



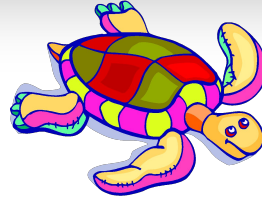
Elementary
Kindergarten Roundup
April 9, 2024



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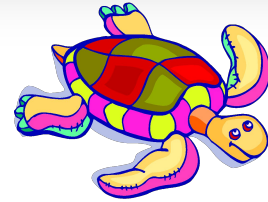
Sunset Palms Elementary



- We are an A rated School.
- We are a PTA School of Excellence.
- We are a Green School of Excellence.
- Projected Enrollment-950 students
- Mascot- Sea Turtle
- School Colors-Blue, Orange and Yellow



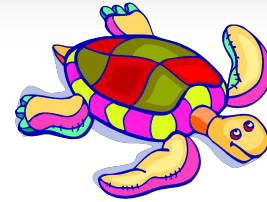
Sunset Palms Elementary Office Staff



- Daniella Navarrete- Registrar
- Aida Hadley- Front Office
- Jenny Weinerman- Principal's Secretary
- Sandra Vega- Community Language Facilitator
- Karen Price-Bookkeeper
- Linda Nickle- School Nurse



Sunset Palms Elementary Administrative Team



- Karen Riddle, Principal
- Justin Gamelin, Assistant Principal
- Scott Prasse, School Police Officer
- Tami Marcus, School Counselor
- Lynn Janisko, ESE Contact
- Margi Newman, ESOL Contact
- Jeffrey Burgazzoli, Behavioral Health Professional



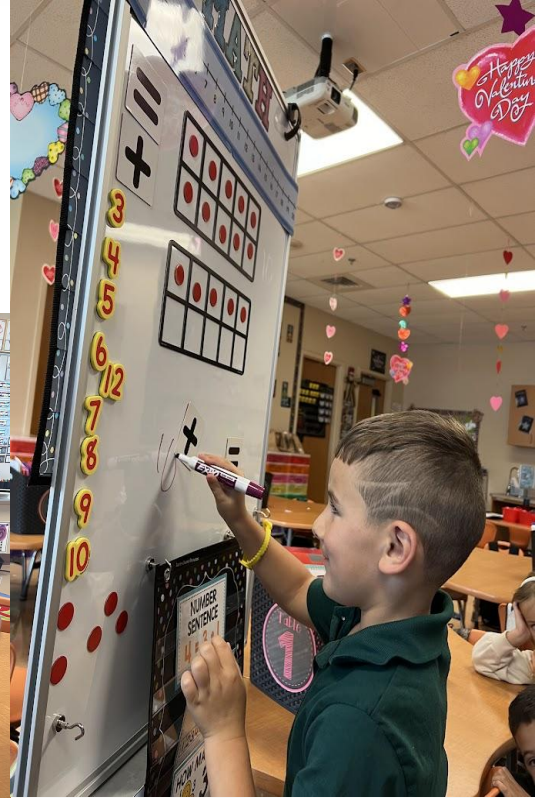
7 Kindergarten Classrooms- Approximately 18-20 students per class.



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Registration Information

- Daniella Navarrete is the contact.
- Sunsetpalmses@palmbeachschools.org
- Registration may be completed online at palmbeachschools.org/kindergarten or you may register in person.
- Please call us or email us if you have questions or need a school packet!



Kindergarten Curriculum (Curriculum Night is held in August)

- We teach the Florida Standards.
- Language arts: Reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills
- Mathematics: Counting, geometry, number sense, algebraic thinking, measurement/data, and problem-solving
- Science: Exploration of the natural world through hands-on activities
- Social Studies: Building an understanding of our community and the world
- Skills for Learning & Life (SLL): self-awareness & self-management, communication, and collaboration skills



10 Things to Help Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

1. Recognizes first and last name in print and can write first and last name
2. Names most upper and lowercase letters
3. Recognizes most letter sounds
4. Asks and answers questions about a story or book
5. Recognizes simple rhyming words (hat-cat)
6. Names and writes numerals 1-30
7. Identifies basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
8. Creates small sets of objects (groups items and identifies how many)
9. Recognizes and controls own behavior
10. Attends to a task for up to 5 minutes



The Importance of Self-Care Before Kindergarten

- **Dress Self**-take the time now to practice dressing so that your child is comfortable changing their clothes in case of an accident
- **Use the bathroom** independently
- **Navigate zippers and buttons**-these two skills are necessary when using the bathroom, as well as opening and closing a backpack or lunchbox
- **Open containers and straws**-whether your child is buying lunch or bringing their own, it is important that they be able to open containers, packages, and straws
- **Clean up**-it is important that your child practices cleaning up their items from recess and lunch



- **BONUS-Tie their shoes**



Ways to Support Your Child's Learning at Home

Transition to Kindergarten Readiness Kits



Unpacking the Kindergarten Readiness Kits



The Kindergarten Day

- Morning arrival (cars, walkers, bus riders)- Vehicle drop off begins at 7:25 a.m. in the front of ur school. Parents remain in their vehicles.
- Breakfast available- 7:30 a.m.
- Academics-Reading,Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Fine Arts offered-PE, Media, Music, Art
- Lunch [School Food Service Information for New Students](#)
- Recess Daily
- Dismissal- 2:05 p.m.



Drop Off and Pick Up

Car riders drop off is 7:25-7:55 a.m.

Parent pick up (car riders) begins at 2:05 p.m. off of Acme Dairy Road.

You will receive a pass for your window.

Stay in your vehicle and move up as far as possible.

Bus riders (a bus is provided for students who live over 2 miles from the school).

Walkers/Bikers- Dismissed from side entrance that faces Boynton Beach Blvd.

After Care (After the Bell)



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Communication and Collaboration

- Regular communication through newsletters and emails
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Always contact the teacher first before contacting administration with concerns, allow the teacher the opportunity to address the issue and if not resolved contact administration
- Strong PTA involvement -Please join!



Ways to Support Your Child

- Attendance Matters! Send your child to school every day prepared and ready to learn.
- Read, Read, Read! 15 minutes of reading to and with your child (in any language) will greatly increase comprehension.
- Make time to talk about their school day and listen to concerns.
- Talk to your child about his or her responsibilities as a student.
- Teach children to work hard and ask for help when needed.
- Seek help early from teachers and school staff if you notice problems.
- Hold your child accountable for his or her responsibilities.



Attendance Matters

Missing 2 days of school per month from Kindergarten - 12th Grade
= 108 hours per year
= 11 months
= over 1 school year lost



Uniform Policy

- Solid collared shirts (any color, with or without the logo)
- Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts (solid khaki, navy, black).
Jeans on Friday only.
- School spirit shirts may be worn on Friday.
- Sweatshirts- Solid color (free from decorations and writing) may be worn over the collared shirts in the classroom. Sunset Palms Sweatshirts may also be worn.
- Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel.
- Visit [sunsetpalmspta.com](https://www.sunsetpalmspta.com) for all spirit wear and polos.



After The Bell (Aftercare)

Sheri Baumgardner, Director
Karl Jannestil, Assistant Director



- Provides a safe and enriching environment
- For the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, registration for District after-school programs for incoming kindergarten students and students in grades K-5 begins on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7 p.m. Registration fee is \$35.
- Parents can register for an after-school program by visiting the [online registration portal, Eleyo](#) to submit an after-school program registration contract request. Enrollment can be requested for all grade levels.
- Once a contract request has been submitted, it will be reviewed by the after-school director. Submitting a contract request does not guarantee enrollment into a program. Acceptance into an after-school program is determined by the number of slots available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon approval of your contract request, you will be notified via email. Sites will notify any parent who is on the waitlist by Friday, May 10.



School Safety

- Secure building with controlled access (single point of entry)
- Trained school police officer on campus
- Regular safety drills throughout the school year
- Safety procedures for student drop-off and pick-up (Curbsmart)



Parent Involvement

- PTA
- **Volunteers are appreciated! Please check with your child's teacher or PTA for Volunteer opportunities.**
- **Visitors must have appointments and must sign in at the front office when arriving on campus.**



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School Nurse- Nurse Linda Nickle

- The nurse may administer medication with written permission from the doctor (Physician Authorization Form).
- Prescription medication must be accurately labeled with name, correct dosage, and stored in the original container.





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- Your child's teacher will contact you on August 8.
- "Meet the Teacher" will be held on August 9 from 9am-11am. This is your opportunity to see the classroom, tour the campus, and meet your child's teacher.
- Kindergarten Staggered Start- Students will begin on August 12, 13, or 14. Your child's teacher will give you the start date. All students attend on August 15.





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Thank you for attending!

- Please sign up for a K assessment slot before you leave if you have not already done so.
- We look forward to meeting your child and working with your family at Sunset Palms Elementary!

Welcome Sea Turtles!

