



# Welcome to TK/K Parent Information Night



# Meet Our Presenters

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# Tonight's Agenda

1. What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?
2. TK Program Overview
3. Additional TK Information
4. Kindergarten Program Overview
5. Club Oak Park



# Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- Bridge between preschool and Kindergarten
- Under California's Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) legislation, TK allows access to public school for all four-year-olds
  - Formerly known as "Discovery Kindergarten (DK)" in OPUSD
- Provides a 2-year Kindergarten program for all students
  - Four-year-olds attend TK
  - Five-year-olds attend K





# Who is eligible to attend TK?

Students who turn 4 on or before September 1, 2023.



# TK Program Overview

- 4 hours/day
- Developmentally appropriate materials and curriculum
- Taught by experienced, credentialed teachers
- 12:1 student-teacher ratio (1 teacher, 1 instructional aide)
- Elementary counselor and positive behavior support
- Collaboration and articulation between OPUSD preschool and TK teachers



# TK focuses on...

- Students feeling safe and happy in a school environment
- Fostering a love of learning
- Play-based learning
- Learning-to-learn skills:
  - Routines and expectations
  - Cueing to teacher
  - Following directions
  - Making connections
  - Problem solving





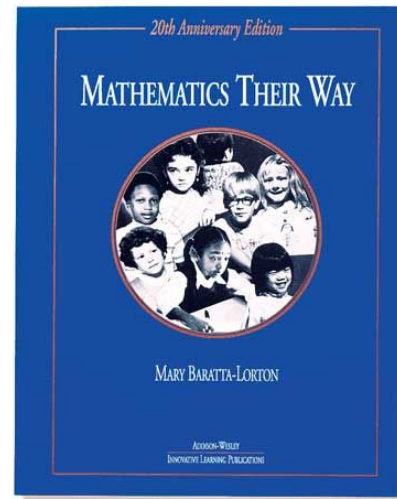
# Play-based Learning

Play is an important vehicle for developing self-regulation, as well as for promoting language, cognition, and social competence.



# Early Academic Learning

- Language development
- Pre-literacy
  - Letters and sounds, concepts of print, vocabulary, etc.
- Pre-math
  - Counting, graphing, number ID, 1:1 correspondence, etc.
- Pre-writing
  - Holding a pencil, drawing, coloring, etc.
- Social Studies
- Science



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# Social/Emotional/Behavioral Learning

- How to identify and manage emotions
- How to build relationships, share common interests, and learn from and celebrate differences
- How to work cooperatively
- Conflict resolution
- Self-advocacy

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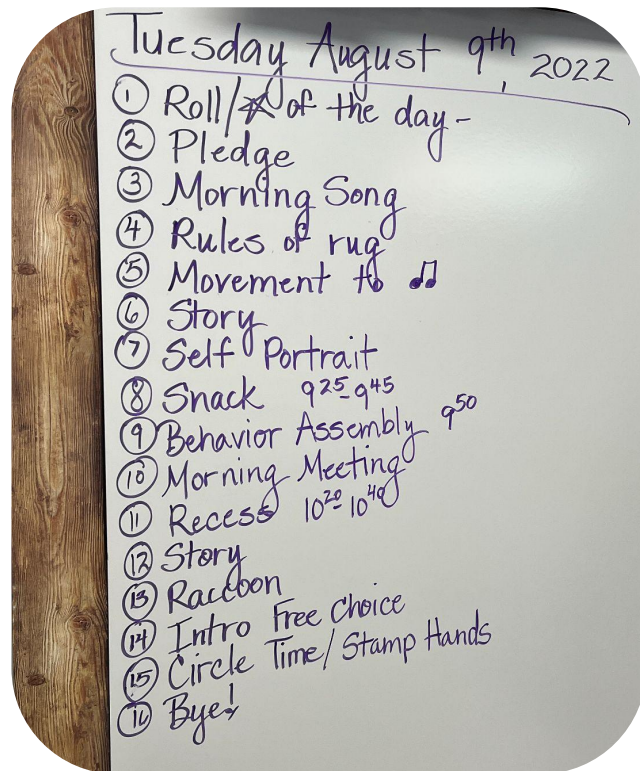
# Enrichment Activities

- Dramatic Play
- Physical Education
- "Specials," such as:
  - Art
  - Library
  - Music
  - Gardening
  - Innovation Lab
- Field Trips



# Sample TK Schedule

8:15 AM -  
12:15 PM



# Additional TK Information

- Toileting
- Naps
- Lunch/snacks
- Updates/progress
- Assessments
- Supports







# Kindergarten



# Who is eligible to attend Kindergarten?

Students who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2023.



# K Program Overview

- 5 hours/day
- Developmentally appropriate materials and curriculum
- Taught by experienced, credentialed teachers
- Common Core State Standards (ELA, Math) & Next Generation Science Standards
- Elementary counselor and behavior specialists support
- Collaboration and articulation between OPUSD TK and K teachers



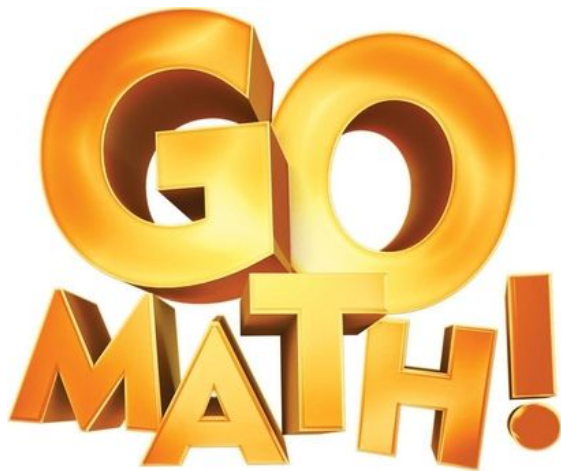


# K focuses on...

- Feeling safe and happy in a school environment
- Fostering a love of learning
- Play-based learning
- Academic content
  - [Readers and Writers Workshop](#)
  - Mathematical practices
  - Thinking like a scientist
  - Hands-on, active learning

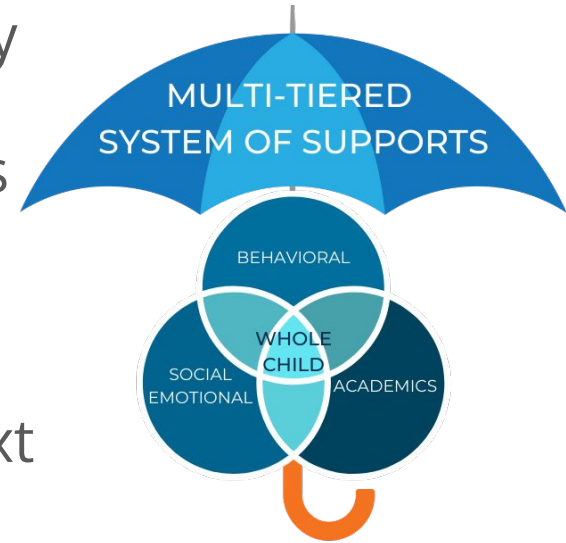


# K Curriculum



# Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

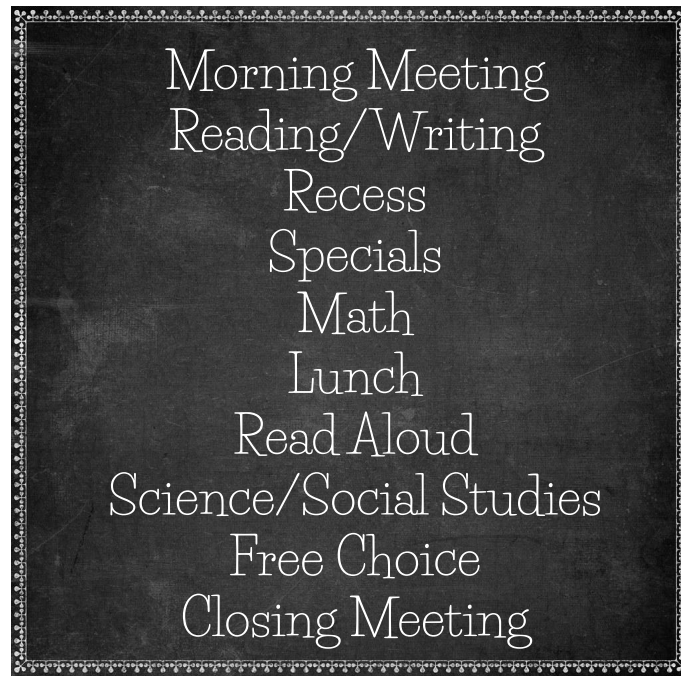
- Universally screen students 3x/year in early literacy and early math skills
- Trained interventionists work with students needing additional support in small group settings
- Progress monitoring provides data on the efficacy of the intervention and informs next steps
- Early intervention helps ensure a solid literacy and numeracy foundation





# Sample K Schedule

**8:15 AM -  
1:15 PM**



"Specials" - Music, PE, Innovation Lab, Art, and Gardening



# How can I help prepare my child for TK/K?

Read to your child.

Practice with a pencil, scissors, crayons.

Find things to count and sort.

Play!

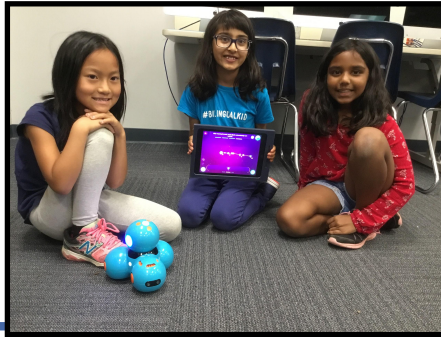


# Club Oak Park

OAK PARK SCHOOLS EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

## Before- & After-School Care

- ★ *Our program is located directly on the campus of each elementary school site*
- ★ *We provide full-day care on non-school days*
- ★ *Part-time, full-time, and drop-in options available*
- ★ *For more information visit our website: [www.OPUSD.org/ClubOakPark](http://www.OPUSD.org/ClubOakPark)*
- ★ *Registration information for 2023 - 2024 will be emailed to all parents (and posted on our website!)*
- ★ *Contact us with any questions! 818-735-3280 or [ClubOakPark@opUSD.org](mailto:ClubOakPark@opUSD.org)*





# OPUSD's Climate of Care

School is more than academics. We prioritize a holistic approach to learning.

## Wellness:

- [Nutrition](#)
- Character Education
- [School Counselors](#)
- Physical Fitness
- Environmental Stewardship
- School Safety

## Maintaining a Balance:

- "PDF" - Play time, Down time, Family time
- Homework Policy



[opusd.org/goals](https://opusd.org/goals)



# School and Class Placement

**School Placement:** All Oak Park resident families should have already enrolled at your local school. Please contact your school ASAP if you have not yet enrolled your child. All elementary District of Choice (DOC) families will receive an email **in early May** regarding school placement.

**Class Placement:** You will find out the name of your child's teacher following registration at your school in August.

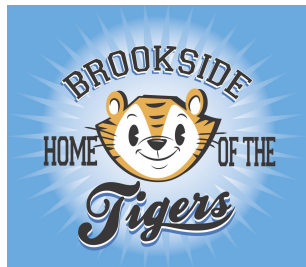
**Orientation:** Students and families are invited to attend orientation before school starts. You will receive an invitation from your site/teacher.





# General Questions





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