

Peru Elementary School's Kindergarten FAQ's



When is the first day of school?

The first day of Kindergarten is a shorter day. Kindergarten students and their parents will have a special bus ride to school arriving between 9:45 AM and 10:00 AM. The day will include a parent presentation by Mr. Slattery our principal, the children meeting and visiting with their teacher, school supplies may be brought in on this day, and the children will enjoy a snack in the cafeteria. The special day ends between 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM.

When does the regular school day begin and end?

9:05 AM arrival and 3:05 dismissal

What does the lunch and recess experience look like?

Children may buy a school lunch or bring their own. They sit as a class. Monitors supervise and assist the children. A lunch menu will be sent home monthly. Following lunch your child will have a supervised recess on the Kindergarten playground.

When will we know who is our child's teacher?

You will receive notice in the summer.

How is my child placed in a Kindergarten classroom?

The goal of placement is to create a balanced classroom. Ratio of boys to girls and other information is reviewed.

What bus will my child ride? Who will the driver be?

Your child's bus driver will be in touch with you shortly before school begins. The bus garage phone number is: 643-6060.

Are there still naps in Kindergarten?

While there is not a traditional naptime, teachers build in quiet story time or other quiet activity times.

What are the procedures for morning drop off, pick-up for an appointment, and dismissal?

Morning drop off: Students are brought into the Elementary office, parents say goodbye there, and children are dismissed to classrooms at 9:05.

Early Pick-up or Dismissal Change: Send in a note explaining change in plans and pick up your child in the Elementary school office.

Dismissal: Children who ride the bus are dismissed from the Kindergarten wing to the bus line. Children, who are picked-up, are dismissed to the Elementary K-2 cafeteria where families meet and sign them out.

Change in bus or pick-up schedule: Send a note in with your child explaining the changes. If a bus pass is needed, it will be issued.

What does Kindergarten look like compared to when I was in Kindergarten?

The day is busy! It is a blend of reading, writing, math, and daily specials – PE, Art, Library, and Music. There is much asked of your child in Kindergarten. Please know that the Kindergarten teachers have worked diligently to align the curriculum with the current Common Core Learning Standards while preserving the Kindergarten experience. Throughout the year families will be encouraged to join in at home with practicing sight words, letter formation, reading take home booklets, supervising weekly homework, and other family participation activities.

What does the end of Kindergarten look like?

By the end of the year, your child's learning experience will ready and enable them to:

- Follow class rules
- Take turns
- Cut along a line with scissors
- Stand quietly in a line
- Follow directions agreeably and easily
- Hold a crayon and pencil correctly
- Share
- Work both independently and in a group
- Know the eight basic colors: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white, and pink
- Recognize and write the letters of the alphabet in upper- and lowercase forms
- Know the relationship between letters and the sounds they make
- Recognize sight words such as *the* and read simple sentences
- Recognize and grasp the concept of word rhyming
- Read independently utilizing letter sounds, sight words, and comprehension skills.
- Write name correctly
- Write consonant-vowel-consonant words such as *bat* and *fan*
- Identify nouns and verbs
- Know the parts of a sentence and write simple sentences.
- Retell a story that has been read aloud
- Show an opinion through drawing, writing, or speaking
- Recognize and write numbers to 20
- Count to 100
- Count by ones and tens to 100
- Fluently add and subtract within 5
- Know basic shapes such as square, triangle, rectangle, and circle
- Navigate through computer/SMART Board learning experiences in reading, ELA, and math
- ... and much more!



While you and your child await the start of Kindergarten, we encourage you to visit the Kindergarten playground (the fenced in playground) to begin the connection between your child and his/her school!

We also encourage you and your child to enjoy practicing identifying letters of the alphabet, numbers, reading stories, writing his/her name, and drawing colorful pictures.

Visit the school website www.perucsd.org to begin a connection with your child's school. We look forward to working with you and teaching your child.