



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Hi Kindergarten families!

Welcome to kindergarten at Porter Ranch Community School! Here are a few things you will need to know as your child's first day of kindergarten quickly approaches:

We have **interviews for the incoming kindergartners on August 7th and August 8th**. This serves a few purposes: it gives the children an opportunity to meet other kindergartners and play with them, while providing the kindergarten teachers a chance to observe how students interact with their peers. The teachers also assess basic skills that each child possesses as they enter kindergarten. Please make sure to sign up for an interview time as soon as you register your child in the main office.

There is an **orientation for incoming kindergartners and their parents on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 3:00p.m.** This will take place in the PRCS Multipurpose Room (MPR). The principal, Mrs. Melvin, will speak to the families and then announce your child's teacher. You will then follow your child and his/her teacher to their classroom for a brief meeting. The teacher will explain some basic information, such as where your child will line up for class the following day and what he/she should bring.

The **first day of school is Tuesday, August 14th**. For this first day of school ONLY, kindergarten will begin at **9:00a.m.** For the first day, you are invited into the classroom for a read-aloud activity. Then it is time to let your kindergartner go enjoy his/her day and you are invited to the MPR for "Boo-hoo Breakfast" and a kindergarten-focused presentation by Mrs. White, our school coordinator and former PRCS kindergarten teacher.

There are only a few supplies your child will need to bring to kindergarten. Instead of asking everyone to shop for a list of supplies, the kindergarten teachers will be collecting \$20 from each parent and they will shop for all the necessary classroom supplies. Some of these items include: pencil boxes, folders, pencils, erasers, crayons, scissors, etc. All your child needs to bring is a **backpack** big enough to fit a folder (no rolling backpacks please), a **lunchbox** with his/her name on it, and a **spill-proof water bottle** with his/her name on it. Please be prepared to give your child's teacher the \$20 by Friday, August 17th.

Please be sure to check our website, www.gopracs.org, for upcoming **summer playdates** for the incoming kindergarten students. Enrolled families will be notified via email by our kindergarten parent chair, Anola Blumberg.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you,

The PRCS Kindergarten Team