



Welcome to — Specials —

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2026-27

K - 3rd Schedule

4 Day Rotation

Calendars:

Kinder

1st - 3rd

**1st - 3rd come in
color groups**

Mixed between
homerooms

4th - 6th Schedule

5 day schedule

Calendars:

4th Grade

5th and 6th Grade

**Everyone in letter
group**

Mixed between
homerooms

Art - Ms. Leech

Overview :

In class, we learn and work on mastering the Elements and Principles of Art!

K-3 works on proper use of materials and discover ways to bring their ideas to life.

4-6 works on refining their craftsmanship while exploring a range of artistic media.



I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of making art and memories together!

Band - Mr. Zapotocky

Learning to Read Music

Students are learning to read music! They will work on reading music without writing in the note names.

In order to be successful in band students need to:

- A) Attend all scheduled band classes.
- B) Come to class with your instrument and all supplies.
- C) Have a good attitude and try your best even when things get tough.
- D) If signed up for Band Club, come in after school for extra help.

Grading

Displays Content and Skill Knowledge in Coursework (20% of grade)
Written and Playing Assessments (80% of grade)
Performances (Concerts) (part of assessment grade)

Students will have at least three playing assessments each quarter in addition to written assessments. Students will have the opportunity to retake band quiz's/assessments multiple times in order to earn the outcome they desire. Retakes must be completed one week before grades are due for each grading period.

Lots of Performances!

Winter and Spring Concerts
District Honor Band (6th Grade)
Feeder Concert at Hillcrest (6th Grade)
Phoenix Suns! More information TBA.
Arts Showcase on May 1 and More!

All students will participate in at least two concerts. Attendance is mandatory. Every person is essential for us to have a successful performance.

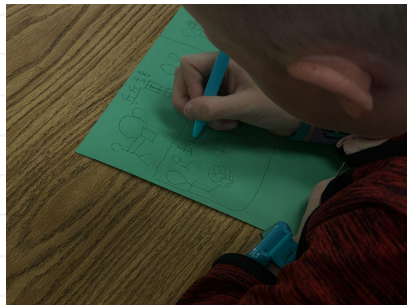
Incentives

Students earn reward points for bringing their instrument, band book and folder, materials, and displaying good citizenship.

Students who earn enough points will go on a field trip to Organ Stop on Dec 16!



Mandarin - Ms. Jiao



I can greet my teachers and classmates.

我会问候我的老师和同学。

I can introduce myself.

我会介绍我自己。

Can Do Statement
"Me and my world"

I can say "cooking, eating, sleeping, changing clothes, playing, watching tv, washing hands, using the bathroom, showering, doing homework".

我可以說“做饭. 吃饭, 睡觉, 换衣服, 玩游戏, 看电视, 洗手, 上厕所, 洗澡, 做作业”

I can identify and name "Dad", "Mom", "family", "sister", "brother", "grandfather" and "grandmother".

我能認“爸爸”, “妈妈”, “家人”, “姐姐/妹妹”, “哥哥/弟弟”, “爷爷” 和“奶奶”

I can describe the number of rooms in my house using "I have..."

我可以说我的家有几个房间。

ex. I have 4 bedrooms in my house. 我(家)有4个房间

ex. I have 2 bathrooms in my house. 我(家)有2个浴室

I can state who I love with the sentence structure "I love..."

我能表达我爱什么人.:“我爱...”



General Music K-6

We work on rhythmic, melodic and music theory elements relative to each grade level.

Music/ Chorus - Mrs. James



Chorus 4, 5, 6

We sing every day!
We will have 2 school concerts PLUS other opportunities.



Grades - All Groups

Grades are based on participation. There are some written grades but most will be performance/participation based.

PE - Mrs. Douglass

(long term sub)



**Wear your Tennis Shoes
for PE!**

- Please come ready to move!
- WE learn all sports!
- Curriculum includes teaching of how to be a gracious winner and take a loss
- Graded on how well they participate and do!

Desert Sage Elementary
invites you to our annual.

Gecko Gala

*An evening of fine arts presentations &
performances.*

Tuesday, March 16th

See Student Artwork as well as performances
from Band, Choir and General Music!

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Gecko Gathering

Desert Sage's monthly community gathering where families can join teachers, staff & students as we celebrate all things happening at Desert Sage throughout the year.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Desert Sage Playground Field

- Aug. 7th • Dec. 4th • April. 30th
- Sept. 11th • Jan. 15th • May 21st
- Oct. 2nd • Feb. 19th
- Nov. 6th • Mar. 19th

Questions?



ANSWERS!



THANKS FOR — COMING —

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