

# Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation at Peterson Elementary

Welcome families & caregivers!

## Agenda

- Community Builder
- Norms
- Vision & Mission
- Kindergarten at Peterson

- Methods of Communication
- Q&A







What is bringing you joy today? What is filling your cup?





- Save questions until the end of the presentation.
- Ask questions that pertain to the whole community
- Equity of voice



# Our Vision & Mission

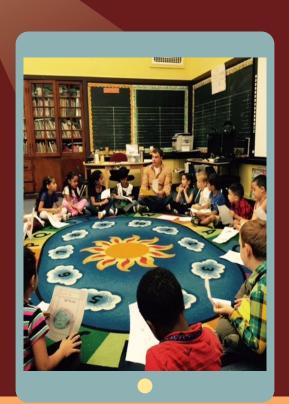


Peterson Elementary's comprehensive STEAM program and social and emotional education provides an integrated approach to learning. We differentiate support to a diverse body of learners academically, emotionally, and socially, seeing students as current changemakers and future leaders in their community.

# Kindergarten at Peterson

Experience Life as a Kindergartener





#### A Day in the Life

Connections Literacy (Daily 5) Writing Recess and Lunch Music and Movement Math Encore Science Second Step (Social Emotional Learning)

#### Encore Classes

- 2 Physical Education Teachers
- 1 Music Teacher
- 1 Dance Teacher
- 1STEM Teacher
- 1 Visual ArtsTeacher





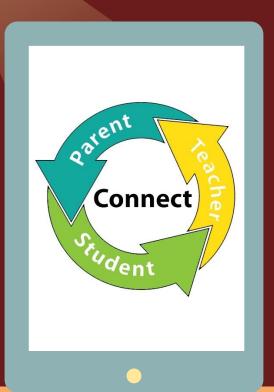


#### Social Emotional Learning

- Whole School Emotional and Social Learning Time
- Connections (PK to 4)
- Use of Second Step K-5
- Counselors: Conflict Resolution and Positive Relationship Building
- Classroom Lessons
- Small Groups
- Conflict Resolution
- Social Skills
- Individual Sessions K-8







#### Other Supports:

- ESL Certified Educators
- 13 Special Education
   Teachers
- 12 Paraprofessionals
- K-3 Resource
- Technology
- Diverse Staff
  - Spanish
  - Arabic
  - o Urdu
  - o Italian

Get Ready for Kindergarten





#### Ready for Kindergarten

Write first name	Practice phone number	Practice address	Recite birthday
Identify patterns	Identify colors	Practice scissor skills	Identify some shapes
Practice writing letters	Match uppercase to lowercase letters	Identify lowercase letters	Identify uppercase letters
Count to 20	Rhyme familiar words	Practice writing numbers to 10	Count objects
Read a book with mom or dad	Use comparative (big/small) words	Identify position/ direction concepts	Put 3-4 pictures together to tell a story

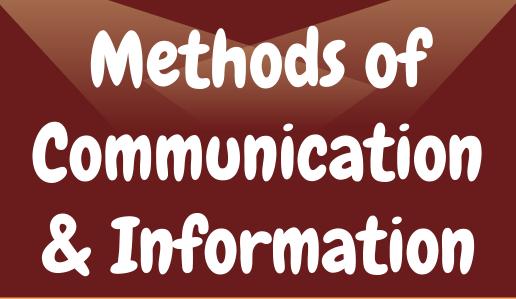


#### Helpful Resources

 How to Get Your Child Ready for the First Day of Kindergarten

Illinois Early Learning Project Resources

 Conquering Kindergarten Toolkit Created by the University of Pennsylvania



"Education is like a baseball game: it needs all its players: parent, teacher, community and student,"

~ OSD Superintendent Brian Harvey.



#### Methods of Communication/Information

Online

Parent Groups

Peterson.cps.edu

Community Google Calendar

Weekly Newsletter

Local School Council (LSC)
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
Friends of Peterson (FoP)





### **Upcoming Important Dates**

Enrollment During the Summer

- Saturday, June 2, 8AM-12PM
- Please check the Peterson Website & Community Calendar for additional dates

First day of school for 2023-2024 School Year: August 21st







