

Welcome to Kindergarten!

*Welcome students and parents! My name is Mrs. Matosich (Mrs. Robin), and I am your child's kindergarten teacher. It is my privilege to play such an important role in the life and education of your loved one. I look forward to a year full of learning, fun, and blessings from God.
Let's get started...*



Orientation
August 20, 2020
Room 111

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school, Monday, August 24, 2020. Please arrive no later than 8:00a.m. and go directly to the double glass doors at the front of the gym. As we begin the new year parents will say good-bye to their child at the class doors and will not enter into the building.

COVID-19 Safety Arrival and Departure:

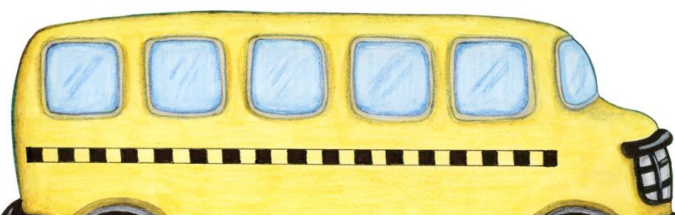
- Student drop off time will begin at 7:30.
- Temperature checks and COVID-19 symptom screening will take place before a student gets out of the vehicle by two staff members.
- **K-6 students will enter and exit at the designated westside parking lot of campus (back of pier). Parents this where you will drive by or park.**
- Kindergarten parents may be permitted to accompany their student to the classroom. Parents will be expected to wear proper face covering, receive a temperature check, and screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival by an OVCA staff member.

Your child will have an assigned seat with plexiglass dividers and their work area will be sanitized throughout the day.

We will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. Kindergarteners will be dismissed from the classroom. Please come to the double glass doors and wait patiently and I will dismiss your child to you. This may take a while for the first couple of weeks. I ask that you please be patient while I learn which students go with which parents and who goes to Patriot Care. If your children will be going to Patriot Care, please discuss this with them in advance; please let them know that you will pick them up there.

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

7:55 a.m.	Restroom break
8:00 a.m.	Class begins If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., please check in at the office
10:00 a.m.	Restroom break
10:40 a.m.	Recess
11:05 a.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Recess
1:25 p.m.	Restroom break
2:35 p.m.	Dismissal
2:45 p.m.	Students are dismissed to Patriot Care.



ARRIVAL Beginning on the second day of school, you may drop your child off at the classrooms for temperature check and hand sanitizing.

RESTROOM BREAK To help with efficiency at the restroom, the students are not allowed to talk in the restroom. The students must be able to use the facilities and wash their hands INDEPENDENTLY. Please avoid dressing your child in pants he cannot button or in dresses with zippers she cannot reach.

FOLDERS AND PLANNERS

Folders



Please make it a habit to check your child's folder everyday. I will label the left side of his folder for papers that you will "KEEP AT HOME." The right side will be labeled "HOMEWORK."

Planners

These are our greatest communication tools! Kindergarteners are encouraged to follow the classroom rules to enhance a safe and productive learning environment. If the student's behavior is affecting the learning environment or causing a problem in the classroom, there may be a loss of privileges and lowered conduct grade. As a way of monitoring behavior, we use a color chart. I will mark their behavior in their planner daily.

The following is a code to our color chart.

Green - I had a great day today!

Yellow - I received a warning today.

Orange - I continued making poor choices even after being warned.

Red - I behaved carelessly today. I can do better tomorrow!

Students will be rewarded for their good behavior and work with classroom awards, special jobs, etc. Likewise, consequences for making poor choices are not uniform. Consequences will be a logical and appropriate response to the situation.

Encourage your child to do his best every day. Understand that just like us, all students have good and bad days. Reassure them that they can start over tomorrow with a different choice in mind. Please sign your initials next to the marking in the planner. Feel free to write any notes or questions you may have.

LUNCH TIME We will be having lunch every day. **During this time all students will need to bring their lunch with them** because the cafeteria will not be serving food until the elementary grades 1st thru 6th are back on campus.

****SNACKS** Please send 2 - 3 healthy snacks with your child everyday in addition to their lunch.



HOMEWORK Homework will be assigned Tuesdays and Thursdays unless notified otherwise. The assignment will be due the following morning and must be initialed by a parent in the upper right hand corner of every worksheet. Homework assignments will be similar in fashion to classwork so the students will be able to complete them **on their own**. Assignments should take no longer than 5-10 minutes. All homework must be completed in pencil. Coloring must be done in crayons or colored pencils.

Writing in
pencil,
coloring with
crayons /
colored
pencils only!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES We love to celebrate birthdays! As the time of your child's birthday arrives, please let me know when you would like to celebrate here at school. You may send in with your child a small individually wrapped healthy snack for each child.

*If you are hosting a birthday party for your child at your home, you may pass out invitations *only if you are inviting the entire class*. If you are not inviting every student, you should send them out on your own.

COMMERCIAL FOOD POLICY

To insure the safety of our students all food items brought on campus for the intention of distribution and consumption among students (parties and class events) must be commercially purchased or prepared in a commercial approved facility as mandated through the Health Department of San Diego. We are committed to providing a safe consumable product that can be free from labeled food allergens. Examples of approved food products include baked goods either prepackaged commercially or prepared at a grocer or bakery and other products which are commercially bagged or packaged for sale and intended for consumption. Due to insects, pesticides, and fertilizer, fruit must also be purchased from a grocer or retail location and grown with the intended purpose of consumption. School lunches provided at OVCA will be produced in an approved kitchen with known vendors as their purveyors. Student lunches that are brought onto campus do not follow these guidelines and are intended for the sole consumption of the student. For the safety of our students we do not allow foods to be shared.

PATRIOT CARE Enrollment in this program affords you unlimited access to before school care, after school care...or both! Our hours will benefit many families: 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. The before school program will provide a light breakfast and a relaxing environment. The afternoon program features a time for homework as well as plenty of outdoor (or indoor) play! Please stop by the office for information and to enroll in this beneficial program today!



PARENT WEB Parent Web is the product we will be using to communicate with parents about the progress of their students. You can reach the Parent Web website by going to ovcapatriots.com and clicking on the link. Parent and student passwords will be distributed at orientation. Please check this website daily for communication with teachers, homework assignments, calendar updates, and other exciting events. If you have any questions, please call the school office, and we will be happy to assist you.

HELP CLASS Help Class will be offered after school and by invitation only. I will notify you if your student needs extra attention in either reading or arithmetic. Help

Class takes place between 2:45-3:15 p.m. If you feel your child needs help class and I have not sent you a note about attending, please contact me with your concerns.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns you may have about your student. My goal is to work as a team with you, the parents, to give your child the most successful academic experience they can have. You may reach me at 619.424.7875 or

rmatosich@ovcapatriots.com

This is going to be a wonderful year, and I look forward to working with each student and parent!

*Thank you,
Mrs. Matosich*

