



# Kindergarten Counts

River Grove Elementary

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# Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



# **LOSD's Belonging Coordinator**

Connie Harrell is our District's Belonging Coordinator. She is a former River Grove parent! :)

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# LO Schools Foundation

Foundation Video: <https://youtu.be/8CwizhkkEXE>





# What is Kindergarten all about?

- Learning to learn
- Building skills of independence
- Be respectful
- Taking turns
- Be kind
- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Make good choices
- Work cooperatively
- Learning when to listen
- Learning when to be a speaker
- Following directions
- Learning to problem solve





# A Typical Day in Kindergarten

Arrival and Morning Work

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Language Arts: Reading & Writing

Snack

PE/Music/Library

Structured Literacy Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

Recess (20 minutes)

Lunch (20 minutes)

Math

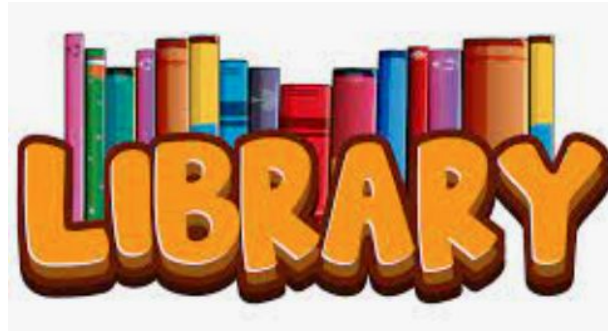
Recess (15 minutes)

Social Studies/Science/Health

Pack-up and Dismissal

# What special classes do Kindergarteners have?

- Music
- Physical Education
- STEM/Innovation
- Library
- Art Literacy



# Kindergarten Readiness



**When your child turns 5, parents have the option to start their child in kindergarten or wait another year. Many children benefit from having another year to develop social skills and large and fine motor skills that help them to more successfully meet the expectations of kindergarten and have a positive experience.**

Please do NOT make  
mastering academic skills  
your priority at home.

Instead...



# Develop Routines

- Have regular routines for your child such as regular bedtimes, mealtimes, and play times.





# Read, Rhyme, and Play Games

- Read daily
- Listen to music, practice nursery rhymes and sing songs



# Social Development

- Playdates
- Sharing
- Taking turns
- Listening to others
- Following directions





# Encourage Independence

- Writing & recognize name
- Solve problems
- Practice with school supplies (glue, pencil, scissors)
- Build independence at meal time, practice opening snack containers, lunch bags
- Opening/closing backpack
- Take care of themselves (tie shoes, put on jackets, zip and button, blow nose, cover cough, wash hands, and clean up)
- Use bathroom independently



# Develop Basic Skills

- Rhyming, letters, numbers, colors, and shapes
- Draw, color, write, and use scissors
- Name writing



# Buses & Nutrition (Food) Services

- Buses:
  - No registration is required for riding the bus. Watch for more information in our school newsletter in August or check the Transportation Services website for routes and other information.
  - No buses for Kindergarten Transition (summer)
  - We ask parents to transport their child for Kindergarten Orientation (a soft start)
  - [LOSD Transportation Website](#)
- Nutrition (Food) Services:
  - Meals (breakfast & lunch) are free for all River Grove students (regardless of household income).
  - If your child wants a “double entree” then you would need to pay for that.
  - [LOSD Nutrition Services](#)

# Champions Extended Care

Champions is providing after-school programming for our River Grove students this school year at Uplands. For a closer look into the Champions experience, [click here](#) for a virtual tour of the program. Families may register for Champions now - [enroll here](#).

The logo consists of the word "CHAMPIONS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, set against a solid red rectangular background. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the bottom right of the word.

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# Registration

Please click the link below to learn more about how to register for Kindergarten.

How to Register Online ([LOSD Registration slides for 2025](#))

 **Lake Oswego School District**

# Registering Your Child

# Interested in Language Immersion?

## Spanish and Mandarin Chinese Immersion Kindergarten at Palisades World Language School

Interested parents should:

- Begin by registering your child at your neighborhood school
- Attend the Parent Information Night in two weeks, on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. at Palisades. A general presentation about immersion will be followed by a breakout session for each language.
- Enroll for Immersion: Instructions are on the [LOSD Website](#). Families can email Lisa Oliva at [olival@loswego.k12.or.us](mailto:olival@loswego.k12.or.us) with any questions.

# K Transition (Summer)

Kindergarten Transition 2025 (August 11-14, Monday-Thursday).

See the [Kindergarten Transition Program](#) web page

- Two-hour sessions 8:00-10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Kindergarten Transition Program is designed to help incoming kindergartners acclimate to school in a calm, inclusive, and engaging learning environment. This year's program will be a one-week, eight-hour experience for registered Lake Oswego kindergartners.

Block 1: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Block 2: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Block 3: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Parent Meeting at Drop-Off: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. - August 11: Meet the Principal and PTO/PTA

Fee: \$90

A link will be added on January 22 to register for Kindergarten Transition.



# Key Dates

## Neighborhood School Kindergarten Registration

- January 22: Kinder Counts, Online Registration Opens
- April 25: Registration Deadline for Neighborhood School Kindergarten Lottery
- April 30: Kindergarten Lottery
- May 2: Lottery Notification

## Spanish & Mandarin Chinese Immersion Kindergarten at Palisades World Language School

- Wednesday, February 5: Parent Information Night at Palisades, 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 3: Immersion Kindergarten Applications available
- March 7: Registration Deadline for Spanish & Mandarin Chinese Immersion Kindergarten Lottery
- March 12: Spanish & Mandarin Chinese Immersion Lottery
- March 14: Lottery Notification

# Thank You!

We look forward to partnering with you to provide your child with an excellent school experience! *Be on the lookout (via email) for more information about how the school year will begin with Kindergarten Orientation - it will be a “soft start” (more information to come).*

