

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



# Getting Ready For Kindergarten!

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# Our Day...

Our day includes lots of time for movement and play activities that help develop social-emotional skills and a love of learning, including:

- \* 90 minutes each day of core reading.
- \* 90 minutes each day of core math.
- \* Time each day for writing, art, and science activities.
- \* Three recesses—and plenty of extra time for movement.
- \* Classroom environment that understands the needs of your kindergartener-- includes plenty of bathroom breaks and snack.
- \* PE everyday with a CATCH activity once a month that promotes health and wellness.

- Doors open and breakfast is available everyday at 7:30.
- M, T, TH, and F: School begins at 7:55 and ends at 2:25.
- Wednesday is an early release and ends at 12:45.



## KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:50	Morning Work, Turn in homework, Backpack, Lunch choice				
8:00	Morning Meeting:		Greeting, Announcements, Calendar, SEL activity		
8:30	Whole Group Reading				
9:00	RECESS				
9:15	P.E.				
9:45	Whole/Small Group Reading				
11:00	LUNCH				
11:20	RECESS				
11:35	Read Aloud/sharing				
11:45	Eureka Math				
12:00	Math	Math	Early Release: 12:45	Math	Math
1:00	RECESS	RECESS		RECESS	RECESS
1:15	Social studies	Choice Time		Science	ART
2:25	Pack up, clean up, go home			Pack up, clean up, go home	

## Students should ...

- Know their name and recognize their name in print
- Begin to write their name using a capital and lower case letters
- Have print and book awareness
- Have exposure to letter names and sounds
- Can talk about stories
- Have experience with pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, and glue
- Identify basic shapes and colors
- Exposure to songs
- Know how to sit crisscross
- Can count to at least 10

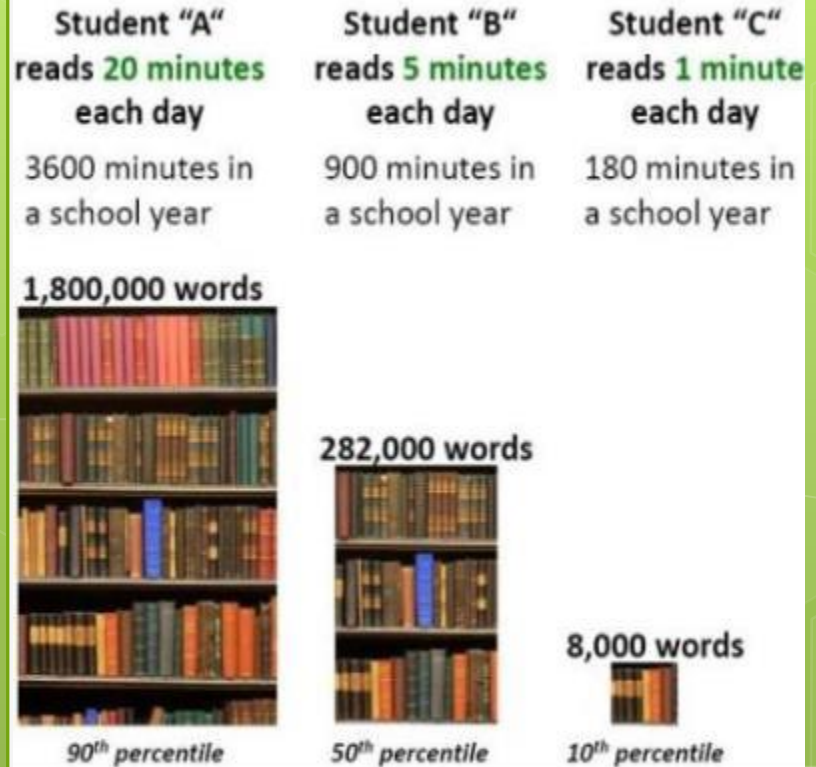


# Research on Reading

## We encourage 20 minutes of read-at-home time each day

- You can read with your child
- Older siblings and other family members can read with your child
- Your child can use a guided-reading app
- Recognize and read environmental print
- It doesn't have to be all at once—frequency and consistency are important

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

# Summer Activities

## Encourage kindergarten readiness by:

- Read together every day, and look at pictures too! Talk about what you read
- Build background knowledge by reading a wide variety of print
- Library summer program
- Incorporate writing in everyday activities, such as grocery lists and games
- Have your child help you in sorting laundry, counting out snacks, or cooking dinner
- Jack Hartman videos



## Community Involvement

### We love classroom volunteers!

- Field trips
- Help in the classroom
- Projects outside of the classroom
- Fundraising Events
- PTA
  
- Make sure to do a background check at the District Office prior to volunteering.

### We have a wonderful PTA!

President—Maya Trout



## Kindergarten Soft Start

- During the first week of school for EES, only grades 1-5 attend each day. Incoming kindergartners participate in a “Soft Start”.
- Each student will come to school on only one day that week for a two-hour timeslot. Please sign up for a soft start slot when you register your student for kindergarten. This allows teachers to get to know students a little, collect some baseline data, and balance classes.
- Class lists are finalized on Thursday and Kindergarten starts full time the following week.

## KITS Kids In Transition To School

KITS is a research-based program designed to enhance social and academic school readiness for kids who will enter Kindergarten





# Communication and Contact Information

Fern Ridge School District Website

ParentSquare for information regarding important upcoming events/dates, school closures, delays, and emergencies.

Facebook Pages:

“Elmira Elementary School-Ms. K”

“Superintendent Carpenter”

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