



Kindergarten Counts

River Grove Elementary

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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](#)



Champions Extended Care

Champions is providing after-school programming for our River Grove students. 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](#).

Email Payton Mannen with any questions - Payton.Mannen@discoverchampions.com

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

CHAMPIONS®

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/STEM

Structured Literacy Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

Lunch Recess

Lunch

Math

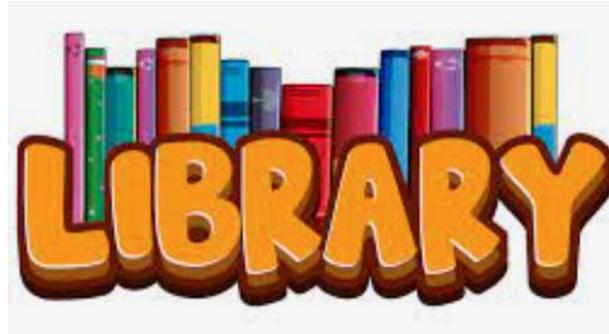
Recess (15 minutes)

Social Studies/Science/Health

Pack-up and Dismissal

What special classes do Kindergarteners have?

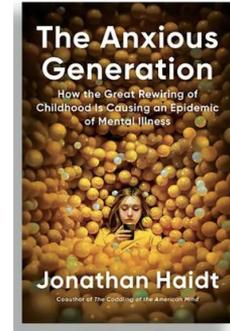
- Music
- Physical Education
- STEM/Innovation
- Library
- Art Literacy



Screen Time

Age 2-5: Limit screen time to under 1 hour per day

- **Cognitive & Language:** Can hinder language and problem-solving skills as children miss out on active exploration and caregiver interaction
- **Emotional & Behavioral:** Linked to:
 - depression
 - difficulty with self-control,
 - hyperactivity
 - trouble following directions.
 - aggression
 - anxiety
- **Sleep Disruption:** Blue light suppresses melatonin, delaying sleep onset and reducing sleep duration, leading to irritability and concentration issues.



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, water bottles
- 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](#)

Registration

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

How to Register Online - [LOSD Registration Slides for 2026-27](#)

 **Lake Oswego School District**

Registering Your Child

¡Otra opción! 另一种选择!



Palisades World Language School

**We are a public magnet school here in Lake Oswego SD, offering Chinese and Spanish language tracks.

Come to our Information night if you are at all curious—

All are welcome:

January 28th, 6:00PM-7:00PM

The principal will sing a Mariachi song...*(maybe?)*



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 on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Palisades.
- Enroll for Immersion: Instructions are on the [LOSD Website](#). Families can email Noah Hurd (Palisades Principal) at hurdn@loswego.k12.or.us or Lisa Oliva at olival@loswego.k12.or.us with any questions.

K Transition (Summer)

Kindergarten Transition 2025 (August 10-13, 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

Registration for Kindergarten Transition begins on January 21 (go to link above).

Key Dates

Neighborhood School Kindergarten Registration

- January 21: Kinder Counts, Online Registration Opens
- April 24: Registration Deadline for Neighborhood School Kindergarten Lottery
- April 29: Kindergarten Lottery
- May 1: Lottery Notification

See [LOSD Kindergarten website](#) for more information.

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).*

