

Welcome to TK and K at Oak Valley!

- Mrs. Casey, TK
- Mrs. Nabarro, K
- Ms. McPherson, K
- Ms. Restivo, K



A Little About Us

- We all live locally and have school aged children.
- Each of us has over 20 years of teaching experience right here in the Buellton Union School District!
- We enjoy teaming and working together to give your children the best education possible.



Daily Schedule

- 8:10 to 8:20 Drop off, before school play
- 8:25 Welcome, attendance, pledge, read aloud, whole group instruction
- 8:45 Morning Work
- Snack & Recess 9:15 McPherson/Restivo, 9:40 Nabarro/Casey
- Stations
- Lunch 11:00 to 11:45
- Afternoon instruction varies by teacher
- Free Choice
- Dismissal 1:30 for Transitional K / 2:00 for K
- Early Release 1:30 for ALL grade levels every Monday



TK & K Arrival and Dismissal



- Drop off/pick up will be in front of the kindergarten buildings.
- Drop Off: 8:10-8:20 a.m.
- Kids will enter the double gates in the Kindergarten building. Parents are to drop their children off at the entrance.
- Dismissal: TK @ 1:30 / K @ 2:00
- EVERY Monday is early release for all grade levels with a 1:30 dismissal time for the entire school.



- Kindergarten and TK parents may briefly give a hug goodbye at the gate. No parents are allowed inside the campus at this time, so please let your child know the routine in advance.
- Pick Up: pull your car along the curb. Your child's teacher will dismiss your child directly to you or a designated adult. Parents may get out to buckle children at the curbside.
- If someone else will be picking up your child, please, let us know in advance. A note/ email to your child's teacher or the office is required.
- Please do not congregate at pick up/drop off time; plan to pick up curbside.

Masks

Masks are to be worn at all times when INDOORS by all students and staff. Students are allowed to have masks off while eating and playing outdoors.



**Masks must be well fitting and appropriately sized for little ones. Neck gators, bandannas, decorative mesh/clear masks are not allowed. Please note, ill fitting and/or dirty masks will be replaced with a disposable mask provided by the school.*

A large number of black umbrellas are arranged in a dense field, receding into the distance. In the center of this field, a single bright yellow umbrella stands out prominently. The text "Rainy Days" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the canopy of the yellow umbrella.

Rainy Days

We will not be playing outside on rainy days. However, we will send small groups outdoors to eat snack and lunch under the awning with our aides. We will do this so masks do not come off inside the classroom, only outdoors in open air.

Snacks

Please send ONE easy to open, healthy snack for your child each day. We have a small snack at recess at recess time. Some ideas are a piece of fruit, a granola bar, crackers, etc. Please do not send cookies, cake, sugary items or junk food for snack.





Breakfast and Lunch



- Free breakfast and lunch will be available for students daily. Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. daily in the MP Room. Breakfast does not need to be pre-ordered.
- If you would like your child to get a lunch, please check off your child's name on your classroom's clipboard at drop off. If your child orders daily, just let us know, and there will be no need to check every day.
- No food is allowed in the classroom. For birthdays, we recommend small items such as pencils, stickers etc. as no food items are allowed per our district policy.

Water Bottles

Please send a water bottle in your child's backpack EVERY DAY.

Students will get sips from their water bottles which will be kept outside in their backpacks.



Clothing

Wear Layered Clothes: We will have lots of fresh air in the classroom this year. Doors and windows will be open for ventilation. Always send your child with a jacket or sweatshirt labeled with your child's name. When the weather cools off in fall and winter, we will have the heater on, but it can still be chilly!





Accidents

Change of Clothes: Each TK/K classroom has its own bathroom... BUT accidents can happen, and learning can be messy! Please send a complete change of clothes for your child in a labeled Zip-Lock bag. Include a shirt, underwear, pants, and socks. We will keep these in the classroom in case they are needed.

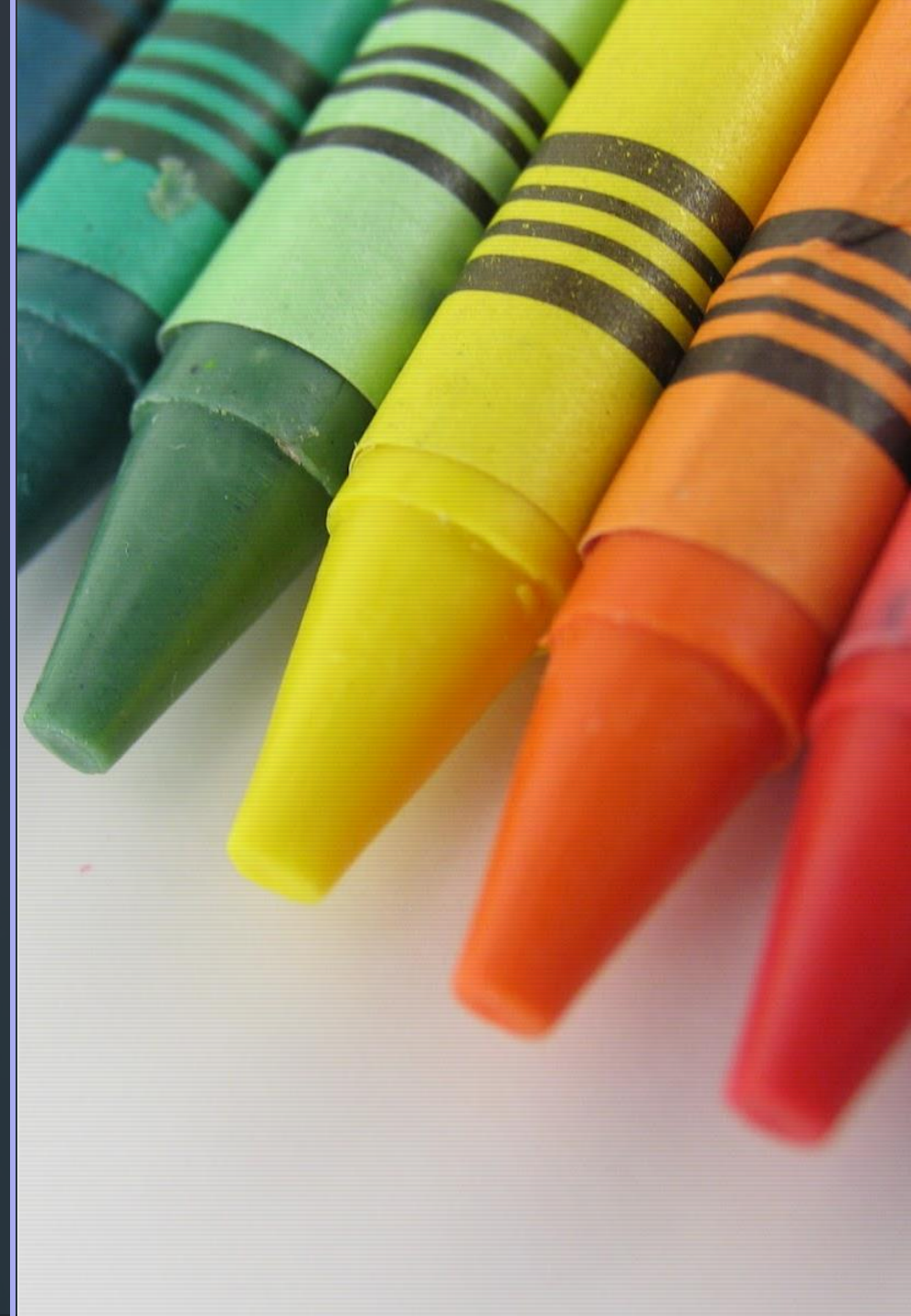
Label EVERYTHING!

- Backpack
- Sweaters / Jackets
- Lunch boxes
- Water Bottles



Supplies

- Supplies for use in the classroom are provided by the school district and PTSA; however, we DO appreciate all donations off the supply list posted online. Please feel free to send donations in at any time!
- Here are a few items that you will need to supply: a backpack (labeled, big enough to carry lunch, library book, folder, and a jacket), lunchbox (with an icepack), supplies to practice school skills at home such as crayons, pencils, a glue stick, and scissors.





Classroom Rules

- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Raise your hand and wait to be called on (at group time).
- Be kind.
- Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Listen and follow directions.

What is TK and K?

- Students turning 5 between September 2 to December 2 birthdays are eligible to attend TK which began when the cutoff for K was changed.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age or older by September 1st.
- Kindergarten has Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- TK is a blend between Kindergarten CCSS and Preschool Foundations for Learning,
- Both TK and K have hands-on, developmentally appropriate and engaging curriculum. Your child's teacher will be sending home more information on TK or K curriculum.



Monday Folders or Packets



- Every Monday your child's teacher will send home a folder OR packet that contains a weekly letter, notes from the office, and any homework for the week.
- In both TK and K, reading with your child is the most important homework. Homework will vary by teacher. TK will only include paper/pencil homework occasionally and it is optional.



Calendar

- A class calendar for each class will be sent home at the beginning of each month.
- It will show your child's "special day" for sharing in addition to weekly themes.
- Please keep this calendar in a visible place such as the refrigerator. You'll be surprised at the math and reading skills this little calendar can teach and reinforce.

Sharing

- When it is your child's share day, please, do not let him/her bring in toys or breakable objects.
- Encourage your child to bring items they have found such as a rock, shell, dead bug, leaf, something he/she has made, a photograph, special book, or part of a collection.
- Your child may choose to demonstrate something such as a dance, karate move, magic trick, or song.
- Anything educational is great!
- Electronics such as video games, iPods, etc. are not allowed on campus at all grade levels.
- It is helpful to have your child practice his/her share at home the day before.



PE

Students participate in PE weekly to practice and refine their gross motor (large muscle) movements. Outdoor PE also helps children attend with greater focus inside the classroom.



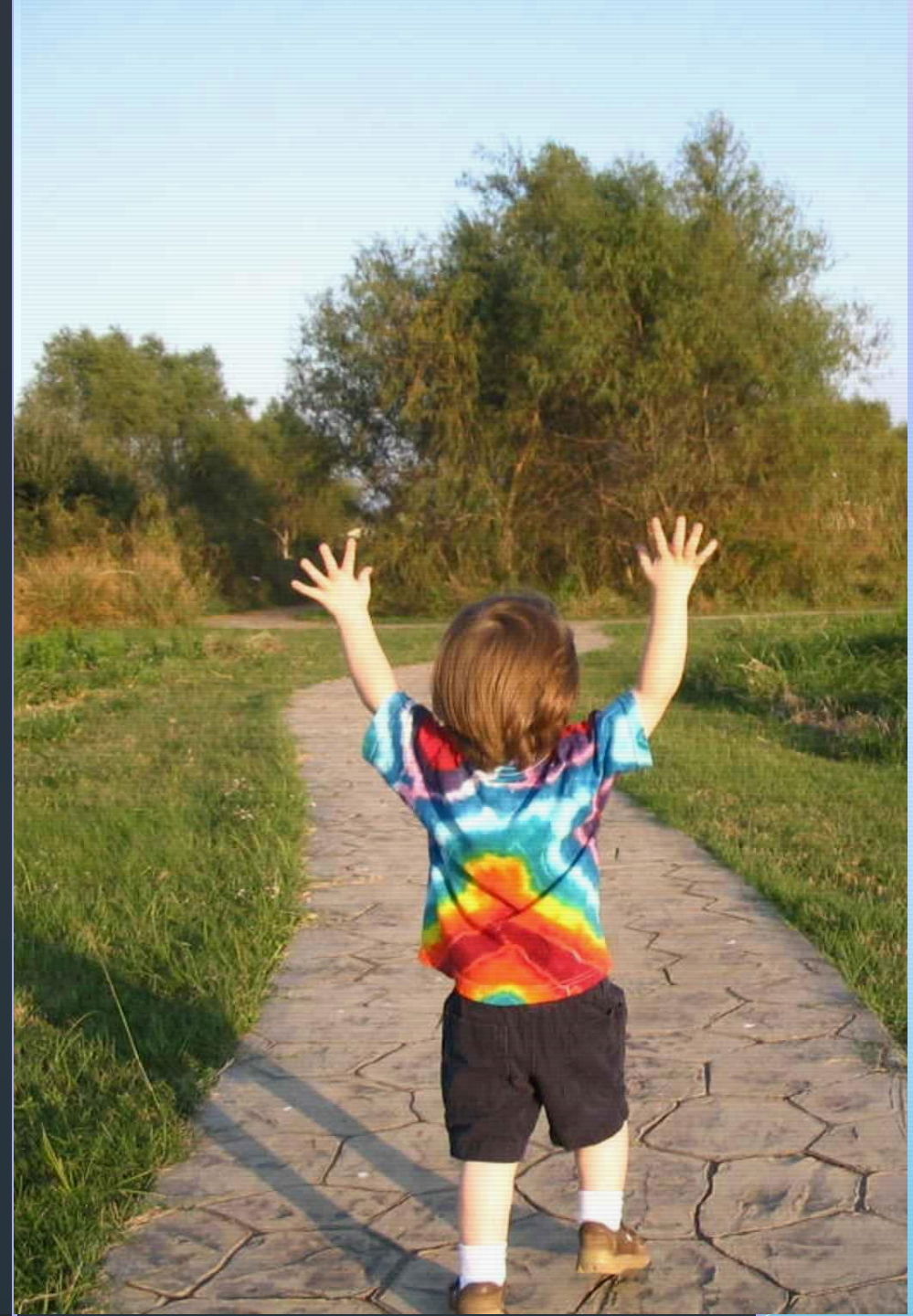
Art

Art is incorporated throughout all of our themes and content areas. It helps develop self-esteem as well as fine and gross motor skills.



Social Emotional Curriculum

- Self-regulation
- Feelings
- Express needs and describe feelings using words
- Sense of self
- Problem solving





Little Things in Pockets & Backpacks

Please know that school items stay at school. We use lots of tiny “manipulatives” to make learning more fun. We do not give these to the children for prizes. If you find any of these little things at home, please send them back the next day. No need to make a big deal out of it, just remind your child that classroom items need to stay at school. No need to be embarrassed. It happens every year! :)



Contacting Your Child's Teacher

- School Office: (805) 688-6992 ext. 1200
- Mrs. Casey mcasey@buelltonusd.org ext. 1157
- Ms. Restivo lrstivo@buelltonusd.org ext. 1154
- Ms. McPherson hmcpherson@buelltonusd.org ext. 1155
- Mrs. Nabarro knabarro@buelltonusd.org ext. 1156

**We are often unable to check our email or voice mail while teaching, so if you need to get ahold of your child's teacher right away, it is best to call the office and leave a message with the school secretary.*



Practice Independence

In the few days we have left before coming to school, please have your child practice doing things independently. Practice is golden!

- opening and closing his/her backpack
- opening things up for snack
- self-care such as how to wipe his/her bottom and wash hands
- wearing a mask, well fitted, covering both the nose and mouth

*We will be practicing handwashing and mask wearing at school too of course, but the more your child can do for him/herself the better. With practice, your child will have an easier time transitioning to in person school!