



Welcome to Mira Vista's

**Kindergarten Orientation
2024-25**

Welcome to the Mira Vista Community

A photograph of Mira Vista School, a single-story building with a tan roof and large windows. The words "MIRA VISTA SCHOOL" are visible on the building's facade. To the right, a flagpole displays the American flag and a rainbow Pride flag. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with green trees in the background.

Mira Vista is a safe place for all to learn and grow.
Together we will work towards helping your child
become independent and transition into kindergarten.
Our goals are to be safe, have fun, and LEARN!



Principal Whaling

This is my first year at Mira Vista. I have been the Principal at Ellerhorst Elementary in Pinole for the past 6 years. Before that, I was a Vice Principal at Helms Middle School, and at Kennedy High School as a math teacher before that.

I have two daughters of my own, one entering 9th grade and the other entering 5th. I am excited to start this new year at Mira Vista! Go Bees!

Communication: gwhaling@wccusd.net

or call the front office



Ms. Blain Room 1

I've been a kindergarten teacher at Mira

Vista for 8 wonderful years and have taught

in grades K-8 for 18. I love teaching

kindergarten, because I get to be one of the first to open the door to literacy.

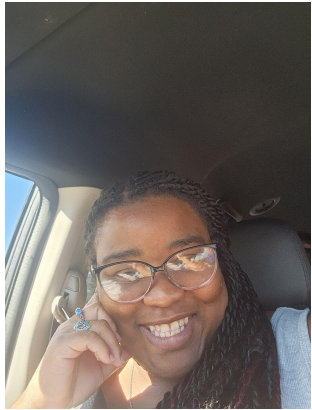
The best things about the littles is that they still have an imagination and enjoy learning with others. I have two children of my own. One is a mechanical engineer and the other is a freshman in college. When I'm not working, I love to walk my dog, hike, cook, & create!

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Ms. Taylor

Room 2



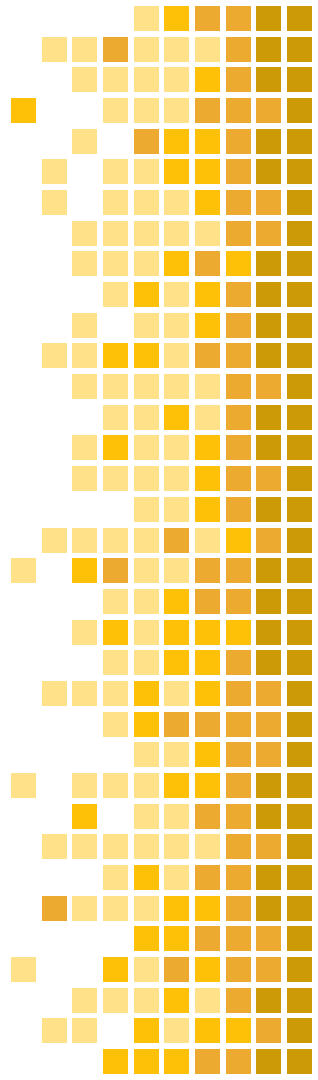
I've been a teacher at Mira Vista for 3 years now, and have taught first grade for two of them. This will be my first year teaching Kindergarten. I am looking forward to it, and watching the little ones' be unapologetically themselves and carefree. I have 2 kids myself. When I am not teaching, I am either working or spending time with my family.

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Ms. Bukhari Room 4

This is my third year at Mira Vista. I am very excited to be back working with this age group. The best thing about kindergarteners is that they have answers to every question and they all have different answers. About me, I have two children; one is almost 7 and the other is 5 and starting kindergarten .

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Our AAPAC & ELAC

African American Parent Advisory Council-

English Language Advisory Council-

Marilyn Gwinn-Scott- marilyn.gwinn-scott@wccusd.net

Get Involved in Our Community

PTA is an important part of our community and we could not function as well without their support. Mira Vista LOVES our PTA!

Sign up if you haven't already!

<https://www.miravistaschool.com>

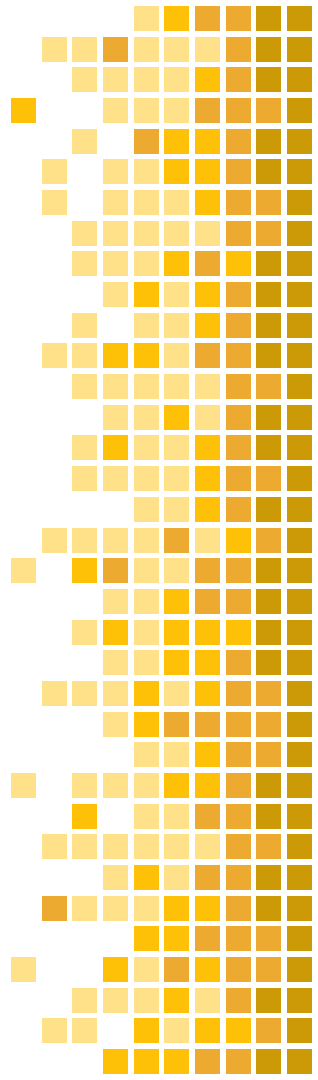


Supporting the PTA

Our PTA is amazing at Mira Vista, because it helps support our school in a number of ways. For example, donations reach out to all classrooms and also provide money for field trips, extra curricular activities and yearly celebrations. Please support our PTA!

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Extracurricular Activities supported by the PTA

Art



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Garden



Fall Curriculum Focus

ELA- Teachers College Reading and Writing Project

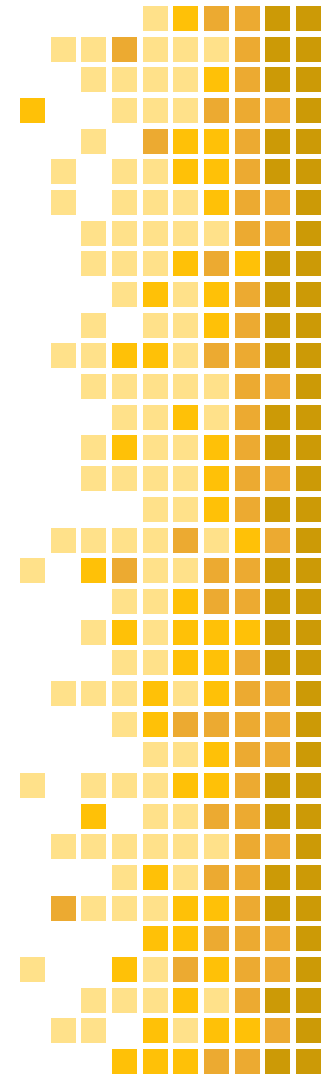
Phonics- SIPPS- 20+ Letters/sounds & Learn 10 SNAP words

Reading- Concept of print, read from left to right, know the
difference between a letter, word, & sentence

Writing- True Stories (Narrative) using pictures and labels. Maybe a few
SNAP words

Printing- Top to bottom, placement, pencil grip, their NAME

iReady!- Assessments

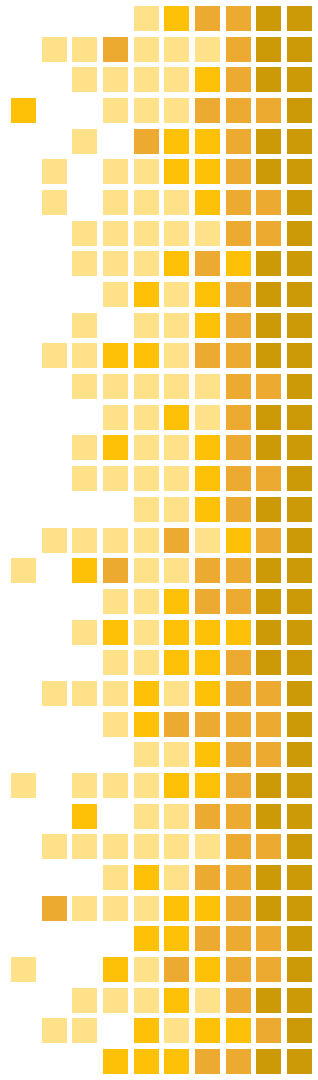


Curriculum cont.

ELD- Benchmark (Designated)

Math- McGraw-Hill My Math Common Core aligned with State Math Standards

- Count objects 1-10, identify numbers 1:1 correspondence
- Write numbers 1-10
- Basic Shapes- circle, triangle, rectangle, square
- ZEARN- Technology
- iReady!- Assessment



Curriculum cont.

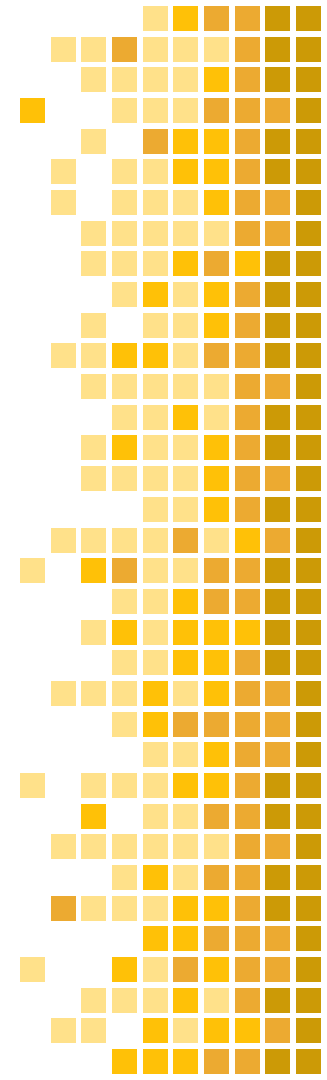
Social Studies- Our Community, World, & Traditions

Getting to know you and all of our similarities and differences.
Integrated into curriculum

Science- TWIG Science

What is a scientist and what do they do?

Properties of Objects



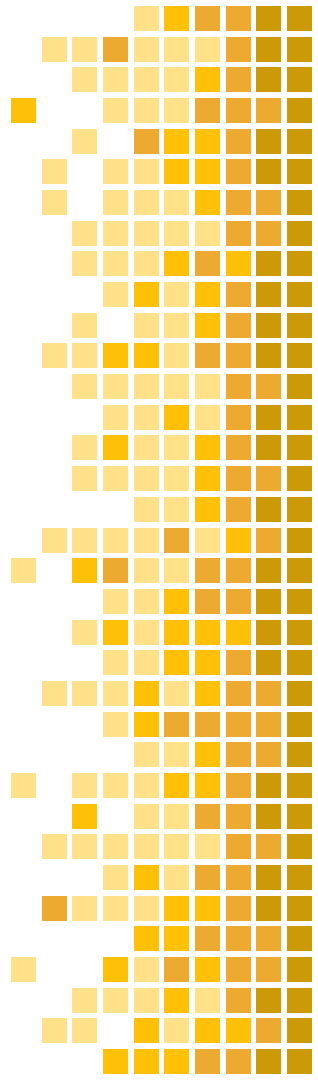
Curriculum cont.

Art- A number of projects that are integrated into the curriculum and art with Art Attack

Social/ Emotional- Second Step & Morning Meeting

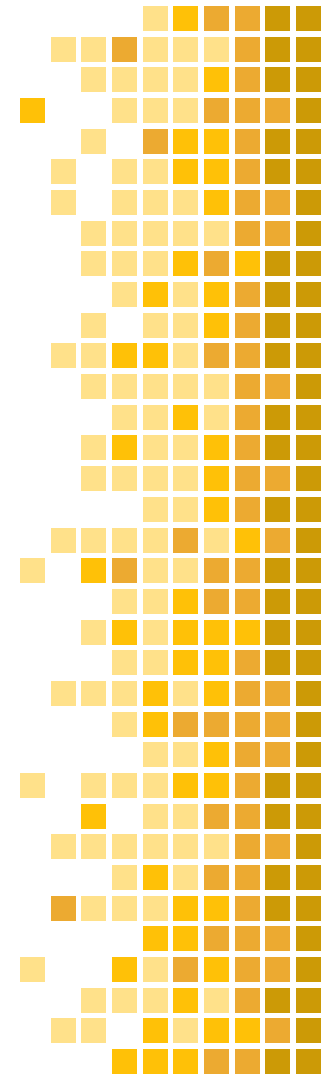
Physical Education- Let's get up and move together with SPARK!

***ALL are Integrated into the curriculum



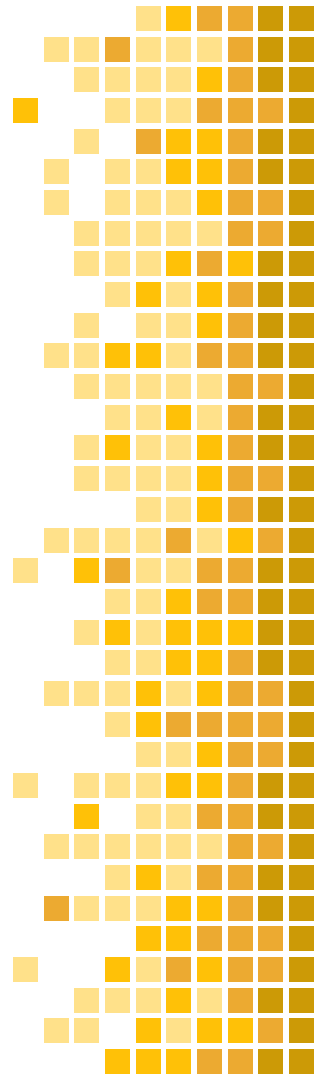
Fall Curriculum Goals

- **20+ Letters & Sounds**
- **Numbers 1-10**
- **Shapes**
- **Colors**
- **Beginning to write narrative books**
- **Assessments**



End of the Year Curriculum Goals

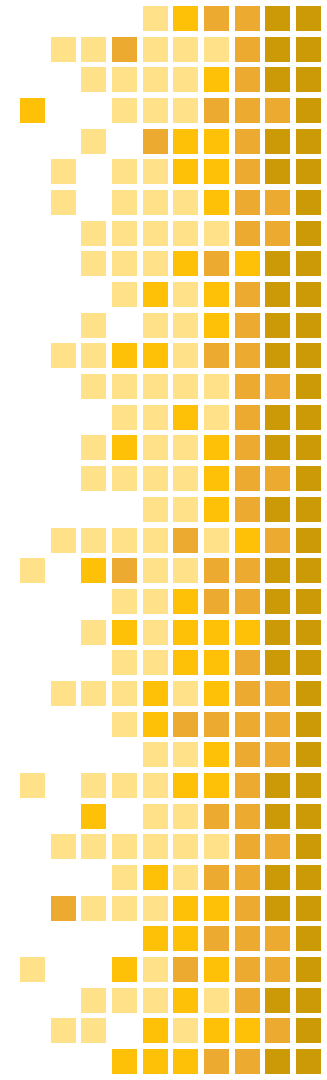
- Know ALL letters & sounds
- SNAP words up to 70+
- Know & Count numbers 1-100
- Write Numbers 0-20
- Blend sounds to form words
- Write using punctuation, spacing, & phonetic spelling
- Addition & Subtraction using #1-10



Class Schedule

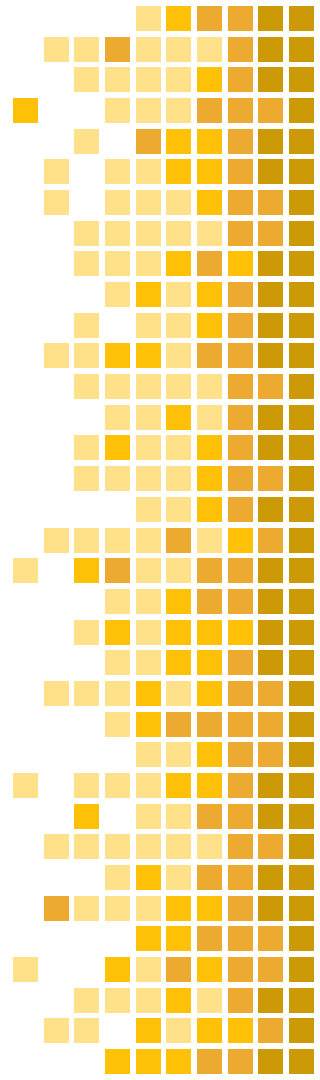
Here is an example of our daily schedule:

[Kindergarten Schedule](#)



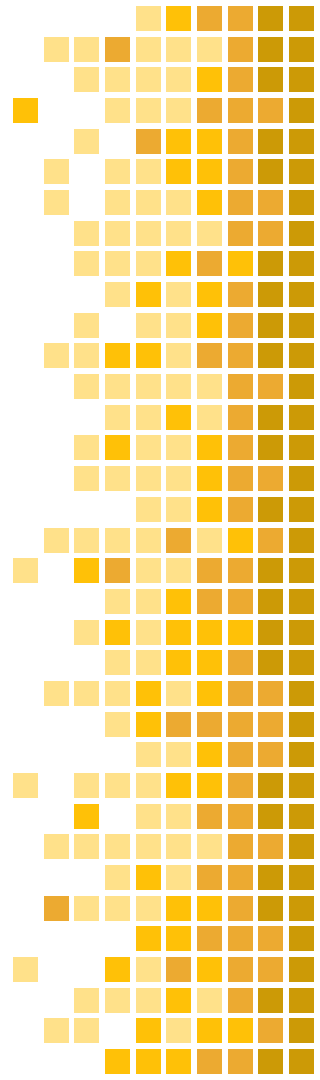
1:1 Tablets & Programs

- **Zearn Math-** Math support
- **iReady!-** ELA & Math assessments
- **Epic! Books & Razkids-** Reading support
- **ALL Classroom got Promethean Boards!!**



How Parents Can Help

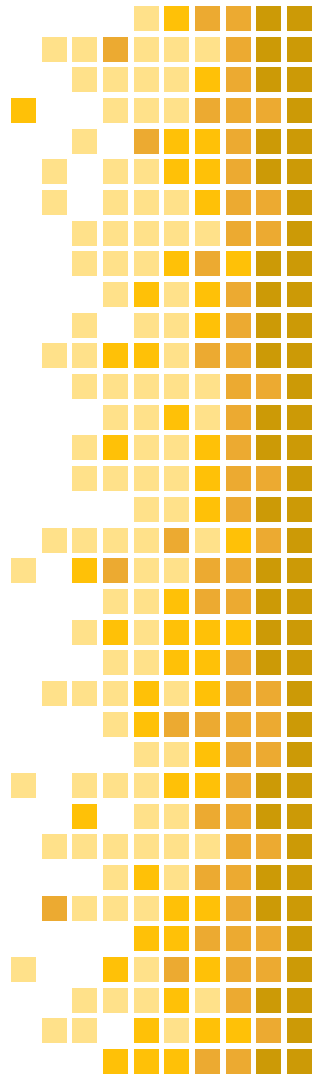
- Read to your child everyday
- Practice SNAP words
- Assign small jobs & work towards independence
- Communicate with the teacher by email and we will get back within 48 hours.
- Healthy snacks
- Be on time!
- Attendance matters!
- Volunteer! www.beamentor.org/now
 - Watch for a new volunteer sign up process in 2024



Preparing Your Kindergartner

While your child is at home you can work on these skills:

- Proper pencil grip
- Practice with scissors and glue
- Write name correctly
- Count and recognize numbers to 20
- Listen to stories & look at a book
- Concepts of print
- Letters & Sounds recognition
- Having conversations



Ways to Practice Independence At-Home

At school we work on being independent students.
Here are some ways to be independent at home.

- make bed
- help set the table
- clean up toys
- help wash/dry dishes
- sweep floors
- put away laundry
- help take care of pets
- pack lunch or snack
- pack backpack
- empty backpack after school
- follow multi-step directions (brush teeth, then get dressed)
- use polite and respectful language
- use words to express feelings
- eat regular and healthy meals
- put on and fasten shoes
- put jacket on
- open containers
- use table manners
- clean up after myself
- practice reading skills
- practice math skills
- ask questions in complete sentences
- _____
- _____



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As your child navigates through their first year of school, these activities will help them strengthen skills and inspire participation.

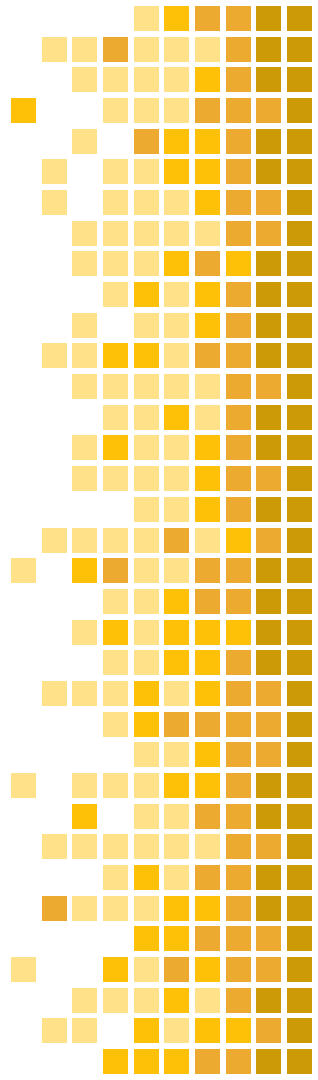
OUR Goal:

Kindergarten Independence

Before the First Day

Keep a positive attitude.

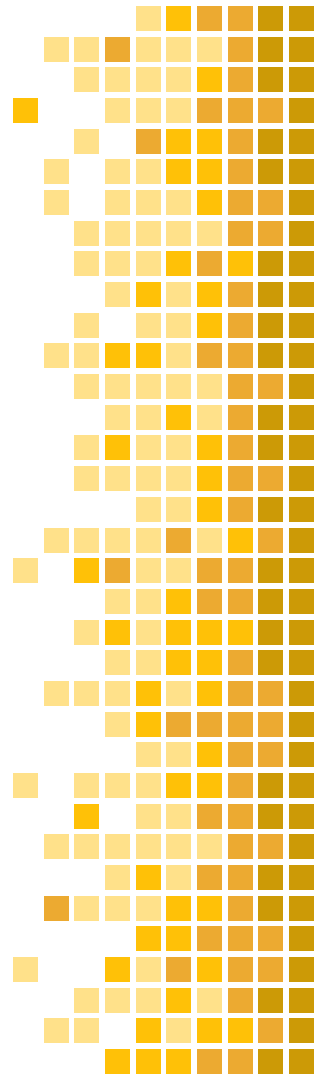
If you look forward to the first day of school, your child will probably do the same. If your child is having fears, have a positive conversation. If you're having concerns, let the teacher know.



The First Day of School

Leave cheerfully.

Try not to linger. Your presence may distract from this new and exciting world. If you believe your child will have difficulty separating, or you're concerned about how your child is doing, feel free to speak to the teacher (when class is NOT in session).

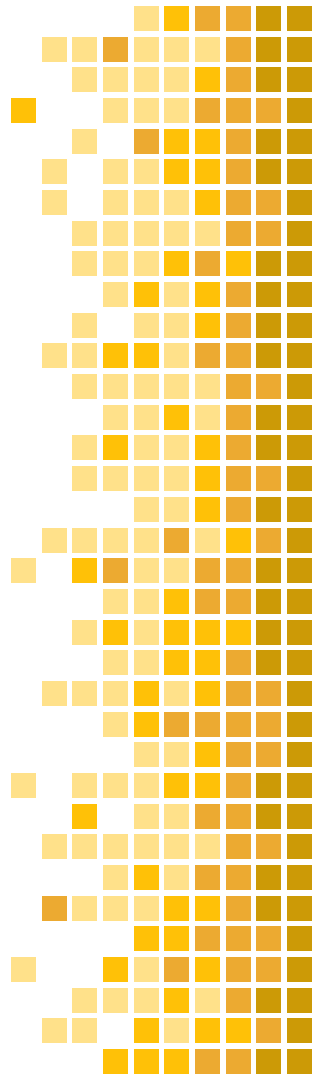


Talk with your teacher about fears

Kindergartners cannot always communicate

They may act out at home where they feel safe

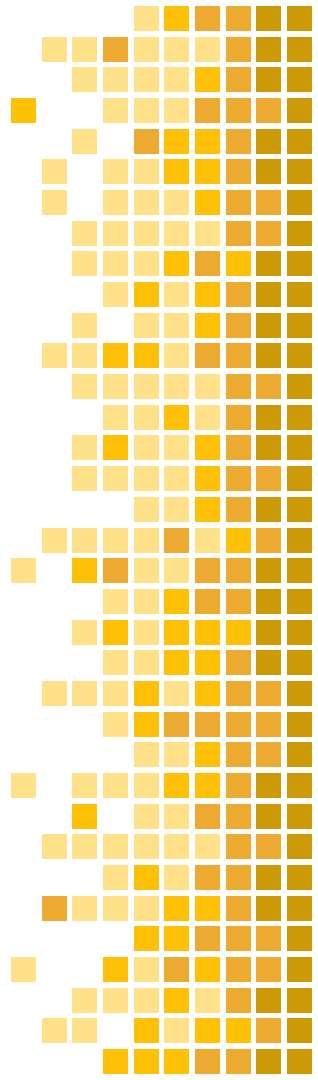
Teachers are receptive to family issues



Everyday Supply List

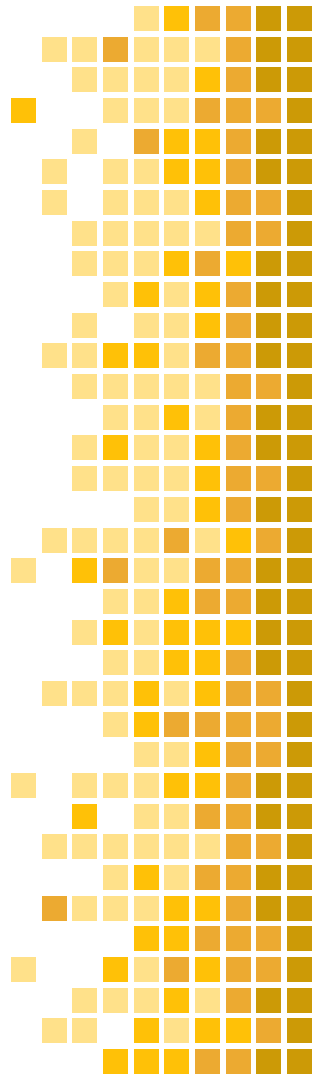
- **Healthy snack (NO NUTS)**
- **Water bottle**
- **Lunch (bring or school lunch)**
- **Regular Size backpack**
- **Full change of clothes**
- **Jacket or sweater**

**** Label everything!!**



Classroom Donations

Helping Hands Donations



OFFICE

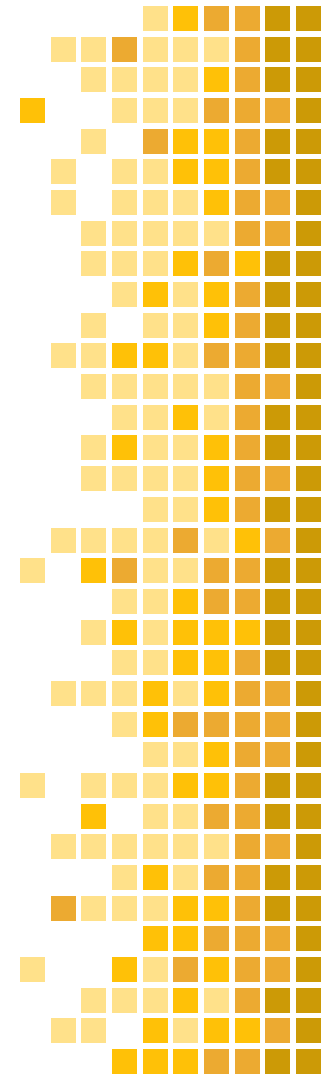
PowerSchool Parent portal

You should have received a letter with instructions on how to create your account. If not please contact

Alma Estrada aestrada@wccusd.net

Marilyn Gwinn-Scott marilyn.gwinn-scott@wccusd.net

It is a requirement that you complete the annual forms. If you need assistance please contact the office.



Attendance Matters

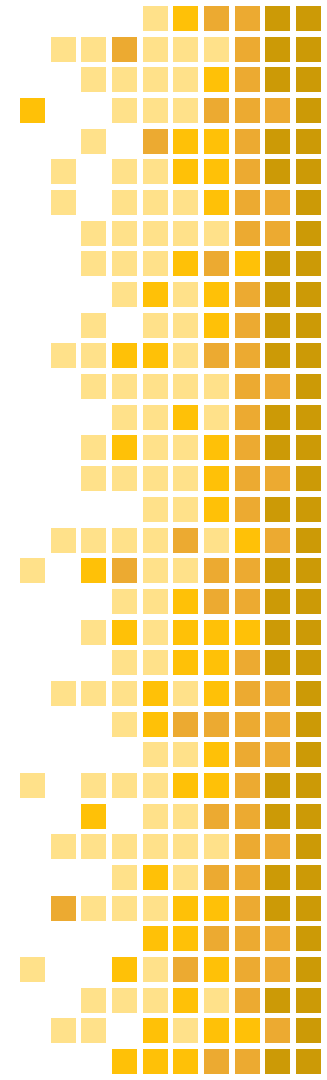
If absent:

- Email lajonee.foster@wccusd.net
- Call- 510-231-1416
- Powerschool-
- Send a note-

Early pick ups/ late drop off:

- Please stop by the office

* Daily participation is vital to our learning!!



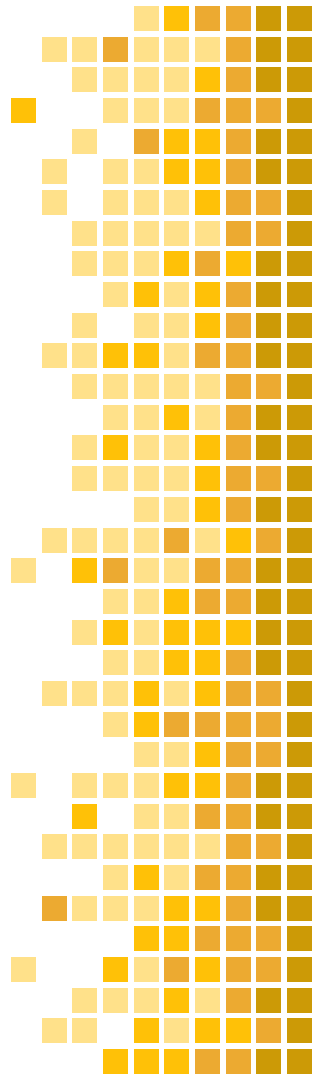
MV Wednesday Folder

***Look for first day folder that will be going home with important information to return and keep.**

For example:

- **Emergency Release Form**
- **Emergency Supplies (One gallon bag)**
- **Student Questionnaire**

*** Wednesday Folder goes out weekly. Look for current events and home project information. There is no required homework assigned.**



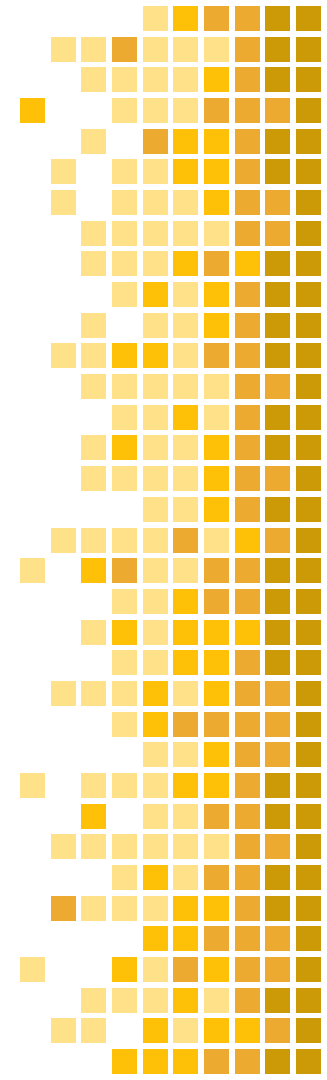
Get Involved In the Class

Please get your volunteer badge!



Communicate with the teachers about how you would like to help with the class.

We are always looking for volunteers to fill many roles.



Get Connected

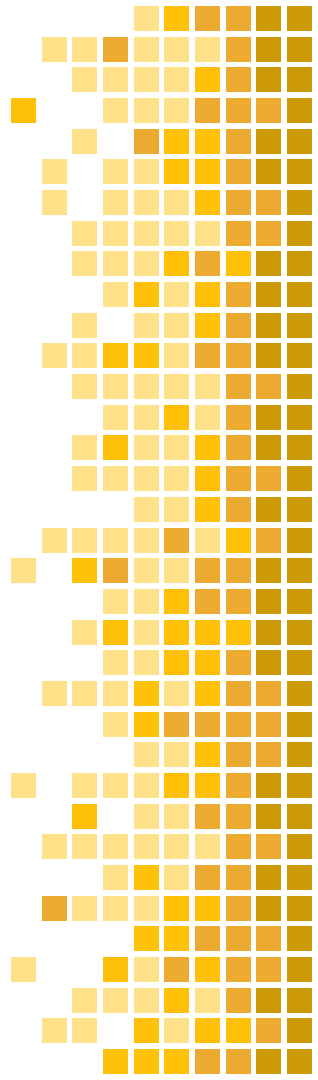
Many ways for you to communicate and receive information with the school and your teachers:

Phone

ParentSquare

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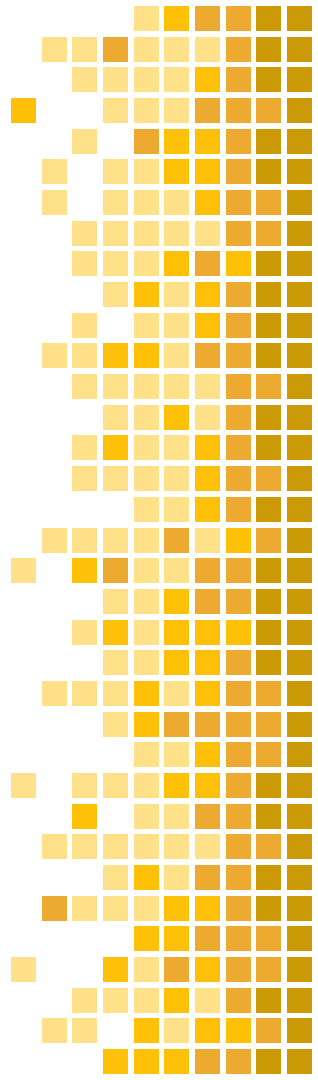
Email



Get Connected: Stay Connected

Make sure we have your correct phone numbers and emails to ensure you get timely information.

Please use the PowerSchool login page to update Annual Forms with any phone numbers and emails, so we can stay connected!



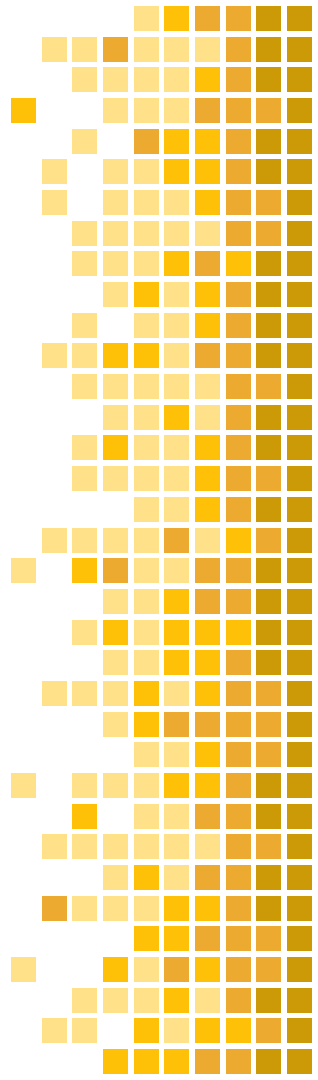
Drop Off Procedures

We encourage you to park on neighborhood streets.

You may drop off and use the ramp/steps to come in to the Kinder yard.

MPR will be open at 8:00

Staff will be on the Kinder Yard at 8:15 (please stay off the yard until there is supervision)

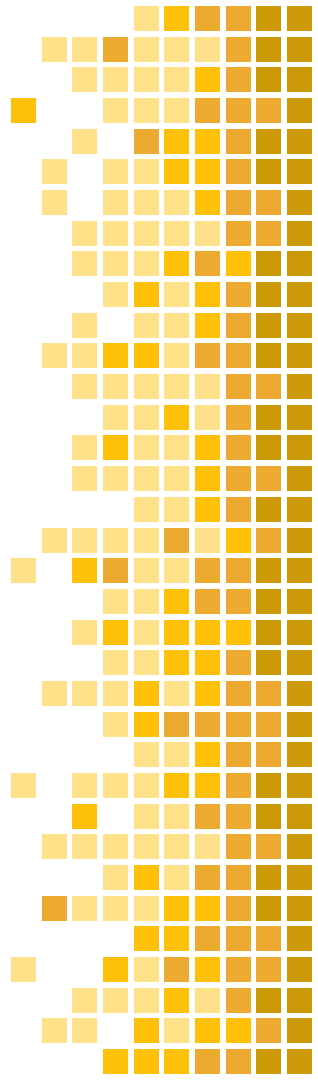


Pick Up Procedures

Pick up is at the classroom door. Teacher will dismiss students individually. (Please do not call out your student).

Again, you are encouraged to park on neighborhood streets. The lower parking lot may be crowded.

Again, we ask no children play on the yard after school (there is no supervision).

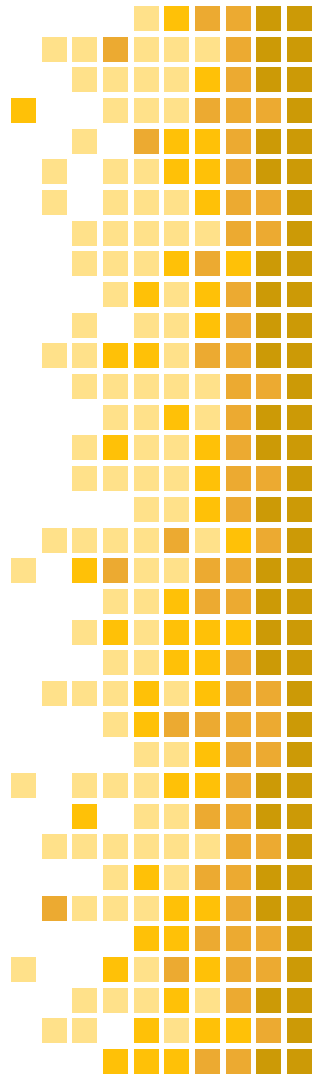


During the Day

All campus visitors must go to the office and request your child from there.

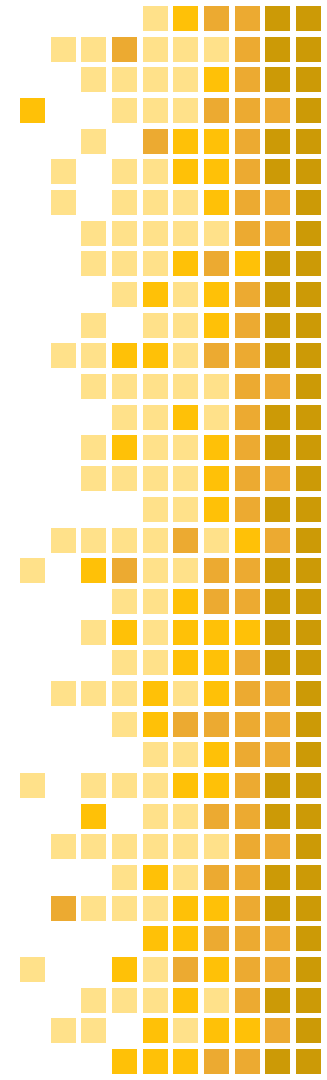
Please do not go directly to the classroom. Do not pick up your child from the lunch yard. You must check in with the office.

Please do not bring your child food during the day.



After School Care

Please notify your child's teacher to let them know where your child is going afterschool.



Calendar

Mira Vista will provide our school calendar. Look for it in the Wednesday folder

District Calendar 2024-25

[District Calendar](#)

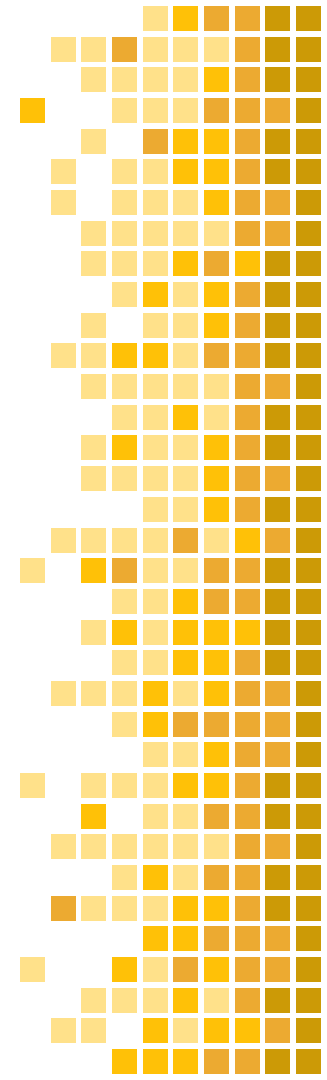
**School Starts
August 19th !!**

1:30

Dismissal

Which teacher will I get?

Class lists will be posted on the
office windows on the Friday
before school starts:
August 16th @ 4:00





Q & A

