



**2019-2020**



# **Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Orientation**

Welcome parents, family, and friends!



**Tonight's meeting is the first of many that will take place as your student**

# Meet our Staff

**Principal** Eric Scharer

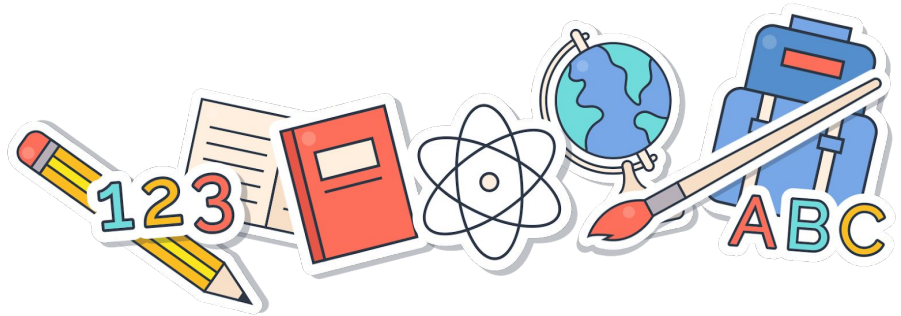
**Administrative Assistant** Heidi Golab

**Office Clerk** Sue Ahmadian

**Health Aide** Michele Testa

**Child Care Director** Gloria Lewis

**District Nurse** Patricia Murray



# Our Kindergarten Team

**Name** Helen Kamali

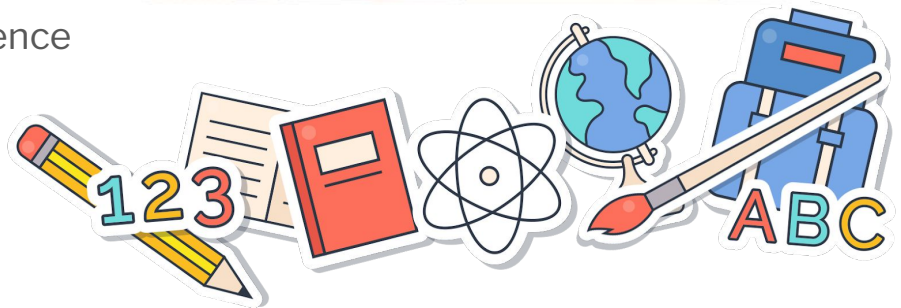
**Name** Alyssa Starr

**Name** Jackie Knudson

**Name** Brandon Baza

The teachers are all fully-credentialed, CLAD certified instructors with MANY years of experience between them!

They plan together formally and coordinate all elements of the curriculum.



# Kindergarten Curriculum

## California State Standards

- Cover a variety of content areas
- Incorporate
  - Communication
  - Collaboration
  - Critical Thinking
  - Creativity



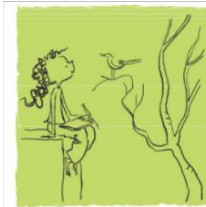
### Communication

Sharing thoughts, questions, ideas, and solutions



### Collaboration

Working together to reach a goal — putting talent, expertise, and smarts to work



### Critical Thinking

Looking at problems in a new way, linking learning across subjects & disciplines



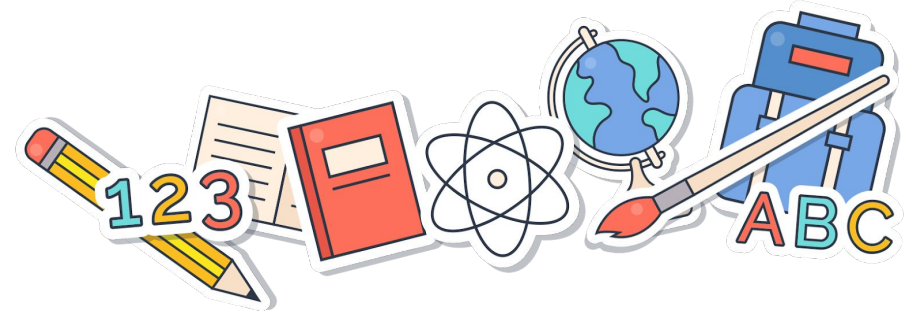
### Creativity

Trying new approaches to get things done equals innovation & invention

## Social-Emotional Learning

- Project Cornerstone
- Positive Behavior Support

## STEAM Integration





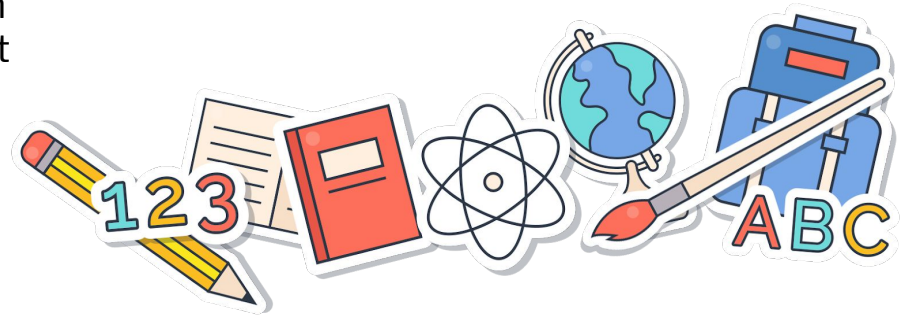
# What to Expect in Kindergarten

AM/PM allows for two teachers in the room, for part of the day, working with differentiated groups.

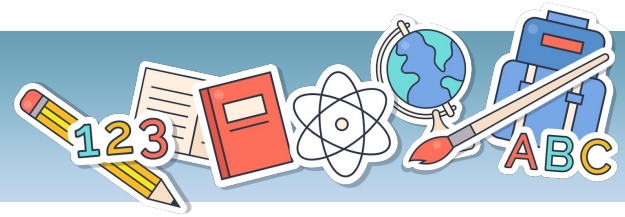
Small-group instruction meets the varying needs of our students in all subject areas.

**Example:**

one group might be working on writing sentences in their journals, while another group might initially just draw pictures.



# Kindergarten Highlights



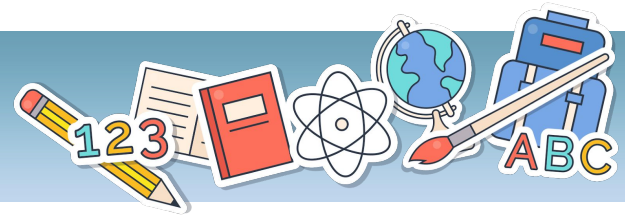
Morning session runs from **8:05 to 11:25**

Afternoon session runs from **11:30 to 2:50**

Literacy stations, science and math centers,  
collaborative play, whole-class instruction

**“Wacky Wednesdays”** - All kindergarten students come together to participate in a variety of structured activities including library, STEAM, music/art, physical education, games...

# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



**Having your child come to kindergarten able to do the following things will give them a great start to the school year.**

Identify color names

Recognize numbers to 10

Identify letter names

Draw a picture of him/herself

Listen & follow simple directions

Cut with scissors

Recognize and write his/her name

Work and play cooperatively

Correctly hold a pencil or crayon

Verbalize feelings when frustrated





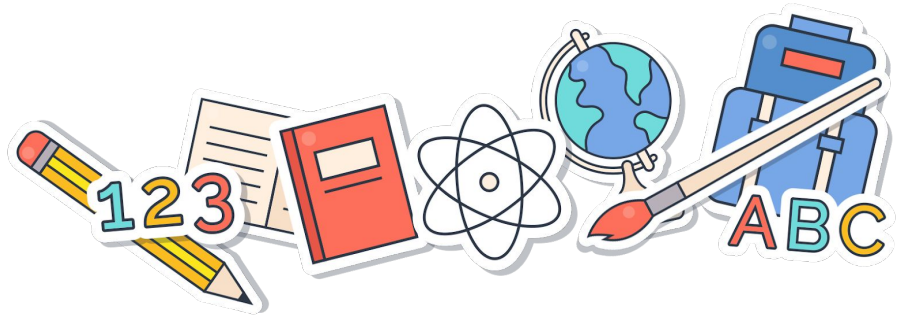
# Who is eligible?

In order to begin Kindergarten, your child

**must turn five years of age on or before September 1, 2019.**

In order to begin Transitional Kindergarten, your child

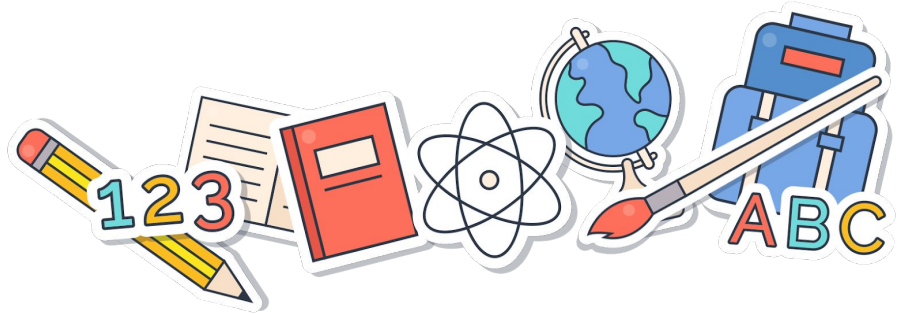
**must turn five years of age on September 2 through December 2, 2019.**



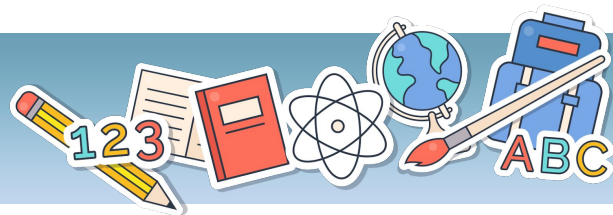
# How do I register?

Union School District has **online registration**.

- Online Registration begins February 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
- The link for online registration will be posted on the district and school websites.
- If you do not have computer access, you may use the online system at the school site beginning on February 1, 2019 after 10:00 AM.



# Registration Directions: Part 1 and 2



Both **Parts 1 and 2 MUST be completed** prior to a student being considered in a USD school.

## Part 1

Completely fill out all of the online registration.

## Part 2

You must bring in required paperwork to your home school.

Bring **Three (3) Proofs of Residency** to our school office before your registration will be finalized and accepted.

**Verification of Age** is needed to complete registration. You must have child's birth certificate, certified birth record, valid passport or baptismal certificate. (Originals; no copies may be submitted.)

**Immunization Record** (Originals; no copies may be submitted.)

# Proofs of Residency

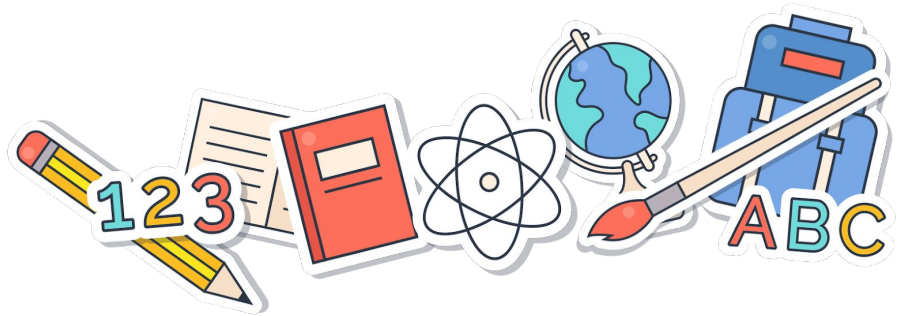
All students must have three (3) documents as proof of residence.

## One (1) of the following:

- Property ownership papers (grant, title deed, tax bill)
- Rent/Lease agreement

## Two (2) of the following:

- Current or recent bank statement
- Current utility bill (water, PG&E)
- Government business document
- Auto insurance bill/car registration



# Health Services & Requirements

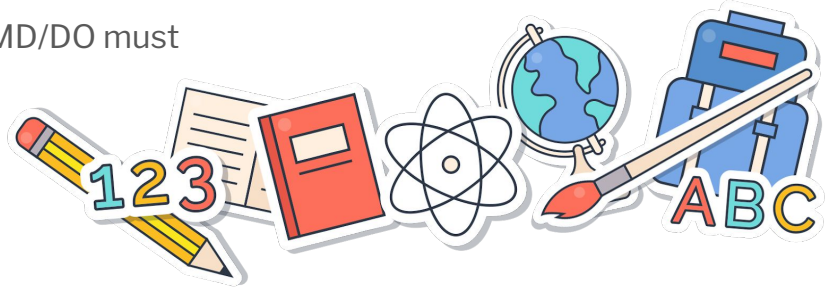
**District Nurses** Lisa Schirle, Pat Murray, Kris Suzuki

**School Health Aide** Michele Testa

## Kindergarten Immunization/Health Requirements

- **5 DTaP** (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- **4 OPV** (Oral polio vaccine)
- **3 Hepatitis B**
- **2 MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella - both on or after 1st birthday)
- **2 Varicella** (Chicken Pox)
- A **TB Test or Risk Assessment Survey** from a California MD/DO must be submitted prior to school attendance
- Physical exam within 18 months of entrance to 1st grade

Visit [www.shotsforschools.org](http://www.shotsforschools.org)  
for complete information.





# Immunization Requirements

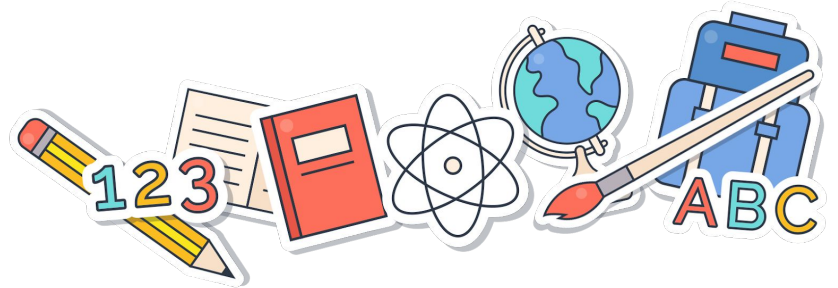
## As of January 1, 2016

- Parents or guardians of students in any school will no longer be allowed to submit an immunization exemption to a currently-required vaccine based on personal or religious beliefs.
- The only exception to the law is a medical exemption, whereby a parent or guardian may submit a written, signed statement from a licensed California MD or DO physician. The physical condition or medical circumstance for the exemption **must be specified**.
- If there is any reason your child is delayed in the immunization process, the district nurse will be notified to review on a case by case basis.

# Intra-District Transfer (within the district)

**If you are thinking of having your child attend a school other than your home school—**

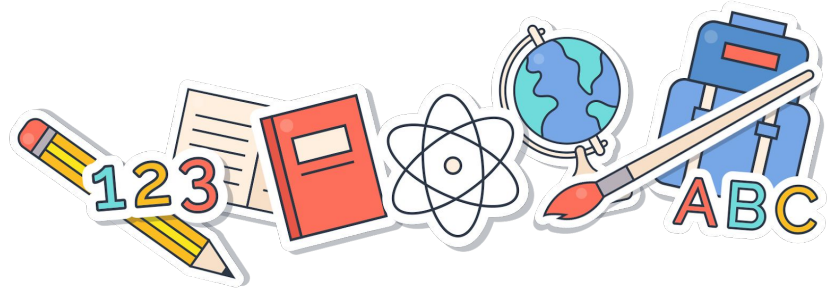
- Register at your home school **first**
- Request an *INTRA-district transfer form* from the District Office
- Return the Intra-district application to the District Office before March 1
- You will be notified in *late August* if space is available in the school you have requested



# Inter-District Transfer (outside of USD)

## Contact your home district and request an inter-district transfer.

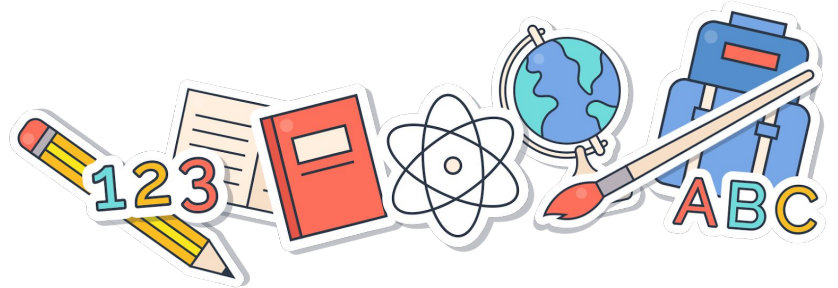
- Until that request is approved by the home district, no other action can occur.
- Once approved by the home district, you may then apply to attend one of our district schools.
- Parents will be notified in August if their application was approved.  
Please note that an inter-district transfer provides you with a placement in Union School District but may or may not be at the particular school that you request.



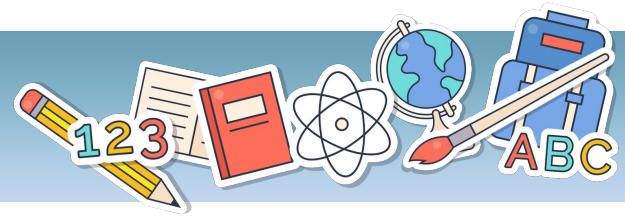
# Childcare Information: Name of Childcare Provider

**Childcare Director** Gloria Lewis    **Phone Number** (408)-821-5015

- Can accommodate either AM/PM class placement
- Provides extended learning program for kinder and before/after school for K-5



# Common Questions



## Do you offer tours of the school/classroom?

We offer four tours in the spring for parents who have completed registration.

## Do you accept requests for AM (or PM) placement?

We **do not** accept requests for placement in AM. We **do** accept requests for placement in PM.

Due to the high number of registrations and the need often to reconfigure classes at the last moment, coupled with our commitment to balancing classes, we will accept request for placement in PM only.

We do not change AM/PM placement to accommodate outside activities or programs, so please wait before scheduling.

## When will I know my child's AM/ PM placement?

The week prior to the start of school.





**Thank you for coming!**

Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding your child's registration.