

Union Street Charter Welcome to Kindergarten!



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Kindergarten Language Arts

- **Daily Instruction & Practice**
- **Alphabet, Pre-reading, Beginning Reading
Addressing Wide Developmental Range**
- **Emphasize Phonics & "Whole Language"**
 - ▮ **Literacy Footprints**
 - ▮ **Handwriting without Tears program**
 - ▮ **Storytelling, literature units**
 - ▮ **K-5 writing includes Lucy Calkins methodology**

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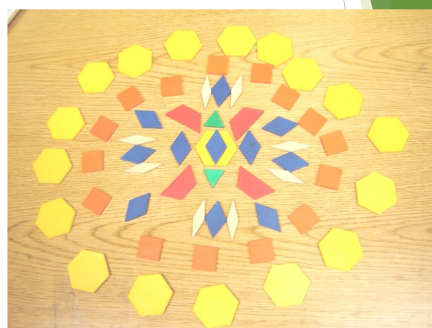
Kindergarten Science

- **Kindergarten Science Units**
 - ▮ Water
 - ▮ Earthworms
 - ▮ Seeds & Germination
 - ▮ Earth Science - The Globe
- **Kindergarten Science Explorations**
 - ▮ Properties of Objects
 - ▮ Change
 - ▮ Distinguishing Reality from Fantasy³

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Kindergarten Math:

- Introduction to Addition and Subtraction
- Counting, Identifying, Writing, and Manipulating Numbers to 20
- Estimation & Using Math Materials
- Geometry & Patterns



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Kindergarten Social Studies

- ▶ Introduction to maps and map keys
- ▶ Exploration of social groups
 - ▶ Family
 - ▶ Neighborhoods
 - ▶ Workers
 - ▶ School
 - ▶ Other topics generated by students and teacher



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Kindergarten Physical Ed.

- ▶ Cooperative & competitive games
- ▶ Ball skills & jump rope
- ▶ Agility and motor skill development
- ▶ Movement and dance throughout the curriculum



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Typical Kindergarten Day

- ▶ 8:30 -9:55 Circle, Choice Time, Language Arts
(Art on T & Th)
- ▶ 9:55 -10:15 Snack and K, 1, 2 Recess
- ▶ 10:15 -11:05 Math, P.E.
- ▶ 11:05 – 11:15 Morning Recess
- ▶ 11:15 – 12:15 Science, Social Studies, Projects
(Spanish on M & F Music on T & Th)
- ▶ 12:15 -12:30 Lunch
- ▶ 12:30 -1:00 Recess or finish eating
- ▶ 1:00 -1:45 Story time & Story making
- ▶ 1:45 - 2:00 Recess or go home
- ▶ 2:00 - 3:00 K after school
- ▶ 3:10 - 5:30 After School All Grades

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Kindergarten Drama

- ▶ Drama Activities & Puppetry
- ▶ Dramatic Storytelling
- ▶ Kindergarten Play in May



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Kindergarten Field Trips

- ▶ Kindergarten Day Trip in Fall
- ▶ Center Arts, Library, Trinidad Marine Lab, Arcata Marsh, Community Center Playground, Beach, Fire Station, Community Garden
- ▶ Other Local Places of Interest
- ▶ Camping in June

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Kindergarten Behavior

- ▶ Ability to sit still and listen for 10 - 15 min.
- ▶ Develop ability to follow directions and respond to school expectations.
- ▶ Developing ability to resolve conflict verbally; no hitting, no biting.
- ▶ Develop confidence away from family.
- ▶ Interest in peers and peer interaction.
- ▶ We have a positive classroom climate!

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Kindergarten Entry Age

- ▶ Students must be 5 years old on or by September 1st to enter Union Street Kindergarten.
- ▶ Arcata Elementary School offers transitional kindergarten for children that turn 5 between September 2 and April 2 in 2023-24. This is the district option for T.K.
- ▶ Is your child ready for Kindergarten? Talk with your preschool teacher(s), Jenny or Rea.

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Immunization Requirements

- ▶ Required Immunizations must be current prior to school attendance.
- ▶ Immunization records must be provided to the school prior to school attendance.
- ▶ For more information on immunization law and required immunizations visit www.shotsforschool.org or see handout.

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For more information:



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