



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.



INTRODUCTIONS

- Mrs. Janis K. Weyenberg, Principal
- Mrs. Christina Lucas-Sheffield, Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Michelle Dalby, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Lori Dumas, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Brooke Kersting, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Traci Kussy, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Julia Shaw, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Heather Leckington, Kids Express Lead



ADMISSION

Your child must be 5 years of age by August 31st to register for the 2019-2020 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 480-224-3900 to inquire about testing.





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.



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.
- Identifies some alphabet letters.

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 recess. They have 20 minutes in the cafeteria and 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 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.



SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Attendance, Pledge, Announcements, Moment of Silence

Opening, Calendar, Songs, Literature

FUNdations (Phonics)

Language Arts Block

(rotating centers, small group reading, journals)

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's College & Career Ready 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
- Read Alouds
- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Literacy Centers/Stations
- Foundations (phonics)
- RTI (Response to Intervention)





WRITING

- Write from the Beginning
- Thinking Maps
- Journal Writing
- Shared Writing
- Class Books
- Penmanship





MATH

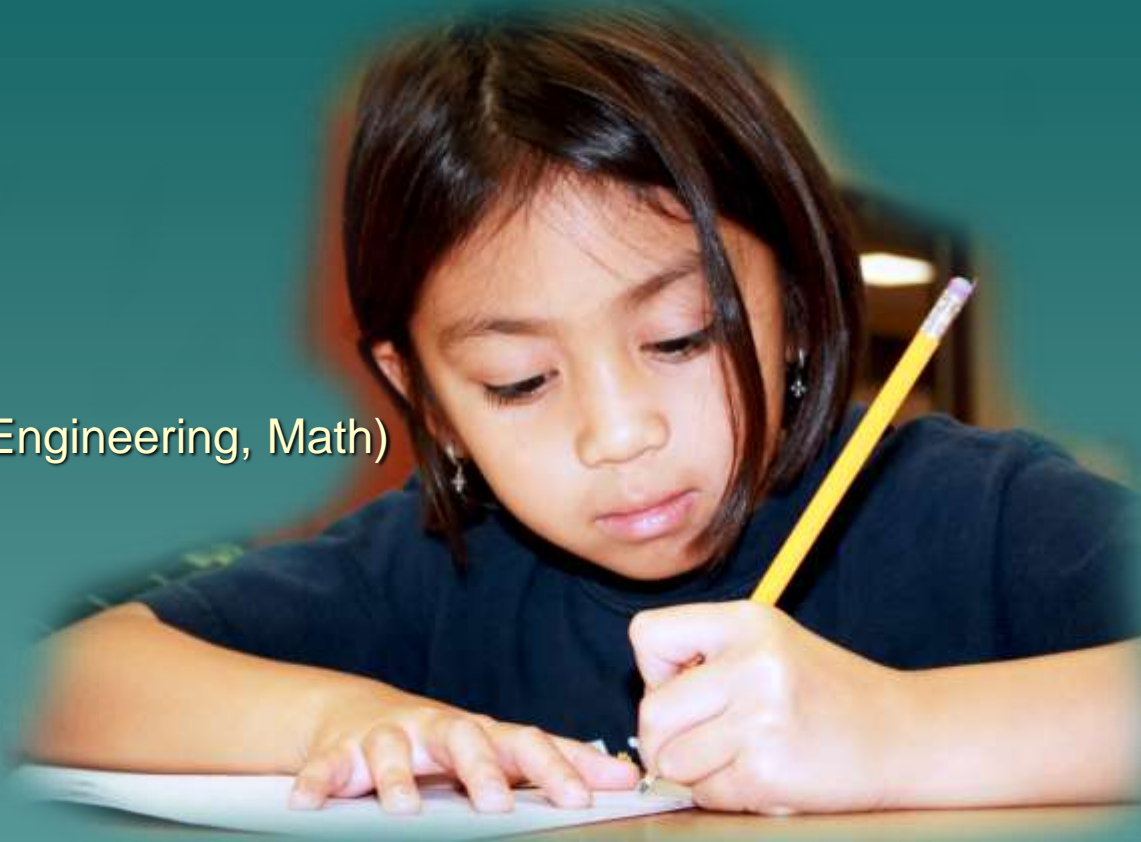
- My Math
- Hands-On Activities
- Manipulatives
- Math Centers
- Mental Math
- Problem Solving
- Word Problems





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 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 at www.cusd80.com/Page/1022. For more information, call (480) 224-3900.

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





CLUB C.U.S.D. ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Chandler Unified School District
CLUB CUSD

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

Enrichment Programs:

- AIT: Applied to Teaching the 21st Century Learner
- GUITAR: FUN-DAMENTALS
- THE CHESS EMPORIUM
- NYS
- Play-Well Technologies: Teaching Engineering to Kids (play-well.org)
- Dance Sequins
- Enrichment Services Inc.
- Girls on the Run
- ZAPS LEARNING COMPANY
- YR: The Power of Drawing (Young Rembrandts)
- Uno...Dos...Tres: SPANISH FOR KIDS
- NRG: Dance Co.
- ETS: Empowerment Through Sports
- BONANZA EDUCATIONAL
- clementy music
- Soccer Shots
- Kreative Kids: Where Character Counts
- Tempe-Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ACHIEVEMENT LEARNING: Reading & Spelling
- MOVIES 2 KIDS
- Sportball
- bricks 4 kidz
- ATA: MARTIAL ARTS
- ATA
- i9 SPORTS
- REACH BASKETBALL: REACH BASKETBALL
- PRIME TIME ATHLETICS
- Young Champions: DISCOVERING BEAMS
- Junior Golf Success
- INMOTION AZ
- Talent Classes



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 as 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)**



THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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 2019-2020 school year.



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