

# Welcome to our TK/JK/Kindergarten Orientation and Workshop



Peachland Elementary

August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30

Principal: Mrs. Stenroos

Assistant Principal: Ms. Morrow

# Overview of Orientation

- Introductions
- About Peachland
- Expectations
- Schedule
- Logistics
- PTA



# About Peachland

- Neighborhood School
  - Beautiful campus
- Diverse Student Body
  - We celebrate our students' backgrounds, culture, languages
  - We build students' academic and social-emotional growth
- Skilled Staff
  - Highly trained and dedicated teachers and support staff
- Involved Community
  - Active and supportive PTA



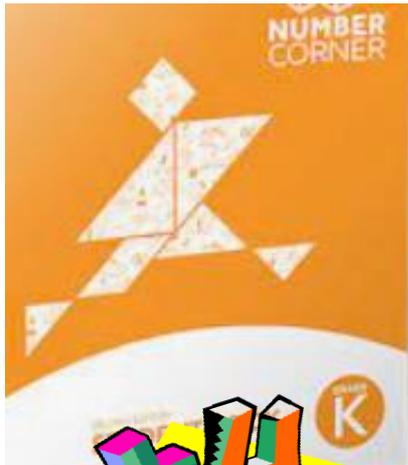
# Expectations for Incoming TK/JK and K students

- Varied background experiences & academic readiness
- Natural curiosity and love of learning
- Assessments are done throughout the school year
- Students are met based on their academic and social emotional needs

# English Language Arts (ELA)

- What students will learn and/or have exposure to:
  - Letter names and sounds
  - Sight words- Rainbow Words
  - Rhyming (**make and take**)
  - Academic vocabulary
  - Asking & answering questions
  - Academic discourse
  - Articulate thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly
  - Elements of a story/exposure to literature
  - Give an opinion and elaborate





# Math

- What students will learn and/or have exposure to:
  - Counting to 100
  - Comparing quantities with numbers up to 20
  - Understanding addition/subtraction
  - Compose and decompose numbers (1-10) (**make and take**)
  - Solving Add/subtract word problems up to 10



# Programs offered at PL



- Music- every other week
- Science Lab- every other week
- Computer Time
  - 2:1 ratio for technology
- Physical Education (PE)
  - Send appropriate shoes everyday



# How can I prepare my child for school?

- Read with your child every day
- Talk about EVERYTHING you see!
- Practice writing name
- Write about your family adventures (make and take)
- Counting items around the house
- Discuss color names & shapes
- Discuss names of letters
- Have your child speak in complete sentences
- You are the best model for your child
- Reading at home checklist (make and take)

# Incoming Kinder Assessment

- There are no summer assessment for TK or JK
- Testing is used only for grouping purposes
- No stress- we do not expect them to know everything
- Assessments Dates
  - Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Assessments given by K teachers
  - Approximately 15-20 minutes
  - Teacher testing is not necessarily the teacher for the school year

# Classroom details...

- Class size up to 26:1 with support for intervention
- TK/JK/Kinder Day
  - 7:45- 1:35 M- Th
  - 7:45 – 11:50 Fridays (min day)



# Pick and Drop Off

- **Arrival and Dismissal**

- Drop off options: valet, park and drop off, bus, BlueSky
- NO left turn into the school
  - Please do not block driveways or make u-turns in the driveway
- Pick up options: valet, park and pick up, bus
- Parking for pick up- Park on Peachland Ave or neighboring street, pick up child at school sign in front of school
- Friday pick up- dismissal for entire school- come early!

- **Buses**

- Transportation is available to our East Newhall families- times will be published in the newspaper or families can call the school the week before school starts.
  - Students will not be released from the bus without an adult to greet them
  - Bus applications are in first day packet
  - Important to know which bus stop on first day (Pine & Market or Pine & 5<sup>th</sup>)



# Absences / Tardies

- Absence Procedures
  - When to keep kids home/when to send them
  - Absence Letters
  - Tardies: **School starts at 7:45 am**
- Current contact information
  - Emergency contacts- keep updated info
    - Phone numbers and emails

# Communication

- When to contact office:
  - Report absences
  - Update information
  - Questions/Concerns
  - Change in dismissal- Call or send note early in the day
- Community Outreach - Mrs. Embleton
- When to communicate with teacher?
  - Whenever you have a question or concern!
  - Teachers will let you know best method of communication they use.



# Health Concerns



- Allergies, meds, etc
  - When you need a doctor's note
- Restrooms
  - Children need to be independent
    - Buckles, zippers, flushing, hand washing
  - Bathrooms are available throughout the day
  - Tie shoes, double knot laces, Velcro
- Please bring a change of clothes with your student in their backpack everyday, just in case. Accidents do happen.



# What to bring?

- Backpacks should be manageable size and need to fit in cubbies. – No rolling backpacks
- Lunch- students have 40 minutes to eat and play
  - Bring lunch or buy hot lunch from cafeteria
    - Healthy –PBJ, fruit, water, juice or milk
  - Bring a snack –small healthy snacks for recess
    - Protein/fruit- string cheese and apple slices; yogurt and strawberries
- Please no toys from home
- Label EVERYTHING 😊



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Days: Separation Anxiety

- Demonstrate **confidence** that the child will have a positive experience at school and on the bus
- Remind your child about when and where you will be meeting him at the **end of the day**.



# 1<sup>st</sup> days: Arriving at School

- Give yourself plenty of time- don't be rushed
- Prepare outfit and supplies the night before
- You are welcome to come on campus with your child on Thursday and Friday
  - Say goodbye at the door
  - After 1<sup>st</sup> week, parents will be asked to drop off at the gate.



# Volunteers are important to our program

- Wait until child feels comfortable being independent prior to helping in the classroom
- All volunteers must sign in at the office
  - LobbyGuard (must have ID)
- Involvement Opportunities
  - ELAC
  - PBIS
  - Site Council – elections every Spring
  - PTA



# PTA Announcements

- President: Mrs. Ninet Castro
- Vice President: Mrs. Mazza
  - Membership
  - Events
  - Programs funded by PTA



Thank you for coming!

