



# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

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Patterson Kindergarten  
Mrs. Weidenbach  
2022-2023

# PATTERSON INFORMATION

## School Information

### Principal

Ms. Sarah Stephens  
Patterson Elementary  
7520 S. Adora Blvd.  
Gilbert, AZ 85298

Student Hours: 8:40 A.M. – 3:10 P.M.

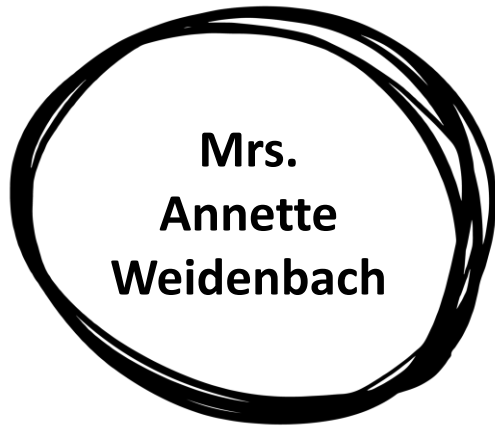
Attendance line: (480) 224-3603 (call for absences)

**\*\*Please let your teacher know by email also.\*\***

**Absences & Tardies:** If your child is going to be absent, please call the school at (480) 224-3600. If your child comes to school late, you must take them to the office for a tardy slip. We ask that you help your child get to school on time because instruction will start right away. School hours are from 8:40-3:10

\*Make-up Work – If your child is absent, they can get their missed work the following day or you can pick it up from the front office. If they will be out for several days, contact your child's teacher to request work.

# MEET YOUR TEACHER



## CONTACT ME

Room A1  
(480) 224-3631  
weidenbach.annette@cusd80.com

## MY EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University. I received my Master's Degree from Grand Canyon University in Curriculum and Instruction.

## ABOUT ME

This is my 23rd year teaching! I am married to my college sweetheart for 27 years, and we have 3 beautiful daughters together.

# MEET YOUR TEACHER





# BREAKFAST

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Breakfast is served each morning for \$2 if your child chooses to go to the cafeteria. Please remind your child to go to the cafeteria before they come to the classroom. We do not go as a class. It is best to arrive at 8:15, so your child has enough time to eat.

# LUNCH

Lunch is offered each day for \$3 or your child may bring their lunch from home. Please use a lunch box, as bags usually rip. Lunches from home will NOT be refrigerated at school. Please make sure your child is able to easily open and close all containers independently.

# WATER BOTTLES

Students need to have a water bottle at school each day. Please make sure your child's name is on it. If you put ice in your child's water bottle or the water is frozen, please put the bottle in a holder or slip a sock under it so that the condensation does not leak. Water bottles with straws are the best, as they don't spill as easily if tipped over. Only plain water is allowed in water bottles, no flavored water, juice, energy drinks, milk, etc. please. Students should have a separate drink packed in their sack lunch.

# BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate each student's birthday in class. If you would like to send something to share with the class, a goodie bag is the best choice. Any food in the goodie bag needs to be pre-packaged and store bought. If you are unsure about an item, please contact your teacher. Please NO CUPCAKES, DONUTS OR CAKE. We highly encourage alternatives to foods, like treat bags, special pencils, or party favors. If your child has a summer birthday or a birthday during the weeks that we are not in session, please contact your teacher to set up a day to celebrate.

You may either send in the birthday treats with your child in the morning or drop it off at the office before noon. Unfortunately, parents are not invited to our birthday celebrations to help ensure as little as possible learning time is missed.

Many parents have asked that we pass out party invitations and/or thank you notes to students in class. Please use our classroom directory as a resource to contact other parents to coordinate birthday parties, play dates, etc.

# MORNING PROCEDURES

- BUS...Kinder students ride same bus as rest of the school. Arrangements must be made with CUSD Transportation.
- KIDS EXPRESS...If your child is registered through CUSD Community Education, you may drop off between 6:30 AM and 8:15 AM. Their staff will bring your child to our classroom at 8:15.
- PARENT DROP OFF (Students should be dropped off between 8:15 & 8:35)
  - Car Line – You stay in your vehicle and drop your child off through the car drop-off line behind the school. Staff will be there to assist.
  - Students walking to school will enter at the gates in the front of the school. Staff will be there to meet them and guide them in the correct direction to their classroom.

\*\*On the first day of school ONLY, you will be allowed to walk your child to our classroom to drop them off in the morning. Feel free to come in and take pictures, etc. In the cafeteria, there will be a PTO sponsored, "Boo Hoo" Breakfast for parents after you drop off your child in their classroom.

# AFTERNOON PROCEDURES

- BUS....Staff will make sure your child gets on the correct bus.
- KIDS EXPRESS...Staff will make sure your child gets to KE and you can pick up until 6:30.

- PARENT PICK UP

-Car Line – During car pick up, please pull up as far as you can. Please do not get out of your car to open doors or to buckle your child. This helps us keep the line moving as quickly as possible. Also, teach your child what color/type of car you drive, so they can help us spot you more quickly.

-Walk with Parent – The gate by the bike rack will open at 3:00 for kinder parents only. Please be prompt or your child will be taken back inside at 3:05.

-Walk with Sibling– If your kinder is walking with an older sibling, the sibling will come to our hallway after school to pick them up.

\*\*\*Please remember to contact the school/teacher if there is ANY change to your daily routine of how your child leaves school. We ask that you begin the school year (day one) with the transportation plan you intend to use so that children may establish a routine as soon as possible. Kindergarteners need to know and practice their schedule to avoid unwarranted anxiety about where to go.\*\*\*



# Star of the Week

For one week this year, each kinder will get to be the star student. Throughout their week as star student there will be special activities to celebrate your child. Information will be sent home when it is your child's turn to be star student.

## SNACKS

Your kinder will be asked to bring a healthy snack each day. Snacks should be nutritional (high in fiber and/or protein and low in sugar) to help the children through the afternoon, since we have an early lunch time. Snack ideas: fruit (bananas, apples, clementines), vegetables (carrots, snap peas), granola bars, pretzels, goldfish crackers, cheese crackers, raisins, popcorn, dry cereal, yogurt, cheese.

Please do not send in: fruit snacks, candy, chips, cookies, junk food, etc.

Due to allergies, diet preferences and cleanliness, food may not be shared by students.

# Grading Policy

Kindergarten Grading Scale – MS – 80-100%  
P – 70-79%  
AC – 69% and below

- **Infinite Campus**

All grades can be viewed on Infinite Campus. Register for the parent portal at <http://www.cusd80.com/Domain/5058>. You will have the opportunity to print progress reports and report cards through Infinite Campus as you wish.

- **Tests** - There will not be retakes on assignments or tests. There will be many grades given in each subject area, so one low grade will not affect their overall score.
- **50% or below** – If your child scores below a 50%, they will still be given a score of 50%. This helps make sure they don't fall behind to the point where they can't improve their grade.

*Make  
-THE-  
Grade*

# CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

No significant learning  
occurs without a  
significant

*relationship*

- Dr. James Comer

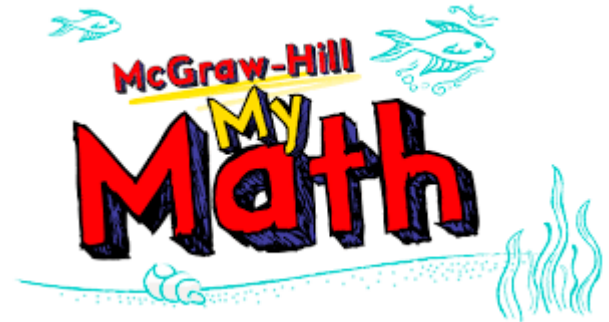
# CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

- Conscious Discipline approach
- Misbehavior is an opportunity to teach expectations
- Building a school/class family
- Logical consequences/retribution
- Notes/Emails home
- Morning Meetings
  - Classroom Commitments
  - Wish You Well
  - Morning News
  - Second Step Lessons



# MATH

- Common Core Math Standards
- Math Curriculum
  - Recognize and write numbers 0-20
  - Compose and Decompose numbers to 20
  - Count to 120 by 1's and 10's
  - Count forward from a given number
  - Recognize and create shapes
  - Recognize groups that are greater than, less than and equal
  - Sort, make patterns, analyze, and classify
  - Interpret and solve addition and subtraction word problems within 10
    - *Text Used: McGraw-Hill – My Math and teacher supplements*



# LANGUAGE ARTS

## Phonics – Into Reading & Foundations

- 26 letters of the alphabet, digraphs, consonant blends
- Word and sentence dictation
- Handwriting
- Unit Assessments



## Phonemic awareness – Heggerty

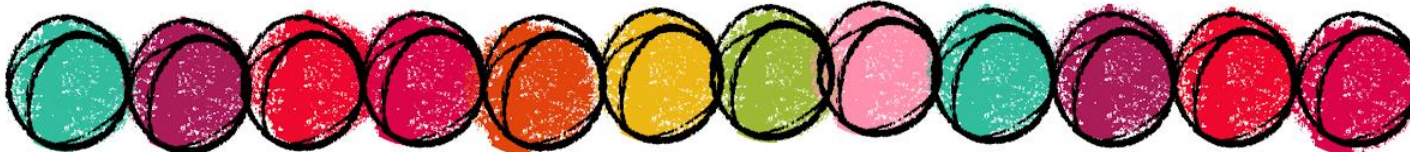
- Rhyming, blending, segmenting, adding and deleting phonemes

## Reading & Grammar – Into Reading & Foundations

- Reading Comprehension (setting, characters, plot, retelling, predictions)
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Grammar

## Writing – Write From the Beginning, Into Reading, & Spalding

- Thinking maps
- Create opinion, narrative, and informative writing
- Handwriting Assessments



# SPECIALS

Students have 6-day rotation schedule of specials.

Students must wear tennis shoes on P.E. days.

P.E.



library



music

Day 1: Technology

Day 2: PE

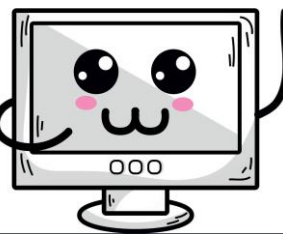
Day 3: Music

Day 4: Media (library)

Day 5: PE

Day 6: Music

technology



# HOMWORK INFO.

- Your child will be assigned homework Monday-Thursday.
  - Packets will be sent home each Monday and is due Friday
  - Homework will start August 8.
- Homework will always be review work and will correlate with the grade level objectives.
- Your job is to monitor the comprehension of the homework. Accuracy along with neatness are prime indicators of excellent homework. *High expectations at home will reinforce the same standards at school.* Quality is more important than quantity. If you have any issues with homework, please let me know. This should not be a stressor!
- Please keep your child's homework in their binder so we can check progress each day.
- Homework time each night is about 10-20 "on task" minutes, in addition to 15 minutes of reading.







# COMMUNICATION INFO.

\*Weekly Classroom Newsletters\* - emailed on Fridays.

\*Patterson Newsletters\* - from office

\*Infinite Campus - access to grades anytime\*

\*Parent/Teacher Conferences – August 24-25 &  
February 15-16\*

# Important Info:

## Dresses, Skirts, & Flip Flops

When your child wears a dress or a skirt, please have them wear shorts underneath. They sit on the floor with their legs crossed. We strongly encourage you to have your kinder wear shoes that adhere to the back of their feet. When kinders wear flip flops, they often trip in line and at recess.

## Extra Clothes

Please put an extra set of clothing in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. This will remain in your child's backpack in the event your child has a bathroom or spilling accident. Even if they do not have issues at home, please ensure there are always clothes in their backpack—this is a new environment and accidents/spills happen!

# Important Info:

\*To reinforce the safety of the kids, please do not drop off your student before 8:15.

\*MONEY!!!! - Please put ALL money that is sent to school in an envelope LABELED with your child's name and what the money is for. The envelope should be put in the plastic sleeve of your child's homework folder. If possible, a check is usually better than cash for the larger purchases like lunch money, school pictures, etc.

\*If your child is going to go home with another student, please email me. EX: "I give Susie Smith permission to pick up my son, Bobby Blue from school on August 5." If someone else is going to pick up your child, please make sure they are on the Emergency Contact Form with the office, so they are authorized to take your child.

\*Try to have students bring their own projects, snacks, etc. with them in the morning vs. sending them to the office later.

\*All toys, games, etc. should be kept at home. Backpacks and folders should be emptied each night and ready for the school items the next day.

# KINDERGARTEN FUN

Class Parties  
Field Trips

100<sup>TH</sup> DAY

Team  
work

FAMILY PROJECTS

ABC

Countdown

Field Day

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Kindergarten Graduation

STEM Projects

Book

Fairs

Kindergarten Clubs

# Field Trips

Each grade level organizes fieldtrips to enrich students' education.

Past experiences have included:

- The Wild Thing Bus
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp
  - Phoenix Zoo
- Skateland (STEM projects)
- American Heritage Festival/We Make History
  - Grand Canyon
- Sonoran Desert Museum
  - Phoenix Symphony
  - Herberger Theater
- AZ Natural History Museum
  - AZ Science Museum



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# YOUR TAX CREDIT DOLLARS AT WORK WHERE DO THE DONATIONS GO?

Tax Credit Donations go directly to Patterson and provide our students with many great opportunities for enrichment

These are just a few ways your donations make a difference in your child's education:

- Field trips For Every Grade: Art, Science and History Museums, Phoenix Zoo, Odysea Aquarium, Sonora Desert Museum, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp and many others. Each fieldtrip is based on state learning standards that coincide with current classroom lessons
- Assemblies : The Be Kind Crew in July and January
- Character Education
- Clubs: Chorus, Running Club, Spirit Line, Kindness Club, Coding Club, Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee and more!

Thank you for helping to make Patterson an AMAZING place to learn and grow.

Donations can be made through the CUSD website or your Infinite Campus "Fee Payment" link

Please feel free to call the office if you have questions: 480-224-3607

Arizona law ARS 43-1089.01 enables taxpayers a tax credit contribution of up to \$400.00 per calendar year if filing status is Married, filing Joint Return; \$200.00 per calendar year if filing status is Single or Head of Household; and, \$200.00 per calendar year if filing status is Married filing separate return — for contributions that fund extracurricular activities in public schools. A tax credit is a full refund, not a deduction.

# Patterson Elementary School

## "Pay it Forward"

At Patterson we are so proud of our Pay It Forward campaign! Our students and staff work together by grade level throughout the year on a community service project that they choose.

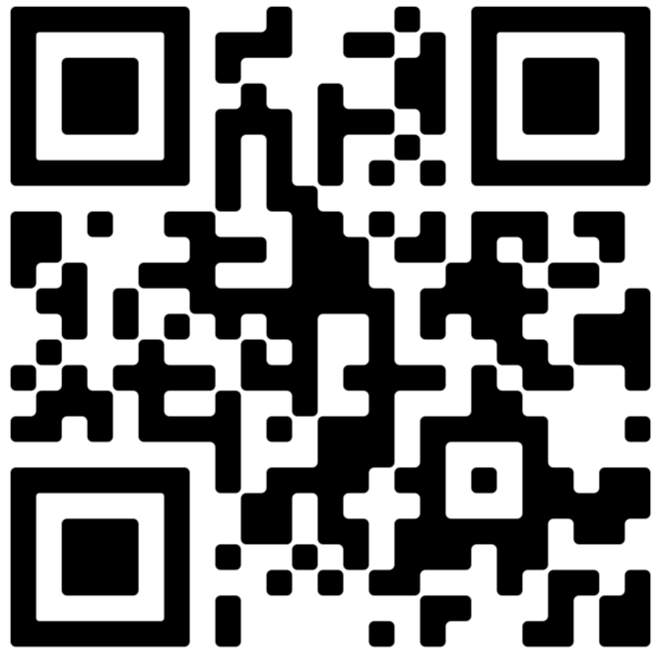
Students not only learn the value of helping others, they also experience the tremendous benefit of positive teamwork. Our staff models these values through their own Pay It Forward projects as well!

Service projects in past years include:

- ◇ Kindergarten: Collect stuffed animals for first responders to give to children in crisis.
- ◇ 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Animal Shelter Assistance
- ◇ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Thank you letters for Fire Fighters
- ◇ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Letters to Veterans
- ◇ 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Hygiene packs for people in need
- ◇ 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Patterson Snowflake Giving Tree – Chandler Care Center
- ◇ 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Feed My Starving Children field trip
- ◇ Student Council: Donation to the American Service Animal Society, Pennies for Patients.
- ◇ School Wide: Crayola Color Cycle, Chandler Education Foundation, American Cancer Society
- ◇ Staff: Cereal drive and holiday food drive for Chandler Care Center.



# Join Our Social Media!



SCAN ME



# Parent Teacher Organization PTO

Volunteer Opportunity – Copy Room Training – August

Sweet Treat Days – buy card in August - \$18 for 6 treats

Papa John's Discount - PATTERSON40

Fry's Rewards

# Mrs. Weidenbach's Supplies Wish List

These are the things I *hope* your child will have the first day of school.



3 packs of 24  
Crayola crayons



1 pack of BLACK  
dry erase markers



1 pencil box



12 Elmer's brand  
glue sticks



1 inch view binder  
(plastic sleeve on front)



1 box of tissue  
(boys)



1 package of baby wipes  
(girls)



1 box of Crayola  
Markers



Child scissors



1 box of  
Crayola  
Twistable  
Colored  
Pencils



1 pair of wired headphones  
(in a bag or container)

**\*\*If you have any questions, please email me!\*\***  
[Weidenbach.Annette@cusd80.com](mailto:Weidenbach.Annette@cusd80.com)

**Welcome to our  
Patterson  
Family!**



**We will have a  
great year  
together!**

Questions?

# MEET THE TEACHER TASKS

- Find your desk! (Please leave your child's nametag here at school.)
- Look through the papers on the desk.
- Fill out all the forms in the packet and return them to the designated piles on the table. Make sure to fill out both sides of the yellow form!
- Enjoy visiting with Mrs. Weidenbach and the other parents and students. Feel free to ask questions and look around the room!
- Make sure Mrs. Weidenbach **takes your picture** before you leave!
- If your child is Car Line Pick-Up, please take one of the packets on the table.
- If you can donate extra supplies to our classroom, please take an apple or two from the **Giving Tree** on the easel!
- Visit the multi-purpose room, library and tech lab to get information about bus routes, clubs, PTO, Kids Express, etc. You can also put \$ in your child's lunch account.
- I will be checking my email this weekend. If you think of a question, feel free to email me. 😊

Welcome to my class!