



Kindergarten Counts

River Grove Elementary

RIVER GROVE

ELEMENTARY @ UPLANDS

With our recently passed bond, we are excited to build a brand new school on the River Grove campus. We will be at the Uplands campus for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 school years. Uplands is located at 2055 Wembley Park Road in Lake Oswego.



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Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

River Grove Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) website: rivergrovepto.org



LO Schools Foundation

Foundation Video: <https://youtu.be/ecG4EKZwzm4>



What is Kindergarten all about?

- Learning to learn
- Building skills of independence
- Learning to be respectful
- Learning to take turns
- Learning to be kind
- Learning to work cooperatively
- Learning to be safe
- Learning to make good choices
- Learning to be responsible
- Learning when to listen
- Learning when to be a speaker
- Learning how to follow directions
- Learning to problem solve

A typical day in Kindergarten

- Arrival
- Morning Meeting (Social Emotional Learning time, calendar, story time, math skills)
- Whole group language/literacy
- Phonemic awareness
- Snack
- Letters and sounds
- The writing process
- Small reading groups
- Recess (30 minutes)
- Lunch
- Math
- Recess (15 minutes)
- Social Studies/Science/Health
- Dismissal (bus, parent pick-up, etc.)

Getting ready for Kindergarten

- Practice independent skills such as:
 - Tying shoes - If you are going to buy your shoes with laces, please make sure they can tie them on their own (or velcro and/or plastic elastic laces work well).
 - Putting on a sweatshirt and zipping up a coat, knowing how to pull sleeves out when they are inside out
 - Buttoning buttons
 - Opening lunch containers/snack packages
 - Opening/closing backpack
 - Practice with school supplies (especially holding a pencil, using scissors and glue sticks)
 - Writing and recognizing their name
 - Say and recognize letters
 - Cover/cough, blow/wipe nose, use bathroom independently
 - How to blow nose independently
 - Rhyming, letters, numbers (counting to 20), colors, and shapes
 - Read to your child daily
 - Cleaning up after yourself
- For more information on Kindergarten, please visit the District's Kindergarten website at <https://www.losdschools.org/domain/63>

Champions Extended Care

Champions is providing before and after-school programming for our River Grove students this school year at Uplands. For a closer look into the Champions experience, [click here](#) for a virtual tour of the program. Families may register for Champions now - [enroll here](#).

For additional information, click here: [Champions Extended Care](#)



Key Dates

Neighborhood School Kindergarten Registration

- January 18: Kinder Counts, Online Registration Opens
- April 28: Registration Deadline for Neighborhood School Kindergarten Lottery
- May 3: Kindergarten Lottery
- May 5: Lottery Notification

Spanish & Mandarin Chinese Immersion Kindergarten at Palisades World Language School

- Wednesday, January 25: Parent Information Night at Palisades
 - Mandarin Chinese Immersion Information, 6:00 p.m.
 - Spanish Immersion Information, 7:00 p.m.
- March 10: Registration Deadline for Spanish & Mandarin Chinese Immersion Kindergarten Lottery
- March 15: Spanish & Mandarin Chinese Immersion Lottery
- March 17: Lottery Notification

[*Register for Kindergarten prior to April 28, 2023 \(click here for more information\)](#)

Kindergarten Transition (Summer)

The updated [Kindergarten Transition Program Flyer](#) is now on the district website. Registration is live for families of incoming kindergartners to sign up through Community School for this four-day summer program (August 7-10). Instructions are on the flyer.

Dates: August 7-10, Monday - Thursday (\$80 fee)

Block 1: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Block 2: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Block 3: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

30-minute Parent Meetings at Drop-Off: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

- August 7: Meet the Principal
- August 8: Meet the PTO/PTA
- August 9: Before/After School Care with Champions
- August 10: Lake Oswego Schools Foundation, Transportation

Thank You!

We look forward to partnering with you to provide your child with an excellent school experience! *Be on the lookout (via email) for more information about how the school year will begin - it will be a “soft start” (more information to come).*

