

Welcome! Kindergarten Orientation 2024



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FAVORITES:

- Chocolate Almonds
- Black and pink
- See's Candy Store
- Sunflower
- Teach, dance, sing, and pet sit!

ABOUT ME:

- *Cordova Gardens since 1994
- *Grades: Special Education, Kindergarten, First, Third
- *Graduated from CSUS and Kastan School of Music
- *Masters degree in Special Education
- *Born in Alaska and lived in California since I was 16. Married 23 years and have a 23 year old son, Ramzey.



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Mrs. Keith



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FAVORITES:

- Favorite drink: *White Chocolate Mocha*
- Favorite candy: *Chocolate*
- Favorite color: *Pink*
- Favorite store: *Costco*
- Favorite flower: *Roses*
- Favorite thing to do: *Pickleball, jet ski, kayak, swim, and read.*

ABOUT ME:

- I have been teaching for 19 years. I have taught fifth, second, and first grades and Kindergarten. I graduated from California State University, Fresno with a Business Degree in 1983, then Sacramento State in 2003 with my Multi-Subject Teaching Credential.
- I have been married for 38 years and have two daughters and one step granddaughter.



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Ms. Perez

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FAVORITES:

- Chai Tea
- Purple
- Chocolate candy
- Costco/ Target
- Festivals, family time, and the beach
- succulents

ABOUT ME:

- Worked with FCUSD since 2014
- Grades: Preschool, 3rd grade, 1st grade, and Kindergarten.
- Graduated from San Francisco State, University of San Francisco
- graduated with my multi-subject teaching credential in 2019.
- I have 1 son that graduated from Cordova High School 2 years ago, and 2 daughters. One is a senior and the other will be graduating from middle school this year.



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Curriculum

- It's not like how we did Kindergarten. There are more rigorous standards and expectations. The biggest areas are sight words, letter sounds, and number sense.
- Reading and Writing: Benchmark Advance, SIPPS, Handwriting Without Tears, Step Up to Writing, Lexia
- Math: Envision Math and Freckle on Chromebooks.
- Science: Amplify and Benchmark Advance
- Social Science: TCi and Benchmark Advance
- Social Skills: Second Step
- STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics



8 Ways to **Prepare** Your Child for **KINDERGARTEN**

1. Read **books** everyday. Point out letters that you recognize and say its name.
2. Practice **letter and sound recognition**.
Practice saying the letters and their sounds everyday.
3. Practice **number recognition**. Count objects up to 20 everyday. Practice counting backwards from 10.
4. Print **first name** with only the first letter capitalized and be able to recognize last name.
5. Develop **fine motor skills**: holding a pencil, coloring, cutting with scissors and learning to tie shoes.
6. Learn to follow **two-step instructions**:
"Please go get your shoes and then put them on."
7. Talk about **social skills**: sharing, taking turns, positive words, and handling anger.
8. Help your child take **responsibility**: clean up messes, dress themselves, get their own socks.

School Hours



- Please arrange for your child to arrive and leave on time.
- Students attend school from 8:15-2:45. Students can arrive at Gate 1/4 starting at 8:05.
- The first three weeks school hours are 8:15 AM to 1:21 PM.
- If your child would like to have breakfast they can enter the Multi at 7:50 AM.
- Thursday's schedule begins at 8:15 with a 1:15 PM dismissal.
 - ★ Minimum Day 8:15-1:21
 - ★ Super Minimum Day 8:15-11:38

Kindergarten Daily Schedule 2023-24

8:15-8:30	Morning work, review
8:30-9:15	Songs, calendar, decodable readers
9:15-9:35	Recess
9:35-10:15	ELA, sight words, centers
10:15-11:10	Math
11:10-11:50	Lunch/Recess
11:50-12:10	Read aloud
12:10-1:15	Second Step, Social Studies, Science, Class Meeting
1:15-1:50	Recess/ Story
1:50-2:30	SIPPS, Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words
2:30-2:45	Clean-up
2:45	Dismissal

- ★ P.E. - Wednesday & Friday 12:10-12:40 please wear sneakers
- ★ Library - Thursday 12:35-1:05

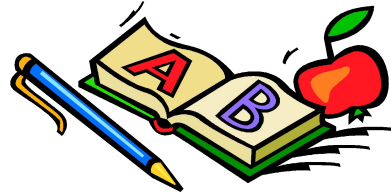
School Wide Rules

Cordova Gardens Students SOAR
like an eagle!



- **Safe**, (hands and feet to yourself, use walking feet.)
- **On Task**, (keep on working and do your best.)
- **Always Respectful**, (listen to parents and teachers and be a good friend to others.)
- **Responsible**, (follow directions the first time and turn in homework.)

Volunteers



- We invite you to support and participate in your child's education.
- Volunteers are needed in the classroom during center times to help with computer time, special activities, or chaperone field trips.
- Volunteers must have a TB test, be fingerprinted and have an application on file in the school office. Fingerprints may take a month to process, so please plan ahead.
- Volunteers must sign in at the office.
- Student siblings or other children may not accompany classroom volunteers.

Snacks



- Please pack a healthy snack and a drink that your child can eat in 5-7 minutes.
- Children will not be allowed to eat candy, soda, or sugary sweets or sugary drinks (high fructose corn syrup.)
- Pack a napkin and a water bottle.
- Avoid foods containing peanuts.
- Please be sure your child has something to eat before class instruction begins.

Attendance

Daily attendance is the #1 indicator of emotional wellness and academic growth.

- Consistent attendance is essential for your child to benefit from school. Please have your child at school on time each day. If your child is late, please get a late slip from the office.
- Schedule appointments and vacations when your child is not in school. If you are unable to schedule an appointment outside of school hours, please provide a doctor's note to excuse early dismissals or absences.
- Vacation is not an excused absence.

3 R's of Great Attendance :

Relationships, Routines and Resilience

Kindergarten First Week Tips and Information

- Send one small healthy snack with your child each day in a backpack with your child's name.
- Please stay with your child until the teacher greets the students.
- Give a kiss, hug and assure your child you will be back to pick them up at dismissal. We recommend keeping good byes short, especially if your child is having separation anxiety.
- Please go through Monday folders every week. Look for papers that need to be signed and returned, then keep papers that can stay home.

Back to School Meeting

- Please plan to attend our Kindergarten Back to School meeting, date and time to be announced in August.

Thank You!

- We appreciate your help and support.
- We look forward to a wonderful year of discovery together!

