

Welcome Families!
Back to School Night
First Grade
2014-2015



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Welcome Kindergarten Families! I hope you had a safe and wonderful summer break! It is a privilege to have your children in my class, and I look forward to being a part of their learning experience this school year. You will be amazed at how much your child will grow academically and socially in Kindergarten! The best way to ensure that your child is successful is by staying involved in your child's education. An open communication and partnership between home and school is an important piece to a positive school year.

Enclosed in this packet is information regarding classroom expectations, discipline, curriculum, homework, classroom procedures, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or via email. Email is best, but I will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Isip



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Early Release Monday Shortened version

Tuesday-Friday (times subject to change)

11:25-11:55	School begins; calendar
11:55-1:00	Language Arts (Open Court)
1:00-1:20	Recess
1:20-2:20	Learning stations (Phonics, writing, math)
2:20-2:45	Review
2:45-2:58	Clean up; Appreciations; Dismissal

**Times are subject to change

- MUSIC TBA
- LIBRARY TBA

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Home of the American Eagles!



Welcome Kindergarten Families! The following is an overview of our general curriculum.

LANGUAGE ARTS: TUSD has adopted the SRA Open Court Reading program. We use small and large group instruction to work on alphabet recognition, phonetic sounds, spelling patterns, and decodable short stories. Students are required to read or read to at home for a minimum of 20 minutes a day.

MATH: Our district adopted a new math series is MrGraw-Hill Math. It is a comprehensive program that introduces basic math skills, and it has a great deal of hands-on materials. Students will learn skip counting, place value, addition and subtraction facts to 20, measurement, telling time, and many more.

SCIENCE: Our science curriculum has activities in life, physical, and earth science. Students will have the opportunity to observe, describe, predict, and classify using hands-on materials. Topics will include Living/Nonliving things, animals, and plant life.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Our lessons will focus on our country and its symbols, holidays, traditions, citizenship, and many more. Each unit lesson uses a student "newspaper" and students will have the opportunity to take these reading materials home to share what they have learned.

ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taught and assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Speaking, Listening, Mathematics, and participation in Art, Science, Social Studies, and P.E. TUSD uses the rubric system on the students' report cards. These subject areas will be evaluated using the following rubric:

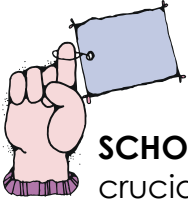
- 4-Above Grade Level
- 3-Meeting Grade Level
- 2- Approaching Grade Level
- 1- Below Grade Level

**For more information on the Kindergarten Common Core State Standards and benchmarks, please visit the following:

<https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/schools/SitePages/Common%20Core%20State%20Standards.aspx>
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/>

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is crucial to his/her success. I begin teaching promptly at 11:25 a.m. We do a lot of group learning and hands-on activities that cannot be made up at home.

Early Release Mondays 10:42 am-1:30 pm
Tuesday-Friday 11:25 am-2:58 pm

NEWSLETTERS: I will send home a weekly newsletter. This letter informs you of the upcoming work for the new week. The concepts we will learn will be found on the newsletter. I send it home on Fridays and must be returned the following Thursday. The newsletter will also inform you of important dates and information. It is important that you read these newsletters. Please take the time to read it thoroughly! ☺

DRESS CODE: Please review the school dress code, which is found on the district website. A notice will be sent home if your child is not following the dress code policy and you will be called to bring appropriate clothing.

SNACKS & RECESS:

We have a 20-minute recess and some students are hungry, and some students prefer to play. Please make sure your child eats his/her lunch at home and send a healthy snack, such as, fruit, yogurt, granola bars, etc., for recess. There's not enough time for them to eat a full lunch during their recess. Thank you for your consideration! ☺

HOMEWORK FOLDER: Homework packets will be sent home on Friday, and will be due on the following Thursday morning. Homework packets include: Learning folder, phonics, math, & sight words list. Reading 15-20 minutes each night is also part of their daily homework. Homework should be about 30 minutes each night. Please don't forget to mark your child's daily reading log. **All homework needs to be neat and reviewed by parents.** Lastly, please remove the daily work from your child's homework folder and review mistakes with your child that evening. These papers may stay at home.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS: Scholastic Book Order forms will be sent home monthly. If interested, you may order quality books at very reasonable prices. Book orders will be sent home at the beginning of the week and will be due at the end of the same week it is sent home. Please fill out the order form and return in an envelope with a check payable to "SCHOLASTIC BOOKS." Please do not send cash or make a check out to the school or the teacher.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Birthdays are a wonderful time to celebrate how special your child is! Please allow at least a **two-day notice** if you would like to bring in treats to celebrate your child's birthday. This will give me enough time to rearrange my lessons. Please only bring store bought treats, such as, cookies, bite-size brownies, cupcakes. NO sheet cakes, pizzas, or juice boxes please. Thank you for your cooperation & understanding!



Miscellaneous information:

- Please keep a set of school supplies at home for homework. Also, students should do their homework in an area that is free from distractions, such as, TV, video games, and windows.
- Please keep the homework packets away from food, drinks, pets, and/or younger siblings.
- Students are welcome to bring bottled water in class. It becomes warm in the classroom. Please no soda, juice, Gatorade, or milk.
- Please leave toys or any electronic games at home. Please do a "pat down" before they get in the car.
- If you have a FB page, please remember to **LIKE** GEORGE KELLY SCHOOL & GEORGE KELLY PTO pages.
- Please remember to park in the street and walk your child to the sidewalk. The parking lot is for school staff only and you must have a parking permit, or your car will be towed.

PICTURE DAY ON AUGUST 21-22, 2014

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

My role is to create clear expectations for positive behavior and model those expectations to the students to learn in a safe, nurturing, and comfortable environment. Success depends on the choices we make. Students are rewarded for their efforts, and consequences occur when it's necessary. The Six Pillars of Character Education—**Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship**—are practiced in and outside of our classroom. A behavior colored-card system or “stop light method” (*Clip up/Clip down*) is used to assist students to self-monitor how they are doing in class.

CLASS RULES:

- Listen carefully.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Raise your hand and wait for your name to be called.
- Be a friend.
- Do your best!

REWARDS:

- Positive praises: verbal praises. High fives, pat on the back, thumbs up, etc.
- Student of the month
- Happy notes/phone call home
- Clip up to LIGHT BLUE: sticker
- Clip up to DARK BLUE: prize from treasure box
- Clip up to PURPLE: TWO (2) prizes from the treasure box



CONSEQUENCES:

- 1- Verbal Warning
- 2- Move clip down to YELLOW
- 3- Move clip down to ORANGE (Think time aka “Time out”)
- 4- Sad note home

