

Developmental Progress

Large Motor Skills

- Demonstrate general coordination
- Demonstrate sense of own body in relation to others

Small Motor Skills

- Draw a person with a face, body, arms, and legs
- Follow the line when cutting

Life Study and Work Skills

- Respect the rights of others
- Use appropriate language
- Practice self-control
- Follow playground rules
- Follow classroom rules
- Make good use of time
- Write name

Additional Benefits

- Boys and Girls Club after school care (includes afternoon snack)
- Breakfast and lunch available on campus
- Bus transportation to and from school

Building Blocks for Life

- Research shows that a play-based kindergarten program helps children to succeed in school and in life.
- Experiences in early childhood shape future learning habits.

Children are natural learners, full of wonder and curiosity about their world.



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Full Day Kindergarten Program

For children turning five on or
before September 1

PUSD Mission Statement

The mission of Paradise Unified School District, as the educational leader of the community, is to graduate knowledgeable, productive, responsible citizens who are motivated to continue learning and are able to function successfully—with integrity—in a complex, changing world.



Play promotes healthy physical, social, emotional, language and cognitive development.



The Paradise Unified School District full day kindergarten program provides experiences and instruction for each child according to his/her developmental needs, abilities, and strengths.

PUSD Kindergarten Curriculum

- Art
- Being a Writer
- Bridges Mathematics
- Choice Time (exploration)
- Houghton Mifflin Language Arts Program
- i-Ready Math and Reading Assessment
- Music
- PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening)
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- Scholastic *Let's Find Out* (weekly magazine)
- SPARK Physical Education Program
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Zoo-Phonics

Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten

Full day learning is associated with improved reading and numeracy, smoother transitions to Grade 1, and increased post-secondary graduation rates. Full day kindergarten enables teachers to give their students more individual attention.

For your child:

- More opportunities to learn through play.
- Extended interaction with other children to help develop strong social-emotional skills and positive self-esteem.
- Great exposure to educational materials to help develop strong literacy skills.
- More time for teachers to meet the needs of children.
- Fewer transitions during the day.
- More individual and small-group activities.

For parents:

- Stronger connection to your child's school.
- Confidence in your child's education program.
- Opportunity to take a more active role in your child's formal education.
- Economic benefits if your childcare expenses are reduced.
- Greater work/life balance, allowing parents more time to work or study.

By the end of the school year, our expectation is that most kindergarten children will be able to:

Language Arts

- Identify uppercase letters
- Identify lowercase letters
- Identify letter sounds
- Identify sight words
- Blend two to three sounds into recognizable words
- Produce sounds with consonant-vowel-consonant words

- Read emergent-reader text with purpose and understanding

Mathematics

- Identify numerals 0-20
- Match numerals to sets
- Show one-to-one correspondence
- Write numerals 0-20
- Count to 100 by ones
- Count to 100 by tens
- Identify sets of objects as more than, less than, or equal
- Identify two-dimensional shapes
- Identify three-dimensional shapes
- Demonstrate addition and subtraction equations fluently to five

Writing

- Capitalize the pronoun, "I" and the first word in a sentence
- Begin to recognize, use, and name ending punctuation
- Write many letters legibly
- Write simple words phonetically

Speaking and Listening

- Listen to others and take turns when speaking
- Understand and follow one-step and two-step oral directions
- Describe familiar people, places, things, and events
- Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly

It is through play that children make sense of their world.

