ Read alouds

Math



- ☐ Envision Program
- ☐ Number Talks
- ☐ Silicon Valley Math Initiative (SVMI)
- ☐ Small and whole group activities
- ☐ Hands-on manipulatives such as counters, tiles, 2D and 3D shapes



Curriculum Overview (Cont.)

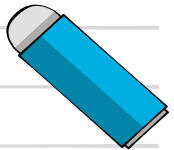
Science



- ❑ Animals, trees, weather, materials and motion
- ❑ Environmental Science, The School Garden Curriculum
- ❑ Garden sessions year-round, outdoor kitchen
- ❑ Explore with our 5 senses, perform simple experiments in class and document our findings in a Science Journal

Social Studies

- ❑ Combination of textbook (TCI) curriculum and thematic units:
- ❑ Being a Good Citizen
- ❑ Community and Workers
- ❑ Holidays Around the World
- ❑ Famous People in History
- ❑ Geography, Signs and Symbols



»»» Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Social Emotional Learning Program developed by Janice Toben.

Words of the Month:

(Community, Responsibility,
Gratitude, Celebration,
Growth, Respect, Action,
Dedication, Inspiration)

Students will learn:

- Being a good friend
- Solving conflicts
- The power of words
- Understand emotions
- SEL helps students become skilled communicators
- Cooperative team members
- Effective leaders
- Create caring and concerned members of a community



Specialists



P.E.

2x per week
with Ms. Jones

Music

2x per week
With Ms. Sokolova

Art

1x per week
with Miss Harmon



Library

1x per week
with Ms. Lacrosse



Kindergarten Events



CELEBRATIONS

Halloween, Winter,
100th Day,
Valentine's Day

SHARING

Practice
speaking skills
first trimester.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Book
Tradition

FIELD TRIPS

Fire station,
UC Elkus Ranch,
Huddart Park,
Nutcracker Ballet

HOMEWORK

Projects
and as
needed

SURPRISE READER

Weekly
Family/Guest
Readers

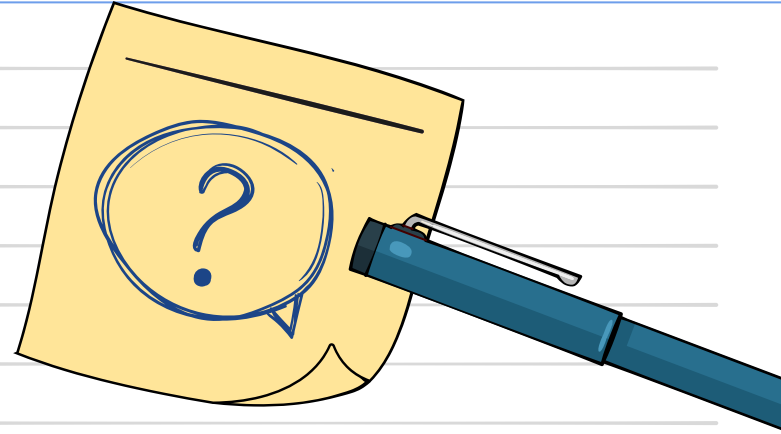
STAR OF THE WEEK

One week for
each student to
shine!

BUDDIES

3rd Grade
Buddy
program

The End



Got Questions?