

What Kindergarten Parents Want to Know

Carlson Elementary School
Chandler, Arizona

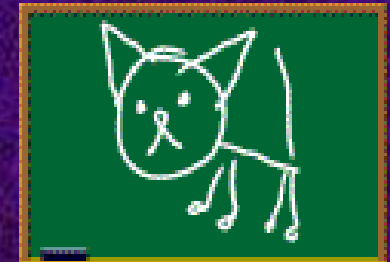


Agenda

- 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

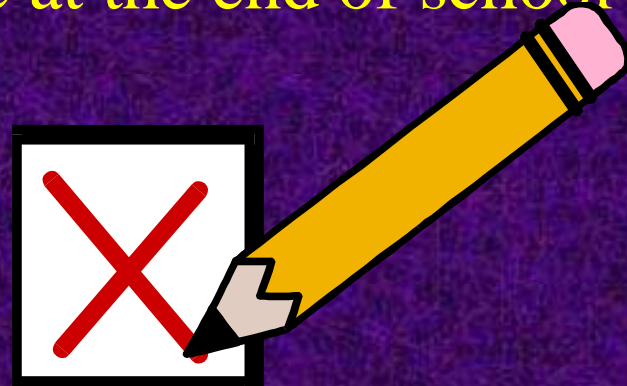
What can we, as parents, do to help our child get ready for kindergarten?

- Work on beginning readiness skills.
 - Booklet: Kindergarten Under Construction
 - Go to: ww2.chandler.k12.az.us
 - Click on the Parents and Students Tab
 - Next click on Kindergarten Information link on the left hand column
 - Then you will see a web page that has the Kindergarten Registration Information link and below that is a link to click on title "Kindergarten Readiness Handbook".
- **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, (Thursday, July 12th).
- The pre KIST test results are discussed at the first conference in August.
- The post KIST test results will be communicated in the report card sent home at the end of school in May.



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

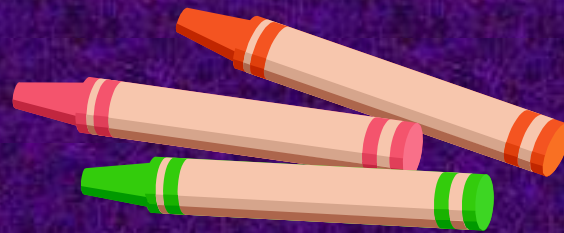


- No, these skills are worked on during the entire school year. The KIST test is a pre-assessment to see what skills your student has before coming into Kindergarten.

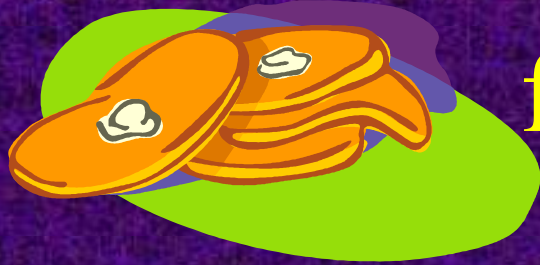


What supplies will my child need for school?

- 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



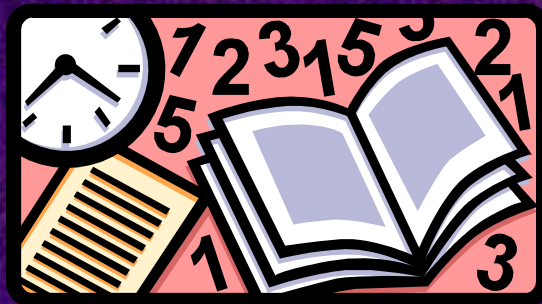
- Set up a account in the cafeteria.
- You can also go to www.mylunchmoney.com and add money to your child's account when needed.
- You can also pay in the morning before school in the cafeteria.
- Breakfast is \$1.00, lunch is \$2.50.



Where does my child go before school?



- Be on campus no earlier than 8:05 am.
- Students can not ride bikes until 2nd 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.
- Look for your teacher outside.



Where does my child go after school?

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



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

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



Am I welcome to volunteer in the classroom?

- YES! *Small groups

Materials to prepare at home or
workroom.

Special events-Field trips

Share special skills, talent

Art Masterpiece

*We ask that volunteers participate in
the classroom starting in 2nd Quarter.



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 educating your child.



3 Simple Rules in Kindergarten

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Try your best

Kindergarten -Common Core

- Chandler Unified School District has adopted the Common Core curriculum Standards into the Kindergarten Curriculum to align with State and National Standards.
- You can get more information about the standards at the following website:
<http://ww2.chandler.k12.az.us/page/943>

Kindergarten Classic-Language Arts

- Writing daily in journals (informative, opinions...)
- We do both the Harcourt Reading 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

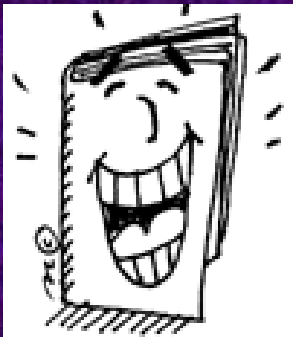
- We use the Scott Foresman text.
- We have a Math book that we complete pages out of that correlates to our Standards.
- Problem Solving Math Book.
- Our curriculum focuses on: number sense, Geometry, addition, subtraction, measurement, sorting and spatial concepts.

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
 - Spalding Method
 - Phonograms and Spelling
 - Writing words, sentences, and stories
 - Reading Words, sentences and stories
 - Comprehension
 - Identifying Narrative, Informative, and Informative-Narrative Stories
 - Identifying characters, setting, and plot in a story
 - Identifying facts and details in a story
 - Telling the events of a story in correct order
 - Making predictions about stories



CTA- Spalding Materials

➤ We Recommend



- Phonogram Cards (only one set needed per family)
- Additional Items
 - Audio CD of phonograms
 - Book Writing Road to Reading



CTA- Mathematics

- Math
 - 1st Quarter - Kindergarten Skills
 - 2nd - 4th Quarter -
 - 1st Grade Skills and SaxonTextbook
 - 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 beginning the second week of school.
- 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 this will switch to 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 given a homework folder. Papers on the left side of the folder are for home. Papers on the right side of the folder should be completed and returned the next day.



Additional Classic and CTA Curriculum



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



2012-2013 School Year

Meet the Teacher

July 19th 4:40-6:30

Curriculum Nights

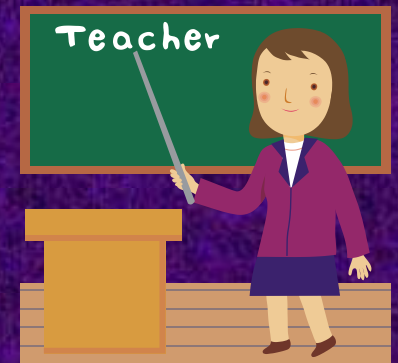
5:45-6:45

Wednesday, August 8th

Grades K, 2, 4, 6

Thursday, August 9

Grades Pre 1, 3, 5



Questions???