



Antelope Creek



Excellence



Cobblestone



Parker White

RUSD TK / Kindergarten



Rock Creek



Rock Creek



Ruhkala



Sierra

2023-2024



Sunset Ranch



Twin Oaks



Valley View



Quarry Trail

Welcome to the RUSD family!

CLASS OF
2037



TK/Kindergarten in RUSD



TK/K Age Requirements

For the 2023-24 school year:

KINDERGARTEN

To be age eligible for Kindergarten, a child must turn five (5) by September 1, 2023.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

Children turning five between September 2, 2023 - April 2, 2024 are age eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

FAQs

What if my child is TK eligible but I want them to enter Kindergarten?

What if my child is born after April 2, 2024? Can they attend TK when they turn 5?

Universal TK

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Legal Requirements of Universal TK

2021-22

Offer TK to four-year-olds whose 5th birthday occurs between September 2 and December 2

2022-23

Expand offer of TK to four-year-olds whose 5th birthday occurs between September 2 and February 2

2023-24

Expand offer of TK to four-year-olds whose 5th birthday occurs between September 2 and April 2

2024-25

Expand offer of TK to four-year-olds whose 5th birthday occurs between September 2 and June 2

2025-26

Expand offer of TK to three-year-olds whose 4th birthday occurs by September 1

Accolades at a Glance



- ✓ Award winning schools - California Distinguished, Gold Ribbon, PBIS Gold and Platinum.
- ✓ Caring, experienced, highly qualified, fully credentialed teachers.
- ✓ Visual and performing arts, physical education, STEM/Makerspaces, integrated technology, field learning experiences.
- ✓ Focus on kindness, resilience, character, social skills, and strong relationships.

Quantitative Data

2019 CAASPP Results

California

English-Language Arts	Mathematics
51%	40%

Rocklin Unified

English-Language Arts	Mathematics
71%	63%

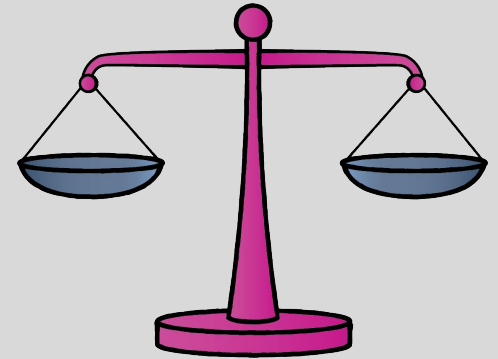


The Bright Future



- ✓ A return to normalcy while ensuring students and staff remain healthy and safe.
- ✓ Ongoing and increased focus on supporting the whole child: academics, behavior, and social-emotional wellness.
- ✓ Learning Recovery, counseling, and socio-emotional supports to help students return to pre-pandemic levels.
- ✓ Schools of choices including Spanish Dual Language, International Baccalaureate, and GATE.

Philosophy



- RUSD TK/Kindergarten is a balanced program focusing on meeting the needs of the whole child. Our program meets and exceeds academic standards in a developmentally appropriate way while instilling a love of learning and preparing children for future success.
- Our program is differentiated to help your child meet or exceed the end of the year educational and social goals.

MTSS

(Multi-Tiered Systems of Support)



PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports



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Rocklin Elementary



Ruhkala



Sierra



Springview



Sunset Ranch



Twin Oaks



Valley View

TK/ Kindergarten Curriculum

English Language Arts

Letters, phonics, sight words, building vocabulary, early reading (fluency and comprehension), and writing.



Mathematics

Counting and cardinality 1-20 (how many), combining (+), and separating (-), shapes, sorting, classifying.

Science/STEM

Animals, plants, and habitats, weather, asking questions, developing models.



TK/Kindergarten Curriculum

Social Studies

Good citizenship, building strong communities, jobs/careers.



Physical Education

Building fine and gross motor skills, increasing health and wellness, cooperation and teamwork.

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

Developing skill in a variety enhancing creativity, expression through art.



The “Hidden” Curriculum

Resilience

Handling
Failure

Listening

Attending

Working
Cooperatively

Sharing

Respect

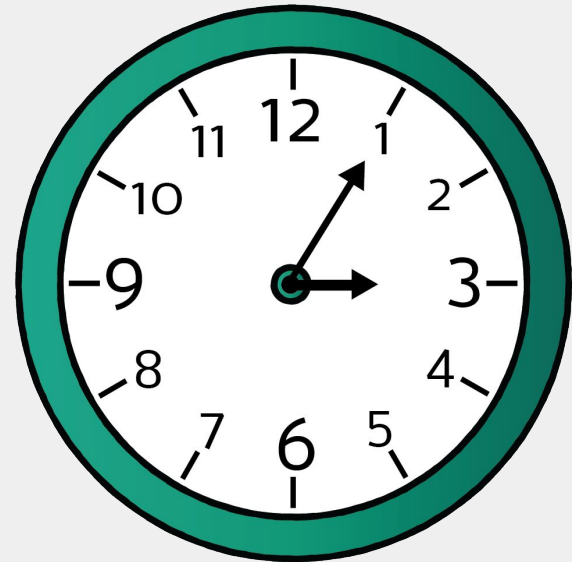
Navigating a
Social Scene

Following
Directions

TK: A Typical Day

- **Schedule:**

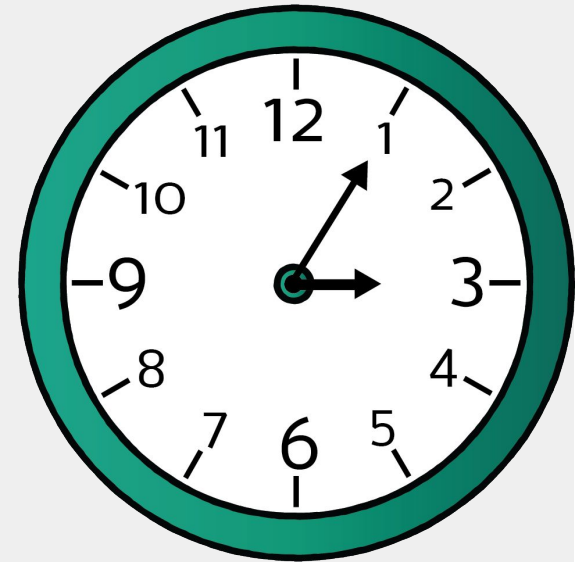
- Arrival/ soft opening
- Writing/ morning work
- Carpet time/ phonics
- Reading centers/groups
- Snack/recess
- Math/ Sensory bins
- Lunch/recess
- Social Studies/Science
- Recess
- Explore time
- Dismissal



K: A Typical Day

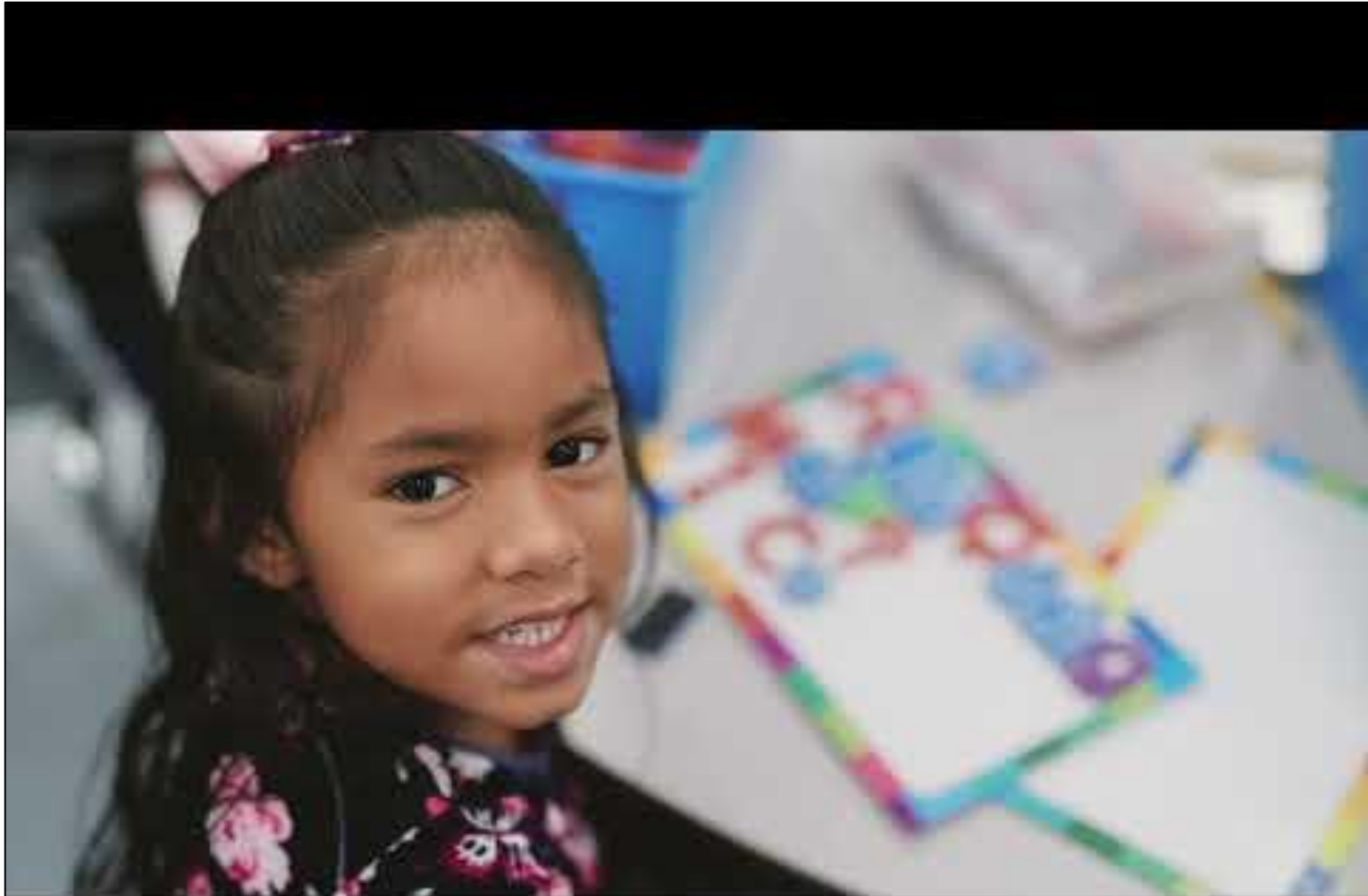
• **Schedule:**

- Line-up (morning bell rings at 8:22; school starts at 8:25)
- Socializing/library time
- SEL
- Opening (rug time)
- ELA instruction (integrate Science/SS)
- Snack/recess
- Reading centers/groups
- Lunch/recess
- Read aloud
- Math
- Free choice
- Dismissal (1:45pm on Mondays and 2:45 p.m. Tues – Fri)



Kindergarten also receives library, PE, and VAPA instruction

Spanish Dual Language in RUSD



TK Spanish Dual Language Program at Quarry Trail Elementary

The Spanish Dual Language Program is housed at Quarry Trail Elementary School but is open to students from all RUSD Elementary Schools in the appropriate grades.

In dual language education programs, students are taught literacy and academic content in English and a partner language (Spanish). The goals of dual language are for students to:

- develop high levels of language proficiency and literacy in both program languages;
- demonstrate high levels of academic achievement;
- develop an appreciation for and an understanding of diverse cultures.

Students entering the program should commit to remaining in the Spanish Dual Language Program throughout their elementary career (TK/K-6). This ensures that the maximum benefits of the program are achieved.

Find more information at qt.es.rocklinusd.org

International Baccalaureate



Sierra Elementary is an IB World School offering the Primary Years Program (PYP)

- Focus on child-centered, concept-based, inquiry-based, transdisciplinary learning.
 - The PYP challenges students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning as they explore local and global issues in real-life contexts.
 - TK/K programs offers authentic opportunities to grow and learn in a play-based learning environment driven by inquiry and children's natural curiosity.
- Schoolwide Spanish instruction in Kindergarten - 6th grades
- Sierra Elementary School is home to the longest-standing IB PYP program in the greater Sacramento region. It is also the first authorized IB World School public elementary school offering the PYP in the area.

The IB Learner Profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally-minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.



The IB Learner Profile

- Communicators
- Risk-takers
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Inquirers
- Balanced
- Knowledgeable
- Reflective
- Thinkers
- Principled



The G.A.T.E. Program



- **The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program is offered at ALL RUSD elementary schools.**
- Students can be assessed in first grade and in subsequent grades.
- Students who qualify receive differentiated instruction that increases depth and complexity of grade level standards.
- As early as second grade, GATE students will be clustered with other GATE students in classrooms with teachers who have received additional training to meet their exceptional needs.
- **RUSD also offers a self-contained GATE program at Rocklin Elementary School.** When students qualify for GATE, they have the option of applying to this program.
- **For more information on the Self-Contained GATE Program, please attend the GATE Information Night at Rocklin Elementary on February 13th at 6:00 p.m.**

Ways to prepare your child for Kindergarten

- Number naming to 10 (or more). Representing numbers with objects and counting.
- Letter naming.
- Phonics (the sounds letters make).
- Understanding concepts about print.
- Read to your child for at least 20 minutes every day ask questions about the book.
- Establish routines/responsibilities.
- Build independence
- Socialization skills (group play, sports, clubs).
- Fine motor skills (pencil grip, using scissors, working with play dough).

What can I do to insure my child is on track to get into Stanford? :)

- Read to, read with, and listen to your child reading.
- Interact with the text. Ask questions, make predictions, make connections - model expert reading strategies!
- Recognize and talk about math in the real world. Don't drill and kill enthusiasm for math.
- Create opportunities for your child to socialize then... get out of the way.
- Save lots and lots of money.



Parent Participation

You Are a Crucial Part of Our Program!

Teachers and parents work together as a team.
Variety of ways to help:

At home:

- Working with your child nightly to reinforce concepts taught in the classroom (including weekly homework/daily book bags)
- Take-home projects

In classroom:

- Monthly Schedule for in-class volunteers
- Requirements: TB and Fingerprint Clearance
- Field trips, school-wide activities, etc.





Parent Teacher Committees

- ✓ PTCs provide additional resources (technology) and programs (Spanish/STEM Labs) at many of our elementary schools.
- ✓ Support your PTCs! Or better yet, join and participate in planning and organizing fun and educational opportunities for your child.
- ✓ VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Special Circumstances

- ✓ If your child has ANY special circumstances that should be taken into account for placement, please schedule a meeting with the principal.
- ✓ This may include: IEPs, 504 plans, severe allergies, or behavioral or socio-emotional challenges.
- ✓ The more we KNOW up front, the better we can prepare your child for SUCCESS when they enter the classroom.

Registration

- **RUSD has online registration:**
<http://www.rocklinusd.org/Parents/Registration/index.html>
- You will need to upload proof of birth, residency, and immunization records. [Health Services Website](#)
(Documents can also be brought to school site offices or the district office for TK)
- **RUSD registration is now 100% online.**
- If you need assistance completing the registration process, please call or email your local school.

Important Dates

Date	Event
12/14/22	Declaration of Open Enrollment at RUSD Board Meeting
12/20/22	TK/K Parent Information Webinar, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Students eligible for TK in 2023-24 turn five between 9/2/23 - 4/2/24. (BD's 9/2/18 and before 4/2/19)
1/12/23	Fiesta Del Año Nuevo (Dual Language Recruitment Event)
1/17/23	Online registration opens for TK/K
1/25/23	TK/K Parent Information Nights (Site Based), 5:30-7:00 p.m.
1/31/23	Dual Language Lottery Entry Deadline (by 5:00 p.m.)
2/2/23	Dual Language Lottery (Live @ 5:30 p.m.)

More Important Dates

Friday, August 11th, 2023 (after 5:00 p.m.)

Teacher assignments available through the parent AERIES portal.

Tuesday, August 15th, 2023

“Meet the Teacher” events at all elementary schools.

Wednesday, August 16th, 2023

FIRST DAY of SCHOOL for 2022-23!

Questions

The image features a central word 'Questions' in a green, cursive font. The background is a collage of overlapping, tilted rectangular sticky notes in various pastel colors: light blue, yellow, light green, pink, and light purple. Each sticky note has a large, white question mark printed on it. The sticky notes are layered, with some appearing more prominent than others, creating a sense of depth and a playful, inquisitive atmosphere.