



San Diego Unified School District

HEARST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear prospective Kindergarten parent:

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions:

Kindergarten readiness

The only requirement for entering kindergarten in California is that the student is at least 5 years old by December 2, 2008. As in all public schools, our students are not required to know their letters and numbers before entering kindergarten. Our Kindergarten teachers are most interested in the student having listening skills, respecting the property of others, following directions, and being able to care for their own needs and their belongings. We will have a Kindergarten Orientation in February (please see our website www.sandi.net/hearst for more information as it becomes available)

School hours

Warning bell rings at 7:45 am, and the tardy bell rings at 7:50 am

Dismissal at 2:15 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri; dismissal at 12:15 pm Wed

Physical Education

Run/walk program daily 7:30-7:45 am (optional) on lower field

Scheduled PE class with PE coach at least 60 minutes weekly

Scheduled morning exercise Tuesday mornings at 7:50am

Additional physical education time with classroom teacher

Kindergarten snack/lunch/recess

Snack/recess: Daily midmorning break on the kindergarten playground with 15 minutes for eating and 15 minutes for playing.

Lunch/recess: Students play first on the kindergarten playground, and then have lunch in the lunch arbor for the remainder of the 40minute break. Grade levels are staggered (the kindergarteners are not eating at the same time as the 5th graders!).

Dress code

Closed toe shoes, no spaghetti straps, no bare midriffs (see Parent Opening Handbook for details-on website)

Safety at Dismissal time

Students are held in their classrooms until they are turned over to their responsible adult.

Supplies

The school supplies instructional materials for all students. Each classroom has a wish list for parents. Please supply a child sized backpack (large enough for an 8 ½ “x 11” folder). Please **do not** purchase a rolling backpack for your child.