### **CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80**

#### A Grade "A" District

By the Arizona Department of Education

# Welcome to Kindergarten Open House!







### **ABOUT OUR SCHOOL**





#### 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.



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.



#### KINDERGARTEN READINESS INDICATORS

#### **Social & Emotional**

- 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.

# Language, Listening & Speaking

- 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.



# 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.



#### 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).



### **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





### **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: <u>www.mylunchmoney.com</u> 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

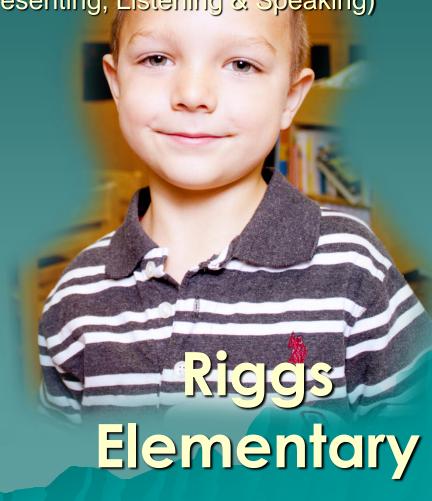
Attendance, Pledge, Announcements, Moment of Silence Opening, Calendar, Songs, Literature Language Arts Block (rotating centers, small group reading, journals) Recess Lunch Read Aloud / Quiet Reading Math Instruction, Math Centers, Discovery Centers Specials (P.E., Music, Library & Computer Lab) Recess Science—Social Studies Riggs Dismissal Elementary



# 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

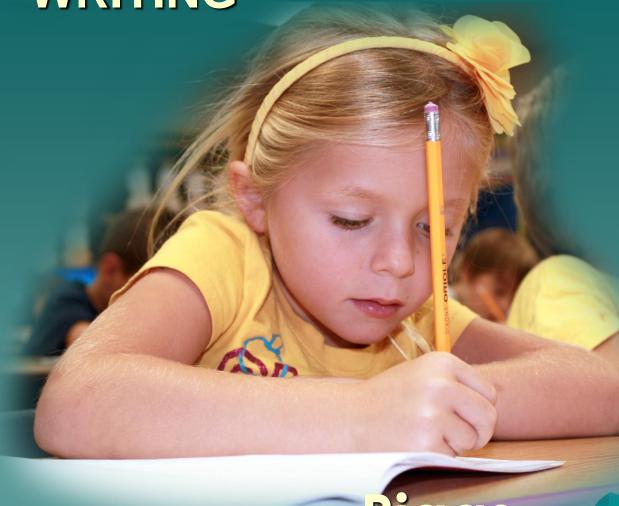






WRITING

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





### **MATH**



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



### SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

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





### 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



### 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



# 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: <a href="mailto:Kids-Express@cusd80.com">Kids-Express@cusd80.com</a>. You can also register in person at the Community Education Department a 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





### **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!

