

KINDERGARTEN IS FUN AT CHERRYWOOD SCHOOL

2018-2019

A "Ready, Set, Go!" plan
To begin your school days right.



GET READY

1. Plan for Day Care and transportation needs. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ON EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE EVERY THURSDAY. Cherrywood has 2 Day Care programs available on the school site San Juan Bautista Day Care (408) 259-9739 or (408) 414-2700 and the ROCK Program (408)251-6392.

SCHEDULE for the first 4 weeks will be

Monday to Friday: 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. (lunch at school)

SCHEDULE beginning week 5 will be

M, T, W, F:

8:30 A.M. -2:15 P.M.

Thursdays:

all K students: 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. (lunch at school)

2. When shopping for school clothes and supplies, consider these things:
 - Choose shorts, pants, and sweats that are easy for your child to get on and off. We strongly recommend pull-on pants rather than jeans, because sitting on the floor is uncomfortable in tight pants. Shorts or tights should be worn under skirts and dresses. Please follow our suggested Common Dress Policy, White or Navy Shirts (plain) and Navy, Jeans, or Khaki/Tan Pants/shorts/jumpers/skirts. School logo shirts are available for purchase. Shoes, backpacks & jackets can be any color.
 - Choose a backpack that is large enough to carry books and folders.
 - If you buy a lunchbox, soft-sided ones are recommended.
 - LUNCHBOX, BACKPACK, AND JACKETS ALL MUST BE THINGS YOUR CHILD CAN OPEN AND CLOSE EASILY BY HIM/HERSELF.
 - Use a permanent marking pen to write your child's name on all hats, sweaters, jackets, shirts, lunchboxes, backpacks, etc. Our lost & found is full of items with NO names on them.
3. Your child SHOULD NOT BRING any pencils, crayons, markers, folders, notebooks, etc. or any toys, cards, stickers to school at any time. We will provide all of these things for the students, and things from home too often get lost.
4. Also, do not have your child wear watches and jewelry. These tend to be distractions to the wearer as well as to the rest of the students. Jewelry, especially, gets lost at school.

GET SET

1. Work on these personal skills at home with your child before school begins:
 - Dressing him/herself entirely without help. (Decide together with your child each night what he or she will wear the next day.) Practice snapping and unsnapping, zipping and unzipping, buckling and unbuckling. LEARN HOW TO TIE SHOES.
 - Practice using the bathroom properly: wait until the door is closed before removing clothes; use toilet paper properly; always flush; always wash hands; PRACTICE GOING BEFORE IT IS AN EMERGENCY.
2. Establish an early bedtime that allows your child 10-12 hours of sleep each night.
3. Have your child practice eating quickly. He or she will have only a short time to eat their snack or lunch, and we want them to have time to play.
4. Get your child used to playing with other children.
5. Get your child used to being without you.
6. Start teaching your child to write his/her name correctly. USE A CAPITAL FOR THE FIRST ONE LETTER AND LOWER CASE LETTERS FOR THE REST OF THEIR NAME.
7. Plan a quiet place for your child to do school work. Your child will need these supplies kept in a box or a bag in the study area (*optional):

crayons

scissors

*markers

*stapler

plenty of paper to draw/write on (recycle paper from work)

pencils

*glue

*tape

*colored pencils

Go

1. Bring your child to the *Kindergarten Assessment Day* for basic skills testing and interview on **Tuesday, August 7th, 8:00am-4:45pm**. This is a very short 15-20 minute assessment time. Teachers will bring your student into the testing room. This testing assists the teachers in balancing the classrooms. Children will be assigned to classes after this and you will receive your assignment at the Kindergarten Orientation. Parents may NOT request a teacher.
2. Plan to attend the *Kindergarten Orientation* on **Wednesday, August 15th at 6:00-7:00pm**. This is short 1 hour meeting. Bring your Kindergarten child with you at that time; however teachers WILL NOT be able to conference with you about your student.
3. Prepare your child and yourself for possible teacher or schedule changes after school starts.
4. Plan to spend time being involved with the Cherrywood School community in the classroom, at family nights, projects, parent groups (School Site Council and Home and School Club (HSC), fundraisers, and activities. Parents will need to provide the Office with proof of clear TB results for classroom/field trip activities and complete a Volunteer Application. Our District Office will then complete a simple background check. This process takes approximately 1 week so please plan ahead to have this completed early. Safety for our students is a priority.
5. Begin thinking of your child not as a baby, but as a young student, learning to become responsible for him/herself.

READY, SET, GO!!!