Welcome to Kindergarten at Islands Elementary
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Meet our staff

Mr. Birgen
Principal

Mrs. Shafer
Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Schell
Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Wright
Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Magill
Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Peters
CD Skills Kdg. Teacher

Ms. Achman
Attendance/Registrar
Kindergarten Registration

Registration is online via the Islands/Gilbert Public Schools website:

https://www.gilbertschools.net/domain/1118

If you have any registration questions please email:

brenda.achman@gilbertschools.net
Kickin' it into Kindergarten Orientation
(for students already registered at Islands)

Thursday, July, 30th:
Students last name:
A-L 9:00-11:00
M-Z 1:00-3:00
*check-in/drop-off in the library

What to expect:
*Introduction of Principal and staff
*Question and Answer Session
*PTA overview
*Kindergarten program overview
*Information on daily routines, procedures, expectations
*Student tour of campus w/staff
*Students participate in various typical kinder day activities
Attendance:

18 days is the maximum number of days to be absent.

It is important to call the office when your child is going to be absent.

School starts at 8:10. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive on time.

Please try not to pick up your child when the day is almost over.
Safety:

Anyone who comes to pick your child must be noted on the form in the office. They must bring a photo ID.

If your child is going home a different way, we need a call to the office and/or a note sent in.

If your child will be picked up in the drive up area, they must have a hangar with your child's name on it.
Kindergarten Expectations

We work on many skills throughout our Kindergarten year. In order to ease concerns and start our school year with nothing but smiles :0) please use this summer to continue to work with your child in these areas:

Social/Emotional:
❖ Follow two and three-part directions quickly
❖ Separate from parent or caregiver easily
❖ Know how to use the restroom independently and wash hands
❖ Tie, button, or zip articles of clothing
❖ Be able to sit and attend to a project or story to completion
❖ Express wants and needs verbally
❖ Wait their turn and share with others
Kindergarten Expectations cont’d

Academic:
❖ Proper pencil grip
❖ Correct scissor grip and cutting skills (snip, straight cut, curves)
❖ Write first name, beginning with a capital and all other letters lower case
❖ Upper and lowercase letter recognition
❖ Distinguish between letters and numbers
❖ Know most letter sounds
❖ Produce 2 words that rhyme
❖ Count 10 objects using 1-to-1 correspondence
❖ Number recognition to 10
❖ Count to 20
All Kindergarten classrooms use the Bloomz App for communication, connection, and coordination. Parents are easily informed with a quick note or a snapshot through class updates and photo sharing. This app keeps parents on top of the school and classroom calendars to help participate or volunteer in events. It is a great tool for sending home real-time updates on student’s behavior and work.
Fundations

1. Mastery-Learn letter names and sounds
2. Letter Formation-lowercase then uppercase
3. Phonological Awareness- blend sounds together to read words and break apart words into sounds
4. Build and write a sentence-capital letter, spaces, punctuation
5. Word Building-cvc words, tap to read, tap to spell
6. Fluency-automaticity, phrases, expression
7. Learn digraphs, short and long vowels, sight words(50)
8. Comprehension-oral stories acted out, re-telling stories
**ReadyGen**

* Fiction/NonFiction  
* Parts of book  
* Parts of a story: character, setting, event  
* Comprehension  
* Fluency: how smooth you read  
* Sight words and vocabulary  
* Thinking maps: Circle, bubble, double bubble, tree, flow, etc  
* Comparing and contrasting 2 stories/characters

**Writing**

* Proper letter formations of upper/lowercase letters  
* 25 or more sight words  
* Write a complete sentence  
* Word spacing and punctuation  
* Use of adjectives, nouns, transition words  
* Sequencing a story  
* Using Thinking maps for writing
ReadyGen Lesson at a Glance

**English Language Arts**
**ReadyGen** Unit 1 Module A

**Theme:**
Living Together: This Is Home

**“Knows” (Our Essential Questions)**
- How do readers use both words and illustrations to understand stories?
- How do writers use both illustrations and words about events to tell a story?

**“Dos” (Our Goals)**
- Readers will use both words and illustrations to retell stories.
- Writers will write a short narrative that includes a drawing and one event.
- Learners will recognize the importance of home to all living things.

**Anchor Text**
Where Is Home, Little Pip?

**Supporting Text**
A House for Hermit Crab

**Vocabulary**

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Math

* Recognizing and writing numbers to 20
* Counting to 100 by 1's and 10's
* Solve addition and subtraction equations fluently to 10
* 2D & 3D shapes
* Addition and subtraction word problems
* Decomposing teen numbers into a group of 10's and 1's
* Comparing numbers
* Counting on from a given number
Science

We will have two new Science units in 2020-2021:

* Weather
* Living Things

In the spring we will be working with live Ladybugs!

Social Studies

Social Studies units:

* All About Me
* Community Helpers (we love to have parents/community members come in to talk about their profession)
* Communities and Neighborhood
* Explorers: Space, Native Am.
* Holidays Around the World
* Maps and Globes
* Arizona
* American Symbols
Kindergarten Schedule: Sample

8:10-8:20  Morning work
8:20-9:15  Reading
9:15-9:45  Writing
9:45-10:00 Snack/Recess
10:00-10:30 Fundations
10:30-11:35 Math
11:35-12:15 Lunch/Recess
12:15-12:25 Read Aloud
12:25-12:55 Reading Club/Reading centers
12:55-1:25 Math Club/Math Centers
1:25-2:05 Specials
2:05-2:20 Recess
2:20-2:50 Science/Social Studies

*Students attend specials daily through a rotating schedule.
Specials include:
Library
Art/Computers
P.E.
Music
Fun at the Islands

Keep informed of all of the family fun happening at Islands!

Islands Elementary Website: https://www.gilbertschools.net/islands

Social Media:
https://www.facebook.com/Islandselementary/?epa=SEARCH_BOX
https://www.instagram.com/islandsdolphinsaz/?hl=en

PTA:
https://www.facebook.com/Islands-Elementary-PTA-1025333165171751
Resources

For more information about full day kindergarten and its curriculum, go to:

https://www.gilbertschools.net/

www.corestandards.org

Teacher Webpages

Mrs. Shafer:
https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/shafer-webpage/home

Mrs. Schell:
https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/mrs-schells-kindergarten/home

Mrs. Wright:
https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/mrswrightskindergarten/home

Ms. Magill:
https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/msmagillskindergarten/home
Resources for Kids:

Websites:
- Starfall Education: Kids Games, Movies, & Books K-3
- ABCya! - Learning Games and Apps for Kids
  www.pbskids.org
  www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Youtube channels:
- Jack Hartman
- Heidi Songs
- Have Fun Teaching
- Elf Learning
If you have any questions regarding our awesome school or our amazing Kindergarten program you can email Mr. Birgen at chris.birgen@gilbertschools.net

Thank you

Island's Kindergarten Staff