



JANUARY  
2022



Welcome to Riggs  
Kindergarten Open  
House!



A Grade "A" District  
By the Arizona Department of Education



# About our School



**RIGGS ELEMENTARY**



# 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

## Office Team

- Mrs. Jamie Durgey, Principal
- Mrs. Karri Sands, Dean
- Mrs. Christine Lutt, Office Manager
- Mrs. Laura Maroney, Attendance Technician/Registrar
- Mrs. Chrissy Munsell, Health Assistant
- Ms. Isabel Phelps, Kids Express

## Kindergarten Team

- Mrs. Lori Dumas, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Brooke Kersting, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Traci Kussy, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Tiffani Norton, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Julia Shaw, Kindergarten Teacher





# Admission



Will your child be 5 years of age by August 31<sup>st</sup>?

Yes

No

Complete your child's enrollment at your attendance boundary school.

Take your child's original Birth Certificate, their immunization records and your proof of residency to your attendance boundary school's front office.

If your child turns 5 years of age between September 1st - December 31st, they may be tested for Early Entrance into Kindergarten.

If you feel that your child displays kindergarten readiness skills, please contact the Assessment Office at 480-812-7674 to inquire about testing.



# Kindergarten Readiness

## 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.





# Kindergarten Readiness

## 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.





# 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.







# Indicators

## 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.



# 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.
- Identifies some alphabet letters.



# Indicators

## 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



- Kindergartners eat in the lunchroom every day before/after recess. 20 minutes in the cafeteria + 20 minutes on the playground.
- 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.MyschoolBucks.com](http://www.MyschoolBucks.com) to load money into the account.
  - Download the app under in iTunes or the Play Store 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.



# Sample Daily Schedule

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





# Kindergarten Curriculum



## Arizona State Standards

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



# 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).
- On going Diagnostic Assessments
- Read Alouds
- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Literacy Centers/Stations
- FUNdations







# WRITING

- Write From The Beginning
- Thinking Maps
- Writers Workshop
- Journal Writing
- Shared Writing
- Class Books
- Penmanship





# MATH

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





# SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Thematic Units
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Scholastic Readers
- Nonfiction Literature Sets
- Hands-On Experiments
- Guest Speakers
- Field Trips





# CURRICULUM INFO

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

[www.cusd80.com/Page/31389](http://www.cusd80.com/Page/31389)

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

[www.cusd80.com/kindergarten](http://www.cusd80.com/kindergarten)



# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

## Classroom Support

- Sign-up with teacher to work with small groups
- Supervision and support Center, Reading, and Writing Workshops or Centers/Stations
- Preparing materials (at home or at school)
- Art Masterpiece
- Class Celebrations
- Field Trips

## School Support

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



## Kids Express

Register for the Kids Express program online at <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/87326>. For more information, call (480) 224-3900 or email: [Kids-Express@cusd80.com](mailto:Kids-Express@cusd80.com). You can also register in person at the Community Education Department at the CUSD Office.

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

*\*Kids Express is not available at all schools.*





## CLUB C.U.S.D. ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Arizona Kids Think Too – Bolts
- Bonanza Educational
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Chess Emporium
- Coding for Kids
- Dance Sequins
- Elements Music
- InMotion AZ – Kid's Yoga
- Junior Golf Success
- KidStage
- Mad Science
- Makers Next Gen
- New Edge Science Academy
- Reach Basketball
- Science Matters
- Soccer Shots
- TGA Sports
- The Mindful Child Yoga
- Tumble Town
- Uno, Dos, Tres Spanish for Kids
- Young Rembrandts

# Riggs Fun Activities

## Back to School at the Pool

### Veteran's Day Breakfast





# School Dances and Breakfasts



# Running Club



# Be Kind Assembly





# Riggs Carnival



# Boosterthon



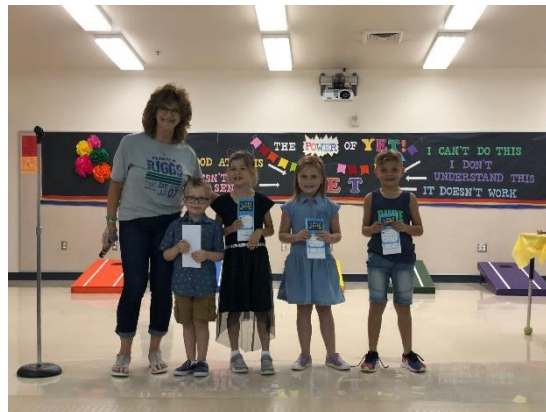
# Talent Show



# Barro's Pizza Night



# Read-A--Thon



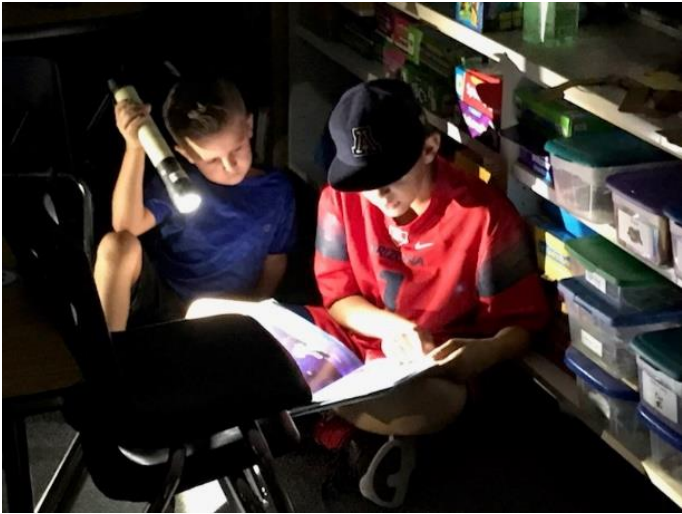


# Kindergarten Fun

With our Buddies



100th Day



Wild Animal Safari



Art Masterpiece



Kindergarten  
LOVES  
Field Trips



End of the  
Year  
Celebrations







THANK YOU  
FOR COMING!

Thank you for choosing  
Chandler Unified School District!



# NEXT STEPS

Here at Riggs Elementary, we would like the opportunity to ignite a love of learning within your child.

We are currently enrolling students for the 2022-2023 school year.



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