



ABOUT ME

Chelsea Ohlerich (Ms. O)

This is my 20th year as an early childhood special education teacher.

I have 3 children of my own (15, 12 & 10)

I'm passionate about early literacy, play development and total communication.

You can reach me via parentsquare or by email: cohleric@fcusd.org



INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS

Ms. Sheri

Ms. Letty (returning the end of August)

Ms. Emma

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Welcome to our TK/K Special Education program!

Our classroom is designed to support young learners with diverse developmental needs in a nurturing, inclusive, and structured environment. We focus on foundational academic skills, social-emotional development, communication, and independence through individualized instruction, evidence-based curriculum, and hands-on learning experiences. With a blend of whole group, small group, and one-on-one support, our goal is to help each child grow at their own pace while building the skills needed for success in TK/Kindergarten and beyond.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

- School starts at 8:15 (first bell at 8:12)
 - Student who take the bus will be escorted to the classroom from a staff member.
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- Pick up and Drop off will take place at the D gate (next to the multi)
- Hand to hand drop off/pick up is required
- If you arrive late, please check in at the office. An office staff member will escort your child to the classroom or one of my staff members will meet you in the office.

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Minimum Day + Thursday Schedule		
Time	TK	K
8:15-8:30	Arrival Routine	Arrival Routine
8:30-9:00	Choice Time	Choice Time
9:00-9:20	Circle	Circle
9:20-9:35	Music & Movement	Music & Movement
9:35-10:10	Snack + Recess	Fine Motor + Sensory
10:10-10:30	Play/Social Skills	Snack + Recess
10:30-10:40	Calming Activity + B	Calming Activity + B
10:40-11:10	Small Groups	Small Groups
11:10-11:35	Literacy Dismissal 11:36	Literacy
11:35-12:05	XX	Play/Social Skills
12:05-12:30	XX	Whole Group Instruction
12:30-1:10	XX	Lunch + Recess
1:15/1:21	XX	Dismissal

WELDED SHEETS

Regular Day Schedule

Time	TK	K
8:15-8:30	Arrival Routine	Arrival Routine
8:30-9:00	Choice Time + B	Choice Time + B
9:00-9:20	Circle	Circle
9:20-9:35	Music & Movement	Music & Movement
9:35-10:10	Snack + Recess	Fine Motor + Sensory
10:10-10:30	Play/Social Skills	Snack + Recess
10:30-10:40	Calming Activity + B	Calming Activity + B
10:40-11:10	Small Groups	Small Groups
11:10-11:35	Phonemic Awareness Dismissal 11:36	Phonemic Awareness
11:35-12:05	XX	Play/Social Skills
12:05-12:30	XX	Whole Group Instruction
12:30-1:10	XX	Lunch + Recess
1:10-1:20	XX	Calming Activity Bathroom
1:20-1:50	XX	Individual Learning
1:50-2:15	XX	Snack + Recess
2:15-2:25	XX	Calming Activity + B
2:25-2:40	XX	SEL / FLEX
2:40-2:45	XX	Dismissal

SCHEDULE

PE: Wednesday & Thursday

LIBRARY day/time TBD

SPEECH & OT days/times TBD

Music: Wednesday 9:05-9:35

**EARLY RELEASE EVERY THURSDAY AT
1:15**

Minimum Days (1:21 Dismissal) until 8/21

STUDENT HANDBOOK

- We ask that you read through the Student/Parent Handbook for vital information and reminders about our school policies that may not be in this presentation.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- If you would like to volunteer in the classroom, help with daily centers, be considered to go on field trips or for class parties/celebrations, you must be cleared through our district. Click [here](#) for volunteer guidelines and to access the online application.
- This process can take a while so we recommend starting soon, if interested.

ROOM PARENT(S)

- The Room Parent organizes class celebrations (Halloween, Winter Holiday, Valentine's Day, End of Year), coordinates Teacher Appreciation Week, and may be contacted by PTO to help assist with other school-wide events/activities.
- If you would like to volunteer, please let me know :)

SNACKS & WATER

- Please send your child with 2 snacks once our kindergarteners go full day (one snack until 8/21) as well as lunch for our kindergarten students.
- We currently do not have any students with peanut/tree nut allergies.
- Please send your child with a water bottle. I kindly ask not to send juice.

LUNCH

- If your child is bringing lunch from home, please send your child's lunch in a lunchbox. Your student will bring their lunchbox and water bottle to the lunchroom at our designated time. A lunchbox allows your child to be independent as much as possible.
- If you would like your child to eat school lunch (provided for free), please highlight on the monthly menu what day as well as your preferred choice. A copy will be sent home prior to the start of the month. You can find the school breakfast/lunch menus [here](#).

WEDNESDAY FOLDERS

- Wednesday Folders will come home each week on Wednesday; please review the papers inside.
- Anything on the “Take Home” side should be reviewed and kept at home. (or recycle!)
- Anything on the “Bring Back” side should be returned to school ASAP!

BIRTHDAYS

- We LOVE recognizing birthdays at school! If your child would like to bring in a snack for the class on their birthday (or day before/after if it falls on the weekend), go for it!
- One individual packaged snack is great; please no full cakes, cupcakes, goodie bags, or balloons. Treats also need to be store bought.
- Will be shared at morning snack recess.

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack (large enough to fit a standard folder)
- 2 snacks (separate and non-perishable)
- Lunchbox
- Water bottle

FILL THE GALLON ZIPLOC BAG WITH A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOUR CHILD TO KEEP AT SCHOOL

Please include a pair of pants, shorts, short sleeve shirt, long sleeve shirt, a pair of socks and underwear if your child is potty trained

If your child wears pullups, please send enough for the week. If we are running low, I will reach out.

COMMUNICATION

- Parent Square is our main form of communication.
(teacher/principal/school/district)
- I can send group and individual messages, post pictures, and have sign-ups through the app.
- Please be sure to login to Parent Square and create a profile if you have not done so yet. Please check this regularly.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

- Attendance is the #1 sign a student will graduate.
- Kids who miss 9+ days are 2x more likely to drop out.
- If your family is facing challenges, let's meet and make a plan to support your student.

REMINDERS:

- Vacations and trips should be scheduled outside of the school year. There are more non-school days than school days in a year!
- Parent-Excused Absences: You have 10 days per year for health reasons (mental or physical). After that, we need a doctor's note.

MISSED DAYS ADD UP:

- Being 20 minutes late per day = 2.5 weeks missed each year
- Missing 1 day every 2 weeks = 4 weeks missed each year

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

- Talk to your teacher, principal, or front office anytime. Let's work together!
- Please report every absence to the front office.

THANK YOU!

Q & A's