

# What Kindergarten Parents Want to Know



Carlson Elementary School  
Chandler, Arizona



# Agenda

- How to get ready for Kindergarten
- KIST testing
- School supplies to bring to school
- Breakfast and lunch
- Before/After School
- Communication
- Volunteering
- How to help out at Carlson
- Kindergarten Rules
- Classic Curriculum
- Classic Homework
- CTA Curriculum
- CTA Homework



# What can we, as parents, do to help our child get ready for kindergarten?

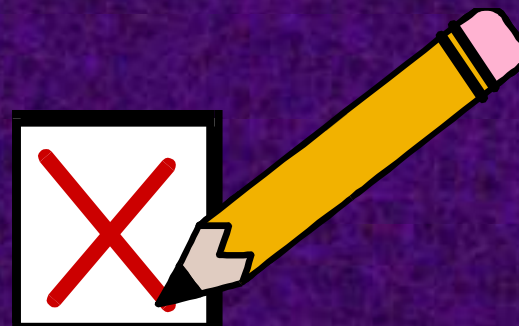
- Work on beginning readiness skills.
  - Booklet: Kindergarten Under Construction
    - Go to: [www.cusd80.com](http://www.cusd80.com)
    - Click on the Parents and Students Tab
    - Next click on Kindergarten Registration Link
    - Last, click on the link titled, "Kindergarten Under Construction Guide".



- **Familiarize your child with simple rules.**
- **Make sure hygiene skills are mastered.**
- **Work on basic social skills, creating routines and structure in the home life.**
- **Work on mastering how to tie shoes.**
- **Practice how to write your name. Capitalize the first letter only.**
- **Practice holding a pencil correctly.**

# When will I know the results of the KIST test?

- Very important to show up for KIST testing since it is used for placement, May 31, 2019.
- The pre KIST test results are discussed at the first conference in August.





# Should my child know all the objectives on the KIST test before school starts?

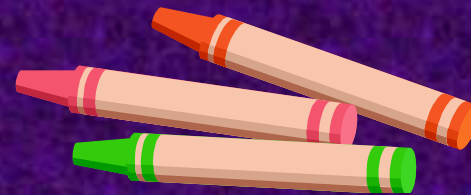


- No, these skills are worked on during the entire school year. The KIST test is a pre-assessment to see what skills your student has before coming into Kindergarten.



# What supplies will my child need for school?

- Mostly all classroom supplies are provided.
- Home supplies needed: pencils, crayons, scissors and glue.
- A backpack big enough to carry a folder and library books
- A water bottle
- Contributions cheerfully welcomed.





# Breakfast and Lunch Procedures for Kindergarten



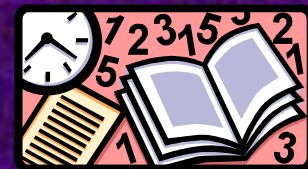
- Set up a account in the cafeteria.
- You can also go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) and add money to your child's account when needed.
- There is also the “CUSD Nutrition” App
- You can also pay in the morning before school in the cafeteria.
- Currently breakfast is \$1.50, lunch is \$2.75.



# Where does my child go before school?



- Be on campus no earlier than 8:05 am.
- Siblings are not allowed on playground and play equipment before school, during school hours and afterschool.
- Students can not ride bikes and scooters until 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- The first bell rings at 8:25, the tardy bell rings at 8:30, and the school day ends at 3:00.
- Tardy bell at 8:30am – Vital to be on time.
- Wait for your teacher outside in the class line. Please do not meet your teacher in the classroom or in the hallway.





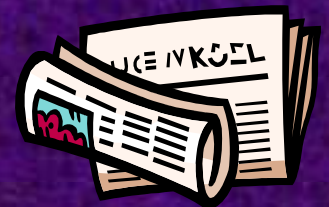
# Where does my child go after school?

- Be prompt to pick up your child
- Parking lot procedures
- Child care vans/ School Bus
- Safety procedures



# How will I be informed about what is happening in the classroom?

- Weekly Newsletters and homework – in homework folder and online.
- Carlson Marquee
- Progress Reports/Report Cards
- Conferences-in August and February





# Am I welcome to volunteer in the classroom?

## YES!

- We ask that volunteers participate in the classroom starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.
- Small groups
- Materials to prepare at home or in workroom.
- Special events-Field trips.
- Share special skills, talent.
- Art Masterpiece, Room Parent



# How can I help Carlson School?

- Join and be a member of the Carlson PTO or Site Council.
- State Tax Credit money means field trips and other benefits.
- Attend/volunteer for functions and stay informed.
- View us as partners in the job of educating your child.





# 3 Simple Rules in Kindergarten

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Try your best

# Kindergarten Classic-Language Arts

- Writing daily in journals (informative, opinions...)
- We do both the Journeys Program as well as Spalding.
- Items include the following:
  - Phonemic Awareness (segmenting, blending, rhyming...)
  - Phonics (identifying letters and their sounds—Phonograms)
  - Reading Comprehension (identifying author purpose, setting, characters, plot, problem/solution...)
  - Fluency (sight words, small readers...)
  - Vocabulary
  - Grammar



# Kindergarten Classic-Mathematics

- We're using the new, "My Math" textbook from Mc Graw-Hill.
- We have a Math book that we complete pages out of that correlates to our Standards.
- Problem Solving throughout the school year.
- Our curriculum focuses on: number sense, Geometry, addition, subtraction, measurement, sorting and spatial concepts.

# Kindergarten Classic-Homework

- The blue folder contains the daily homework, the behavior report, and newsletter for the week.
- The homework contains tasks that are being covered that week in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.
- Please go through the folder nightly, Monday-Thursday and complete homework, discuss how your child's day was, and sign on the bottom of the front page of the homework.
- In the folder you will also find book order forms, important notices from the office and finished work from your student. Please clean out any past work and notices to keep folder neat and clutter free.



# CTA- Language Arts

- Language Arts

- Journeys Program

- Phonological Skills (rhyming, sounds, syllables)
    - Letter Identification
    - Concepts about Print
    - Sight Words
    - Reading skills and strategies
      - Comprehension
      - fluency
      - Identifying genre

- Spalding Method

- Phonograms
    - Spelling
    - handwriting



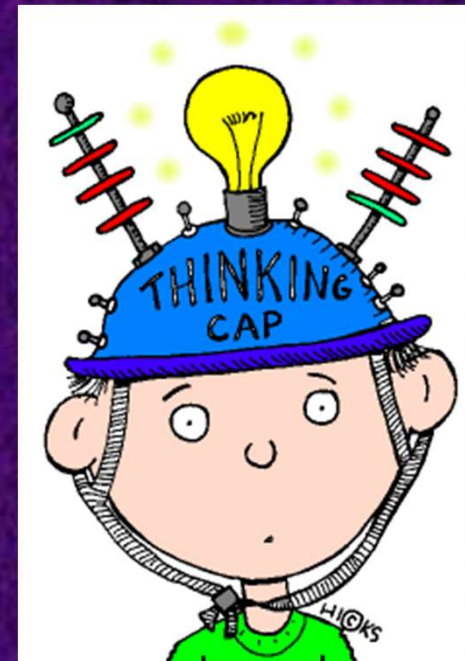


# CTA- Mathematics

- Math

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Skills and Saxon Textbook

- Addition facts to 20
    - Subtraction facts from 12
    - Counting by 1, 2's, 5's, 10's to 100
    - Writing Numbers to 100
    - Place Value
    - Shapes and Fractions
    - Time and Money





# CTA- Homework

- Students will have homework every evening, Monday thru Thursday .
- Each evening, students will have a math paper that reviews and reinforces the concepts we are learning in school.
- For the first quarter, students will also have phonogram and handwriting practice each evening. Second quarter we will add spelling practice.
- In addition, we ask that you read to, or listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes each evening.
- Homework is due every morning at the beginning of school.
- Students will be have a homework folder/binder. Please make sure to check this daily for homework and communication from your teacher and school.
- Other assignments may be added throughout the year.



# Additional Classic and CTA Curriculum



- Science and Social Studies - We follow CUSD curriculum
- Art Masterpiece
- Music
- P.E.
- Library
- Recess
- Technology





# 2019-2020 School Year

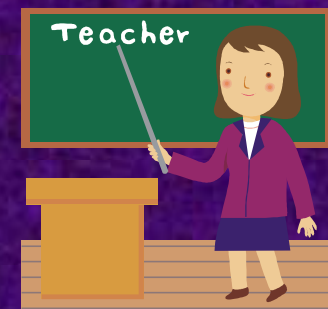
## Meet the Teacher

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00  
(open house style)

## Curriculum Night

Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> session: 5:30-6:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> session: 6:05-6:35 pm

\*you only need to attend one session\*



Questions???