Cumberland Elementary School

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OFFICE SQUAD
What will you learn today?

TK/Kindergarten Overview
Nuts & Bolts
Volunteer Info
PTA Kinder Welcome Program
Catalyst Kids Info
Pick up/Drop Off Traffic Flow
Learning Without Limits!

Relationships, Relevance & Rigor

Equity & Access for ALL!
OUR MISSION:
Developing globally aware learners who are compassionate problem solvers and leaders.
Welcome to Kindergarten!

&

Transitional Kindergarten!
The Cougar Code:

Positive Behavior Management

- Be Respectful
  - Be kind
  - Be a good listener
  - Use kind words
  - Keep hands and feet to yourself
  - Raise your hand
  - Use a quiet voice
  - Sit nicely

- Be Responsible
  - Solve your problems
  - Take care of your things
  - Walking feet
  - “I’m done” at school

- Make Good Choices
  - Think before you act
  - Be safe
  - Use words to solve problems
  - Share and take turns
  - Please keep the line moving
  - Okay thank you!
Common Kinder Incentives:

- **Whole Class:**
  - Teaching the class and school wide behavior expectations...consistency is key
  - Explicit Praise and Voicing of Expected Behaviors
  - The Marble Jar (popcorn party!)

- **Individual**
  - Explicit Praise and Voicing of Expected Behaviors
  - Finish Work then Choice Time
TK & Kinder Schedules

TK Ratio: 20:2
Kinder Ratio: 24:1

- **First 6 Weeks: ½ Days**
  - M-F 8:15am - 11:35am
  - No lunch, only snack
  - TK Conferences/Kinder assessments in the afternoons

- **Full Day Starts Beginning of October**
  - M-Th 8:15am - 2:25 (5 mins earlier)
  - F 8:15am - 12:45pm (TK-3 early release)
  - Lunch at school!*

*Help your child to know the difference between their snack and lunch.
Welcome & Morning Activities
Whole Group Time
  Morning Circle/Social Emotional Learning
Indoor Learning Activities
  Small Groups/Choice Interest Areas
Recess
Outdoor Learning Activities
  Small Groups/Choice Interest Areas
Read Aloud
Lunch
Story Time
  Language & Phonological Awareness
Indoor Learning Activities
  Small Groups/Choice Interest Areas
Outdoor Learning Activities
  Small Groups/Choice Interest Areas
Music and Movement
Reflection and Closing
Dismissal
Opening & Academic Readiness
   Morning Work, Attendance, Helpers,
   Calendar, Days in School, Weather,
   Flag Salute, Songs

Language Arts
   Phonics, reading, writing

Recess

Reading/Writing Workshop
   Differentiated small group instruction

Lunch

Read Aloud

Math

Social Studies/Science

Choice Time
   The 5 C’s: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity,
   Critical Thinking, & Compassion

Closure and Dismissal
A Week & A Month In the Life of a TKer/Kindergartener

Weekly:
- Library Visits
- Motor Perception/Loose Parts*
- Starting Arts: 8 weeks each
  - Music, dance, and drama

Monthly:
- Playworks Class Game Time
- Project Cornerstone* - Character Building, SEL, & Social Skills
- FAME (Fine Arts Mini Experience)*

Other:
- Clay Projects* - 2 clay days/2 glaze days
- Garden Visits* - 3 times/year
- MakerSpace - 3 times/year
- Upper Grade Buddies

*Parent volunteer opportunity: No experience necessary.
Dress Code

- Comfortable clothes that your child can run around in and get dirty
- Close-toed shoes are a must
- Layers for cool/cold mornings and warm afternoons - jackets/sweatshirts

Teach and practice how to:

- Zip up jackets
- Tie shoes or work the velcro
- Independently handle clothing when in the bathroom
- Open snack items

Establish a predictable, daily routine

- Consistent bedtime
- Plenty of rest
Nuts & Bolts

Communication
• When in doubt, check the website
• Quicklinks (bottom right)

School Calendar
• Put on your cal/phone: TLDs, Holidays, etc.

Attendance
• Email front office/call absence line
• ONLY Excused if doctor appt, ill or funeral

School Meals
• Free for all students: snack and/or lunch

Volunteering
• Next slide

OTHER Important Dates and loads of information
• TK/Kinder Packets!
Volunteer Opportunities

Classroom Volunteers...common roles:
- Reading Workshop
- Motor Perception/Loose Parts
- Daily Mailbag Sorting
- Field Trip Drivers/Chaperones
- Teacher Prep Work Support
- Room Parent
- ...to name a few!

PTA Volunteers...to name a few:
- Project Cornerstone, Garden, Clay, FAME
- Walkathon, International Night, Family Fun Nights
- See slides below for more PTA Info...
Volunteer Requirements

Requirements*:
- ASAP, but at LEAST 3 weeks in advance, submit:
  - Volunteer Form
  - Copy of Negative TB Test Results
  - To Drive, in addition to above...
    - Driver’s form
    - Declaration Page from Car Ins. Policy
    - Fingerprint clearance (once and done for as long as children are in SSD TK-8!)

*Volunteer Sign Up Events Coming Soon!
- District sponsored events on site - one stop!
  - New platform: Better Impact (no longer Permission Click)
Cumberland PTA
&
TK/Kinder Welcome Program

Rebecca Tzarnotzky
& Sara Grassman
TK/Kinder Welcome Chairs

Arunika Agrawal
President
TK/Kinder Welcome Program

The goal of this PTA sponsored program is to:

1. Welcome you to Cumberland
2. Provide your family with the opportunity to connect with other parents and incoming kinder students, and
3. Answer any questions you might have.
TK/Kinder Welcome Program Chairs

2 favorite things about Cumberland

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TK/Kinder Welcome Program

1. TK/Kinder Playdates
2. Google Group
TK/Kinder Playdate Schedule

Saturday June 4th, 2023 - 3:30-5pm @ Cumberland School Park blacktop

August 15, 3:00pm - after class visits

Rebecca and Sara will wear Cumberland GREEN Walkathon shirts at these playdates

To stay up-to-date about Playdate plans and other info, email newfamily@cumberlandpta.org to join the email group!
Google Group

- Forum for sending out information/discussing topics with other parents
- Email reminders about forthcoming events, PTA activities, and anything else that’s going on.
Ways to be involved at Cumberland via PTA:

- Project Cornerstone - character traits
- FAME - Arts program
- Motor Perception
- Family Fun Nights
- International Night
- Cluster Classes
- Parent Education Nights
- Math Olympiads
- Walk & Roll to School
- Back to School Picnic
- Band
- Dads on Campus
- Drama/Musical Theater Productions
- Walkathon
- Talent Show
- Book Fair
- Garden
- Clay / Kiln
- Zero Waste Program
- Yearbook
- Science Fair
1st Day Coffee

- Join us for the First Day Coffee, held on the 1st day of school August 16th, 8:15 - 9:15 on the Cumberland Blacktop.

- Meet the Cumberland Community and learn about the many wonderful PTA programs.
Contacts & Sign Ups:

Any questions please feel free to contact the PTA at

newfamily@cumberlandpta.org

Or visit their website at: www.cumberlandpta.org

Please enroll in Konstella -
a joint Cumberland School and PTA communication platform!

Scan for Konstella:

Scan here if you’re interested in becoming a member of PTA:
Catalyst Kids
Director: Cindy Lipp

Before and After School Care
Located On Cumberland’s Campus

Email: center50555@catalystkids.org
Text: 408.386.3276
HELP THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Walking or rolling to and from school?
Current Protocol: Enter the Quetta Gate

Driving to or from school?
Park on the street and walk child to the front of the school to say goodbye
or
Drive around the block and turn LEFT into pull through
- Turn left at intersection of Danforth and Quetta
- Follow the map ----->
- No left turns onto Cumberland Drive and
- No left turns into the Drop off zone in front of school
Websites/Contacts

Check out our website: https://www.sesd.org/cumberland
Check out PTA’s website: www.cumberlandpta.org
Principal: laurie.carlson@sesd.org
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Attendance/Registration Clerk: jennifer.gray@sesd.org
The TK/Kinder CLASSROOM...
A Photo Tour
(followed by a campus walkthrough)
How to sit on the rainbow rug:
1. Walk quietly
2. Sit criss-cross, calm hands
3. Listen and learn
4. Raise your hand to speak
Calendar, Weather, Counting and Community Bldg.
Sight Words: AKA “Popcorn Words”
How to read a book

1. Read a book at a time.
2. Read the words, look at the pictures, tell yourself a story
3. Be careful with the books
4. Put the books back where they go
Choice Time

I would like to do______

- Library
- Dress
- Magnets
- Dinosaurs
- Legos
- Finger Puppets
- Treasure Box
- Logos
- Cars
- Zoobuilders
- Blocks
- Hand Puppets
- Art Center
Projecting models, samples and visual aides - iPad as a doc camera!
Credits

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