

A Kindergarten Philosophy

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in Kindergarten... These are the things learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together." - Robert Fulghum

This is an exciting time in which children's worlds are expanding beyond the home and family to encompass new playmates and experiences. We want this experience to encourage children's curiosity and to foster a love for learning.

It is our hope that each student will perceive him/herself as a capable, responsible, and valued individual. We wish to provide our students with a variety of learning experiences that are in alignment with state standards. The curriculum will be taught through a thematic approach.

We believe the overall purpose of education is to prepare children to become productive, responsible, and compassionate adults.

"Parental involvement plays a critical role in a child's success in school."

California State Department of Education



General Information

Goals: In our kindergarten program, we seek to provide a variety of experiences that foster the child's:

- ⇒ emotional development and well-being
- ⇒ social development
- ⇒ physical development and well-being
- ⇒ aesthetic and artistic development
- ⇒ intellectual development
- ⇒ language development

Hours: Kindergarten is from 8:25 -1:20 from August until December. From January to June it will be from 8:25-2:20.

Preparation: Kindergarten is an adjustment period for both parents and children. Encourage your child to leave you by letting him/her know you will be busy and happy at your work or at home while he/she is busy at school.

Homework: We ask that parents make a commitment to read to or with their child for 20 minutes each night. It can be a special time for you and your child. Reading aloud helps to develop listening and pre-reading skills. You are the most important example your child has and reading aloud demonstrates your need for and appreciation of books.

Labeling: Every item your child brings to school should be marked with his or her name.

Toys: Do not allow your child to bring toys to school. Weapons, even toy ones, are not allowed at any time.

Absences: A written excuse should accompany your child on his/her return to school after an absence from school.



Conferences and Report Cards: Report cards will come out three times a year. Parent conferences for each student will be held in the fall and spring. If at any time you have a concern about your child, please contact his/her teacher at school.

Breakfast & Lunch Program: Breakfasts and lunches are available for purchase each morning in the cafeteria. Your child may qualify for free or reduced cost meals. Breakfasts cost \$1.00 and are served from 7:45 - 8:15 am. Lunches cost \$1.75. Both meals include milk. Milk is also available for 25¢ to students bringing their own lunches. Menus are sent home at the beginning of each month and are posted on our web site.

Pick Up: Please pick up your children by parking on Vance Avenue and walking over to the chain link fence. Your children will be brought out to meet you. If there is a change in your transportation arrangements, please notify the teacher or the school secretary. Make sure that your child knows how he/she is getting home each day. If you are late picking up your child, he/she will be taken into the office to wait for you.

Parent Volunteers: Parent volunteers are welcome. We have many activities for parents to help out with in the classroom or at home. In the fall, we will be sending information home with your child about volunteering.

Library: Your child will be using the school library once a week. Please set aside a special place at home for library books so they will be easy to find when they are due back.

Web Page: Find out more about Pine Hill School at: <http://www.pinehillschool.org>

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL AND
EXCITING YEAR WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!



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