



CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80

A Grade "A" District

By the Arizona Department of Education

Welcome to Kindergarten Open House!



Riggs Elementary



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL



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RIGGS ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

We Believe, Every Teacher Will Reach Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day through:

Respect - individual differences, diversity and each student's right to learn.

Inspiration - to challenge, nurture and build character along the way.

Guidance – for our students to achieve their highest academic and social potential.

Growth - to foster student's love of learning; promote open communication and making the right choice, no matter what.

Success - is being a Riggs Roadrunner, we are on the fast track to success.....beep, beep!!

“Be the change you want to see in the world” ~ Gandhi

KINDERGARTEN PHILOSOPHY

To provide opportunities to enhance growth and development of each child in a nurturing and success oriented environment where a positive self worth strengthens each child's sense of responsibility and innate creativity.

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Mrs. Janis K. Weyenberg, Principal
- Ms. Jennifer “Taylor” George, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Lindsay Gran, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Hilary Holt-Myrick, Kindergarten Teacher
- Ms. Katie Hunot, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Cindy Stewart, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Susan Willmes, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Cindy Fugere, Kids Express Lead

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ADMISSION

Your child must be 5 years of age by August 31st to register for the 2014-2015 school year.

- If your child's turns 5 years of age between September 1st – December 31st, s/he may be tested for Early Kindergarten Entrance.
- If you feel that your child displays kindergarten readiness skills, please contact the **Early Childhood Department in Community Education** at 480-812-9314 to inquire about testing.



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KINDERGARTEN READINESS INDICATORS

Social & Emotional

Language, Listening & Speaking

- Sits quietly for 10-15 min.
- Clear understanding of the concept of cause & effect.
- Shares with others (teamwork).
- Will follow simple directions (2-3 steps).
- Able to recognize and follow authority.
- Exhibits self-control and respect for others.
- Understands and reacts appropriately to consequences or redirection.
- Separates from parents.

- Recognizes and identifies colors.
- Pays attention to adult-directed tasks and direction.
- Speaks clearly using complete simple sentences using 5-6 words.
- Listens to stories without interruption.
- Can use their imagination to tell or retell a story by looking at pictures.
- Recognizes rhyming sounds.

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS INDICATORS

Large & Fine Motor Skills

- Prints his/her name.
- Holds a pencil correctly.
- Uses and handles scissors correctly.
- Draws basic shapes.
- Bounces a ball.
- Walks and runs without falling.
- Turns pages in a book easily.

Self-Management

- Can say his/her first and last name clearly.
- Manages bathroom needs independently.
- Is able to feed themselves.
- Can button and use zippers.
- Ties shoes independently or with very little help.

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS INDICATORS

Pre-Reading Skills

- Traces and/or writes letters and numbers.
- Recognizes letters of the alphabet.
- Recognizes sight words and environmental print (i.e. stop).
- Identify letters in his/her first and last name easily.
- Verbally recites the alphabet in order.
- Identifies rhyming words.
- Currently or is starting to identify the beginning letter sound of words.

Pre-Math Skills

- Names basic shapes.
- Begins to recognize numbers 1-20.
- Understanding of times of day (morning, afternoon, evening).
- Sorts similar objects by color, size, and shape.
- Counts from 1-20+.
- One-to-one correspondence while counting (is able to touch an object and count without skipping).

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SPECIAL AREA CLASSES

Kindergarten students also have the opportunity to learn special subjects! Students receive (2) 30-minute sessions with our special areas teachers of the following classes during a 6-day rotation:

- Physical Education
- Music Education
- Library and/or Technology Class



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LUNCH TIME



- Kindergartners eat in the lunchroom every day before/after recess. 20 minutes on the playground + 20 minutes in the cafeteria.
- Students may purchase school lunch or bring a sack lunch from home.
- There are four ways parents can put money in their child's lunch account:
 - Log onto: www.mylunchmoney.com to load money into the account.
 - Download the app under "CUSD Food" in iTunes on your smartphone.
 - Prearrange payment through the school cafeteria.
 - Send your money in an envelope labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, and room number.

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SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Attendance, Pledge, Announcements, Moment of Silence

Opening, Calendar, Songs, Literature

Language Arts Block

(rotating centers, small group reading, journals)

Recess

Lunch

Read Aloud / Quiet Reading

Math Instruction, Math Centers, Discovery Centers

Specials (P.E., Music, Library & Computer Lab)

Recess

Science—Social Studies

Dismissal

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KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

Arizona's College & Career Ready Standards

- Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Presenting, Listening & Speaking)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology/Library
- Health
- Physical Education
- Art
- Music



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READING

- D.I.B.E.L.S. Universal Reading Screening Tool & Benchmark Assessment: Beginning of Year (July), Middle of Year (December), and End of Year (May).
- Read Alouds
- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Literacy Centers/Stations

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WRITING

- Writer's Workshop
- Thinking Maps
- Journal Writing
- Class Books
- Penmanship



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MATH

- Hands-On Activities
- Manipulatives
- Math Centers
- Mental Math
- Problem Solving
- Word Problems



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SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Thematic Units
- Scholastic Readers
- Nonfiction Literature Sets
- Hands-On Experiments
- Guest Speakers
- Field Trips



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CURRICULUM INFO.

- Visit our Instructional Resource Center (IRC) webpage to obtain more information about the curriculum and standards at:

<http://cusd80.com/Page/31389>

- Download the free **“Kindergarten Under Construction Student Workbook: A guide created to help families prepare their children for kindergarten”** at:

<http://www.cusd80.com/Page/55330>



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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Classroom Support

- Sign-up with teacher to volunteer in the classroom
- Supervise and support classroom centers
- Preparing materials (at home or at school)
- Art Masterpiece
- Junior Achievement
- Class Celebrations
- Field Trips

School Support

- PTO
- Art Masterpiece
- Workroom Volunteer
- School Events & Functions
- Site Council
- Running Club/Meets
- Book Fairs

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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Kids Express

You can now register for the Kids Express program online. For more information, call (480) 224-3915 or email: Kids-Express@cusd80.com. You can also register in person at the Community Education Department at the CUSD District Office.

- 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM
- ADHS licensed
- Quality staffing
- Structured environment
- On-site childcare



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CLUB C.U.S.D. ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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CLUB CUSD

Registration is open NOW
for Fall Club C.U.S.D. classes at our website:
www.CUSDcommunity.com

Enrichment Programs and Sponsors:

- ANT: Artists In Training
- GUITAR FUN-DAMENTALS
- THE CHESS EMPORIUM
- NYS
- PlayWell Technologies
- Enrichment Services Inc.
- Girls on the Run
- ZAPS LEARNING COMPANY
- YR: The Power of Drawing
- Young Rembrandts
- Uno...Dos...Tres
- SPANISH FOR KIDS
- ARCEI Dance Co.
- ETS: Empowerment Through Sports
- BONANZA EDUCATIONAL
- elementy music
- Soccer Shots
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION
- Kre8tive Kids: Where Character Counts
- Tempe Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
- SAN JUAN VALLEY
- YOUNG CHAMPIONS
- DISCOVERING DREAMS
- Junior Golf Success
- INMOTION/AZ
- Talent SEARCH
- PRIME TIME ATHLETICS
- MOVIES 2 KIDS
- Sportball
- BRICKS 4 KIDZ
- ATA MARTIAL ARTS
- ATA
- i9 SPORTS
- REACH BASKETBALL
- ACHIEVEMENT LEARNING: Academics & Speech
- MOVIES 2 KIDS
- SPORTBALL
- BRICKS 4 KIDZ
- ATA MARTIAL ARTS
- ATA
- i9 SPORTS
- REACH BASKETBALL
- PRIME TIME ATHLETICS

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CLUB C.U.S.D. ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Club C.U.S.D. is filled with **Athletes in Training** and **Kre8tive Kids Discovering their Dreams** on every campus!
- Now is the **Prime Time (Athletics)** to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!
- **Imagine** what **Tomorrow** will be for your child has he/she explores the **Elements (Music)** of aviation, claymation, and robotics! **Spice Up (Arts & Design)** and **Tumble (Town)** into something new! **Uno, Dos, Tres! (Spanish)**



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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

See you in July for KIST Testing!



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