

DESERT CANYON



June 6, 2019

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are excited for your child to begin his/her educational years at Desert Canyon Elementary this coming August. School starts on Monday, August 5th, at 8:45 a.m. Our typical school day is from 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. However, the first three days will be early release to assess students.

In order for our Kindergarten teachers to better know your child academically, we will be dismissing Kindergarten students early on the first three days of schools. Dismissal for Kindergarten students on August 5-7, 2019 will be at 1:15 p.m. Students will be eating lunch at school for the three days (even if they are going home at 1:15). For the first three days of school, we ask that students bring lunch from home. Transportation at dismissal time on August 5-7 is the responsibility of the family.

Kindergarten teachers will spend the three afternoons individually assessing children on Kindergarten reading and math concepts. The individual assessments allows a teacher an accurate indication of a child's abilities and knowledge. The results of these assessments will support your child's teacher to differentiate learning and be able to meet his/her individual needs during the school year.

On one of the early release days, your child will remain at school for the entire school day (3:15 p.m.) in order for the teachers to administer Kindergarten assessments. These assessments are done in small groups and 1:1 with the teacher. The data from these assessments, as well as time with your child, will provide us a wealth of information as we plan for your student's learning.

Parents will receive a postcard the week of July 22nd with notification of kindergarten class placement and your student's scheduled testing day. Your child will stay at school until 3:15 p.m. on their scheduled testing day; alternative transportation will have to be arranged for 1:15 p.m. the other two days. We also want to invite families to stop by for our **Meet the Teacher Night August 1st between 4:30-6:00 p.m. and visit with PTO until 6:30.**

Again, we look forward to welcoming your child to our school in August and we are excited to get to know him/her on a one-on-one basis during the first three days of school on August 5-7, 2019.

Kindergarten Early Dismissal 2019

Monday, August 5 at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, August 6 at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7 at 1:15 p.m.

Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (480) 484-1710 or email at kmills@susd.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kimberly Mills 金柏莉
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