

# Welcome to SPS

## A Place to Learn and Grow

SPS is an A+ School of  
Excellence

and

A Kind Kids Campus in  
conjunction with Ben's  
Bells

At SPS, our mission is to develop all students into becoming life long, self-directed learners, problem solvers, and effective communicators. We are committed to developing students into goal-setters and quality producers.



# Kindergarten Registration

- Go to [susd30.us](http://susd30.us)
- Click on New Student Registration
- Click on Create Account
- Complete all information
- Upload required documentation
  - *Birth Certificate*
  - *Proof of Address (utility bill, lease agreement or mortgage )*
  - *Updated Immunization Records*
  - *Custody Documentation*
  - *Parent/Guardian Picture ID*
- Click **SUBMIT**

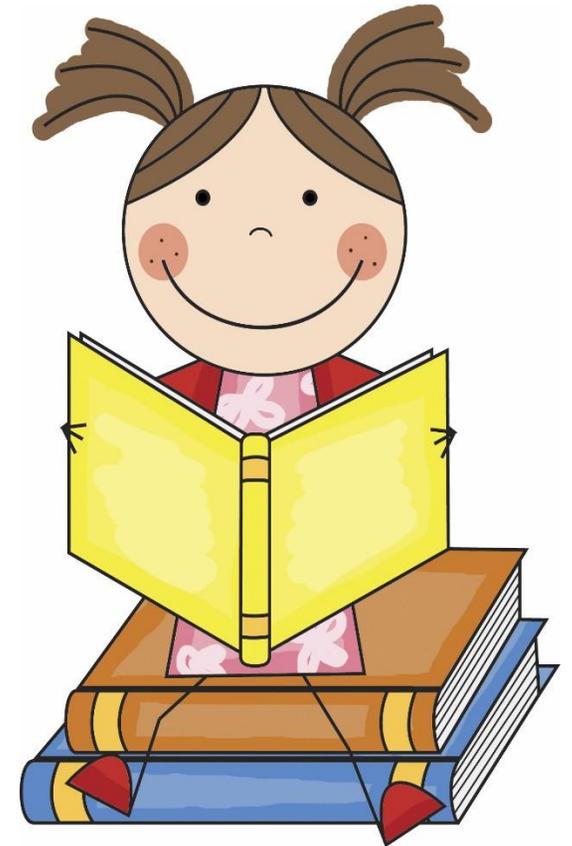
\*Families who have already registered or can't upload documents can email them to [jacqueline.felix@sahuarita.net](mailto:jacqueline.felix@sahuarita.net) , mail, or bring them in to the front office (once we reopen).

**PLEASE ENROLL YOUR STUDENTS PRIOR TO MAY 2020 TO AVOID DELAYS IN CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS.**



# Curriculum

- Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards
  - Encompasses the skills and knowledge that every Arizona kindergartener should acquire.
  - SPS kindergarten curriculum is based on these standards.
- Beyond Textbooks
  - Adopted in 2014
  - Provides a consistent curriculum map across the entire district
  - Includes all essential standards
  - Provides support resources for planning and instruction
  - Balanced literacy approach including phonemic and phonetic instruction, pre-reading and decoding skills
  - Dolch Sight Word list



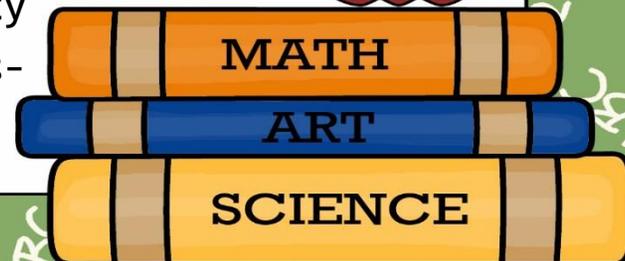
# Math and More!

## • Math Curriculum

- Beyond Textbooks and AZCCRS used together to plan the scope and sequence of math instruction.
- Hands-on math is emphasized in the classroom using a variety of manipulatives and interactive experiences.

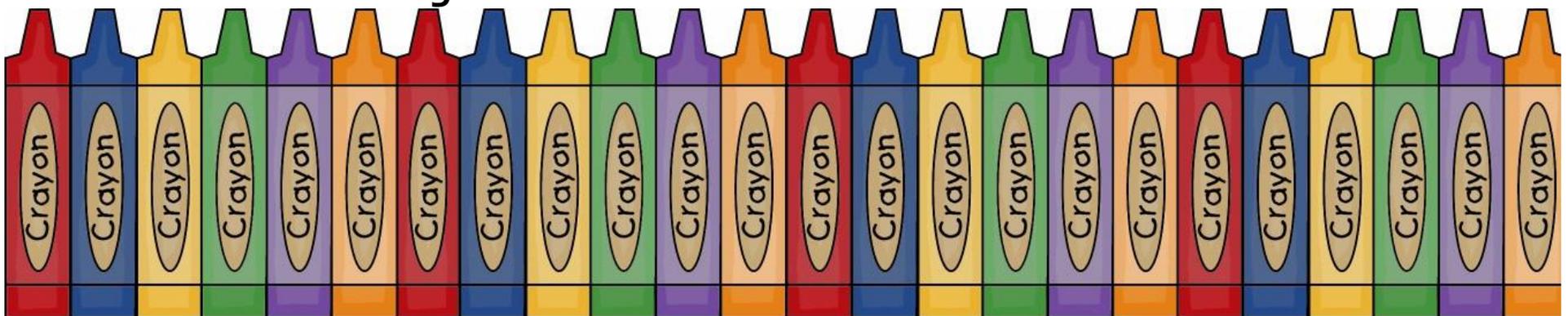
## • Social Studies/Science

- Topics and skills are designated by the AZCCRS
- Science and social studies are often integrated into literacy instruction and include hands-on experiments and projects



# What does a typical day in Kindergarten include?

- Calendar Routines
- Read alouds
- Songs
- Literacy instruction and centers
- Math instruction and centers
- Journal writing
- Snack
- Recess
- Specials
- Lunch
- Theme based learning to include science and social studies curriculum



# Getting to School

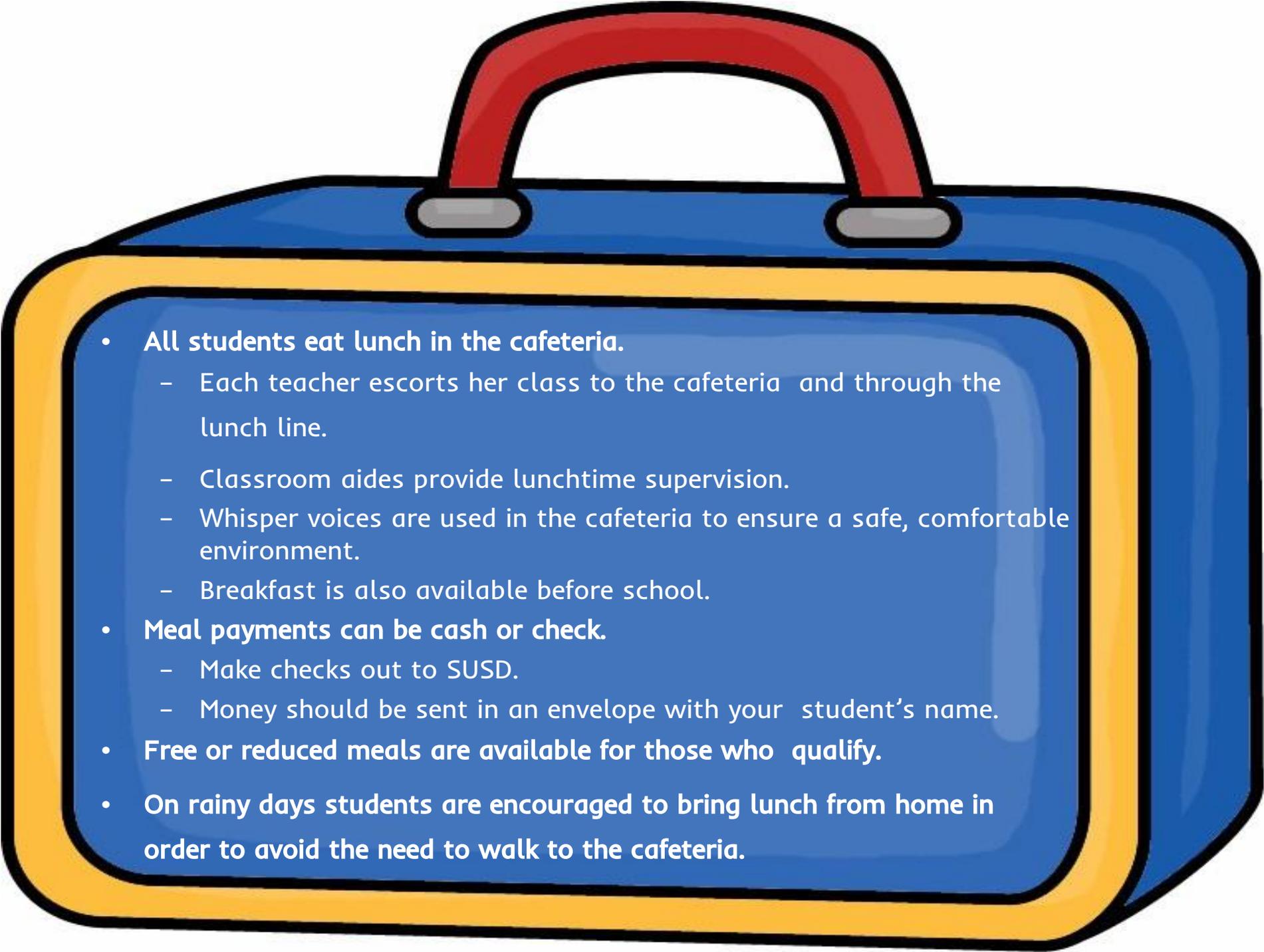
## Riding the bus

- Routes are published during the summer
- Contact transportation to verify your student's route

## Coming to school in a vehicle

- Drive through drop-off happens in the East parking lot near the playgrounds
- If you choose to park and walk your student to the playground you must use the West parking lot across from Fry's. There is no student drop off in the West parking lot.



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- **All students eat lunch in the cafeteria.**
    - Each teacher escorts her class to the cafeteria and through the lunch line.
    - Classroom aides provide lunchtime supervision.
    - Whisper voices are used in the cafeteria to ensure a safe, comfortable environment.
    - Breakfast is also available before school.
  - **Meal payments can be cash or check.**
    - Make checks out to SUSD.
    - Money should be sent in an envelope with your student's name.
  - **Free or reduced meals are available for those who qualify.**
  - **On rainy days students are encouraged to bring lunch from home in order to avoid the need to walk to the cafeteria.**

# Teacher Tip

Adjusting to eating in the cafeteria is a big step for new kindergarten students.

It is our recommendation that students bring a lunch from home for the first few days of school.

Having familiar food from home made by mom or dad can help ease the transition and ensure that your student has enough time to eat.



# Recess

Unstructured play is an important part of a kindergartener's physical and social development.

Recess times are scheduled:  
before school,  
after lunch,  
and one other time  
during the day

Classroom aides  
and staff  
provide playground  
supervision.



# Snack Time

- Daily snack time in all classrooms
- Snacks are provided through parent donations (Thank you!!!)
- Snacks must be healthy
  - Cereal, fruit, carrot sticks, low-fat crackers, cheese sticks, raisins, only 100% fruit juice, graham crackers, goldfish, pretzels, light popcorn, store bought muffins, etc.
- We cannot serve
  - Any homemade items, juice flavored drinks (Capri-Sun), cookies, Pop Tarts, candy, etc.
  - Please alert the classroom teacher to any food allergies that your student has.



# Getting Home

- If your student rides the bus home he/she must be met by an adult at the bus stop.
- Parent Pick-Up
  - In the gym
  - Must provide a picture identification
  - Prepare for a long wait in the first few weeks
  - Anyone picking up your student must be listed on the registration form
- Transportation changes cannot be made by email or phone
- Changes must be in writing
- As a school we require a set schedule for how your student will get home each day.



# Communication

- E-mail

- The quickest way to get in touch with your teacher
- We check our e-mail daily and respond as time allows
- Please remember transportation changes cannot be made through e-mail

- Phone

- Teachers will provide their extension during the first weeks of school
- During the day our phones go directly to voice mail
- Phone calls are usually replied to after school hours
- For immediate assistance please contact the front office at 625-3502 ext. 1100

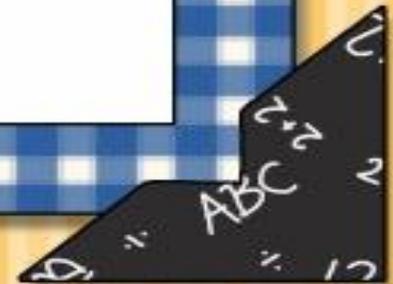


# Conferences



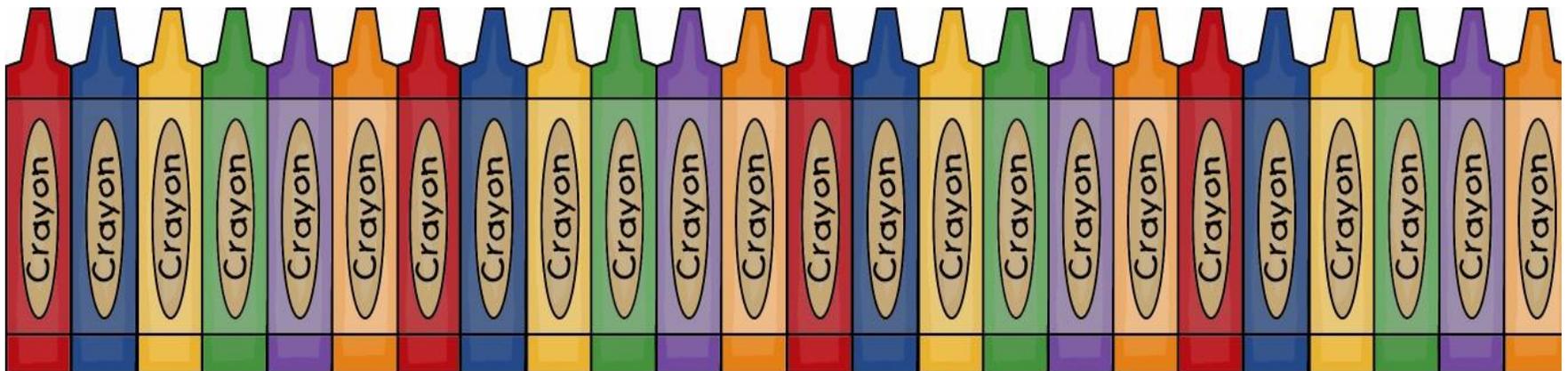
- Our school year is divided into 4 quarters.
- Your student will receive a report card for each quarter.

- Conferences are held twice a year
- Great opportunity to talk one on one with your child's teacher about his/her progress.



# Volunteers

- We love classroom volunteers!
- Opportunities to volunteer vary by classroom.
- If a volunteer is a non-custodial parent/guardian (aunt, uncle, grandma, etc.) they will need to obtain a fingerprint clearance card and be approved by the school board prior to volunteering in the classroom.
- Volunteers may be needed for special events, daily centers, work with small groups, special projects and more.
- To volunteer you will need to fill out a volunteer form that will be provided at Parent Night in August. All applications need to be notarized. Ms. Esme ,in the front office, is our Notary Public.
- Most classroom teachers prefer the volunteering begins after the first few weeks of school.





# Supplies and Dress Code

- A short list of school supplies was included in your registration packet.
- Most classrooms have community supplies.
- Out-of-dress-code Fridays - \$1 or 10 Box Tops
- Our school follows a dress code:
  - Students may wear the following solid color shirts:
    - White, blue, grey, tan, red, or any approved Owl Spirit wear
    - Shirts must be free of decoration/logo
    - Shirts must have sleeves and a collar
  - Students may wear the following solid color shorts, skirts, or pants
    - Must be plain/solid white, gray, tan, or navy blue.
    - Students may wear plain blue jeans (no embroidery, decoration, etc)



# Teacher Tip

Stock up on school supplies during July when they are on sale! You will save a lot of money!

Uniforms can be difficult to find later in the year. Buy a few that are one size bigger for the second half of the year.

If your child does not know how to tie his/her shoes start the year with Velcro or slip on shoes. Practice shoe tying over the summer.



# Restroom Etiquette

- Equip your child to be as independent as possible with fastening/unfastening clothing, using the toilet/urinal, wiping and washing hands.
- Respecting others is important – close and lock stall doors; unlock the door when finished. Never crawl under a locked stall door.
- Wash hands after using the restroom – water/soap/scrub well and rinse. Used paper towels go in the trash.
- Appropriate behavior is expected when going to and from the restroom and while using the facility.



# Attendance

- Being at school and on time every day is essential to your child's progress in school.
- If your child is more than 5 minutes late you will need to check him/her in at the office.
- After 7:30 the East gates are locked and you will need to park in the West lot to accompany your student to the office for his/her tardy slip.



# Ready to Learn

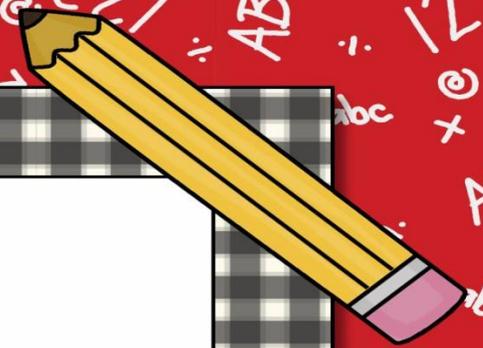
Getting enough sleep

Eating breakfast

Coming to school on time

Bringing your backpack everyday!

We recommend practicing this routine several days before the first day of school!



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School



- Parents are encouraged to see their children off on the first day whether at the bus stop, or classroom. After a few minutes in the classroom, the teacher will invite all the parents to say goodbye.

- Remember to be positive, supportive, and brave 😊

- We promise that your child will be given lots of hugs and encouragement throughout the day!



Last, but CERTAINLY not  
least,  
we want to welcome you and  
your child to  
Sahuarita Primary School!

Your SPS  
Kindergarten  
Team!





Thank you for coming!

There is also a Q&A table  
in the gym for answering  
any more child-specific  
questions you may have.