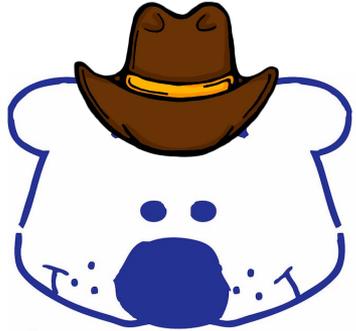


Kindergarten



Round Up



Schiller Park School District 81

Kennedy Elementary School

Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a time for children to expand their love of learning, their general knowledge, their ability to get along with others, and their interest in the world around them.

Your child's Kindergarten Year will be filled with new challenging activities and hands-on learning experiences that foster a joy in learning and a positive attitude towards school.

Kindergarten is an important time of transition for young children and is the foundation year upon which future academic success is built.

District 81 is committed to helping your child grow and learn in a stimulating and nurturing environment that promotes self-discovery and celebrates accomplishments.



Introductions

*Administration

*Main Office

* Nurse

* Cafeteria

*Teachers



Facts About Kindergarten

- * Kennedy School: PreK - 3rd Grade
- * Enrollment: approximately 730 students
- * Full- Day Kindergarten
- * 7 sections
- * Average Class Size: 20



Kindergarten Hours

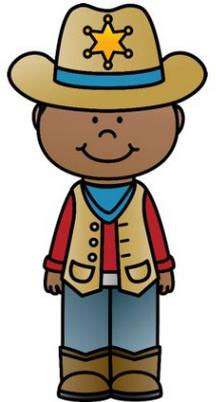
* 7:55am - 2:30pm

* Early Dismissal every Wednesday (1:50pm)

* Half Days: Dismissal @ 10:55am

*An after school daycare (Kids Klub) is offered at Kennedy school through the Recreation Department.

Bernie (847) 671-8580



Office Hours

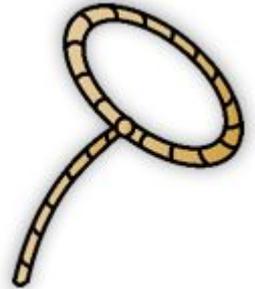
- * 7:00am-4:00pm
- * (847) 671-0250 main line
(847) 671-0256 fax
- * Eva Popowska, Sue O'Connell
- * Attendance
- * Change in Schedule



Arrival

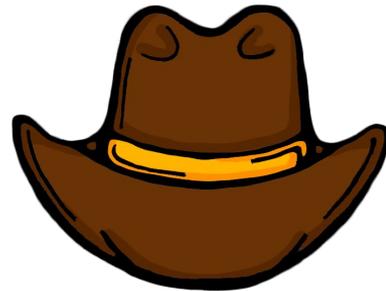
- * Supervision begins at 7:40am
- * Bell rings at 7:55am
- * Line up on playground unless weather is below 30 degrees (with windchill)

- * Breakfast provided before school
- * Drop off lane



Dismissal

- * Bus Transportation: Adult must be at stop to pick child up.
 - If nobody is at the stop: Bus driver/school will call
 - Child will be brought back to main office to be picked up
- * Dismissal (walkers): Dismiss from a classroom
Picked Up by parent/guardian, or anyone listed on emergency contacts
- *An afterschool daycare is offered at Kennedy school through the park district.



Typical Day in Kindergarten

Reading Flex	30 minutes each day
Morning Meeting	20 minutes each day
Reading Room	30 minutes each day
Reader's Workshop	60 minutes each day
Recess & Lunch	20 minutes for recess and 20 minutes for lunch
Math	60 minutes each day
Writer's Workshop	35 minutes each day
Handwriting	20 minutes a week
Specials	Physical Education - 3 times a week Art- 1 time a week Music- 1 time a week Library- 1 time a week
Science/ Social Studies	60 minutes a week
Math Flex	30 minutes each day

Differentiated Instruction

District 81 recognizes that Kindergarten students come to us with a wide range of readiness and backgrounds.

Differentiated instruction offers a flexible learning environment to meet the needs of diverse learners. Differentiation occurs naturally and through careful planning & implementation of learning standards.

Differentiated instruction can take the form of guided reading groups, writing activities, learning centers, technology, math and literacy games and can be accomplished in individual and/or small groups instruction in any of the content areas.

Social Emotional Learning

Kennedy School nurtures a loving and safe environment for our Kennedy Kubbies.

We teach our students to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

A large part of our Kindergarten program is teaching students how to act appropriately in school, and how to interact respectfully with teachers and their peers.



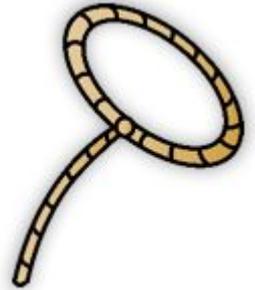
Who Works With My Child?

- * Classroom Teacher
- * Reading Specialists
- * Art, PE, Music Teachers
- * Paraprofessionals (Recess/lunch supervision)



Parental Involvement

- * Classroom Volunteers
- * Field Trip Chaperones
- * Daytime/Evening Family Events
- * Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- * Parent Groups (ABC)



Nurse / Health Requirements

- * Anna Wrobel, RN
- * Health Requirements for Kindergarten Students
 - Physical & Immunizations
 - Eye Exam
 - Dental Exam (completed by May 15th, 2019)
- * Medical Exclusion Day: October 15, 2019
- * When to keep your child home from school
- * Receiving any medication at school



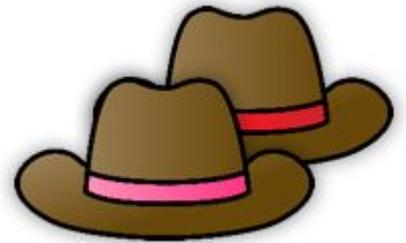
Cafeteria

- * Cindy DeRose, cafeteria manager
- * Hot Lunch Daily or Lunch from Home
- * 20 minutes to eat
- * Biometrics
- * Staff to assist/provide supervision
- * All menus planned based on USDA guidelines and offer nut information.
- * Applications for free/reduced lunch will be available within 30 days of the school year.



Communication Tools

- * District website: www.sd81.org
- * School website: www.sd81.org/kennedy
- * Classroom websites
- * Remind (app to safely text direction to the teacher)
- * Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- * Skylert (phone & email)
- * Weekly E-News Blasts (from the Principal)



How/When Do I Enroll for Next Year?

* Registration Process

- Register Online www.sd81.org (window opened March 4th)
- Electronic Signature Form
- Registration Fee (\$75 kindergarten)
- Prove Residency in Person

Returning families: July 23 - July 25th @ Lincoln School

New families: July 30th and 31st @ LMS

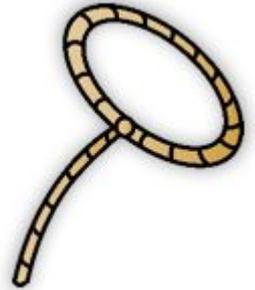
3 items (1 from each category)

- Birth Certificate (if new to district)
- Home Language Survey (if new to district)



Enrolling for Kindergarten

- *Set up screening appointment (only if new to district)
 - Screening Dates: May 22nd and 23rd
 - Kindergarten Teachers
 - 30 minutes
 - Schedule tonight



Mark Your Calendars...

- * Letter with class placement

 - Sent to your home the week of August 5th, 2019

- * Meet & Greet

 - August 13th: 12pm-3pm

- * 1st Day of Kindergarten

 - August 14th, 2019

