

# KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION INNOVATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# WELCOME!

Innovation Elementary School  
serves students in Rosslyn,  
Courthouse, and Lyon Village

We are so glad you will be joining  
our community of learners!

[Link to Innovation walk zone map](#)

[Link to Innovation bus eligibility map](#)





# SCHOOL INFO

Mascot: Huskies

Colors: Blue and white

Start time: 9:00am

End time: 3:50pm

Grades pre-K through 5th

Estimated number of students: 500





# SCHOOL INFO

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Principal:

Claire Peters

Assistant Principal:

Kathryn White Mallik





# APS VISION

APS values challenging academics, support for the whole child, and an inclusive & equitable environment.

In Kindergarten, children are learning foundational academic and social-emotional skills.





# INNOVATION VISION

At Innovation Elementary School we strive to develop the innovators of the future through a focus on compassion, creativity, curiosity, and confidence.

Additionally, we are a Responsive Classroom school





# WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR A KINDERGARTNER?

Ensuring that all students  
feel safe, valued, and  
welcome

Providing joy and choice in  
learning

Working together with  
others

Introducing the skills of  
inquiry and critical thinking





# WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR A KINDERGARTNER?

Social emotional skills  
come first in Kindergarten

We prioritize ensuring  
students know how to meet  
expectations

We are a no homework  
school - but reading  
together nightly is highly  
encouraged!





# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Morning meeting

Literacy block

Lunch

Recess

Math block

Specials (art, music, PE,  
library)

Science

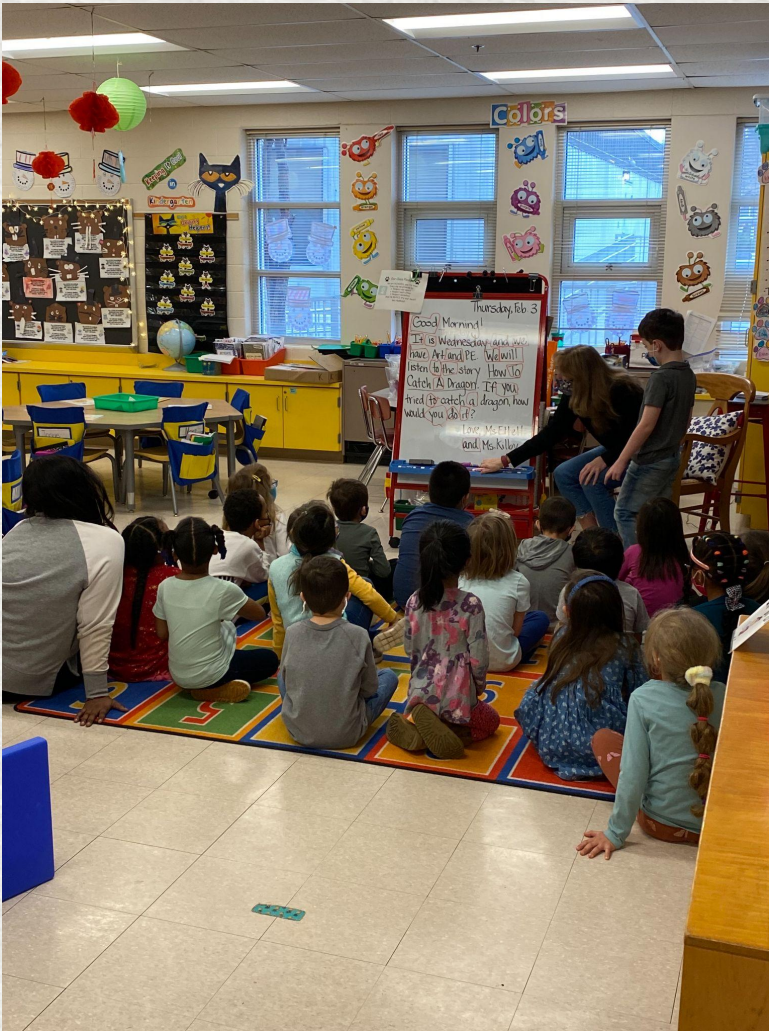
Social studies

Closing circle

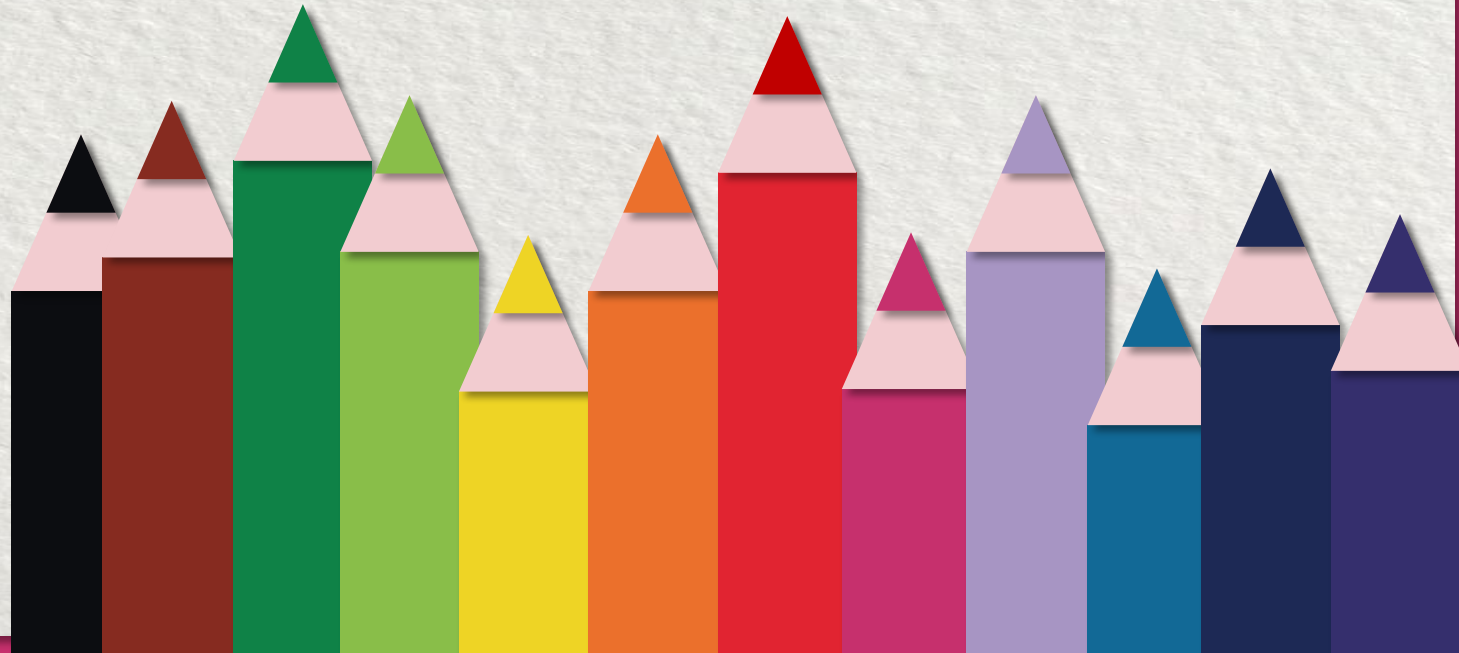




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**Morning meeting:** An important part of community building and starting the day on a positive note.





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**Literacy and math:** Building a strong foundation.

- Letter & word recognition
- Phonemic awareness
- Counting forward and backward
- Pattern recognition





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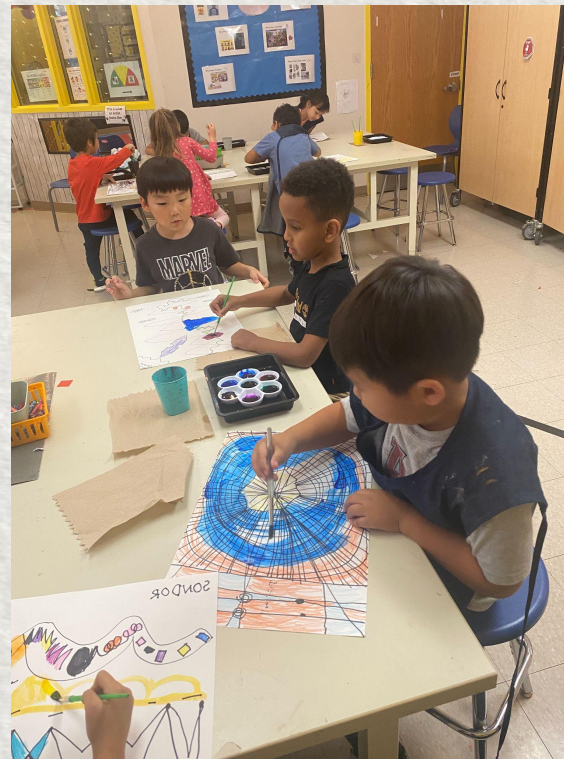
**Lunch and recess:** Students can get lunch from school or bring their own. No matter what they eat, encourage a well-rounded lunch. Don't be surprised if they don't eat everything the first few weeks!





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**Specials:** We will rotate between PE, music, art, and library





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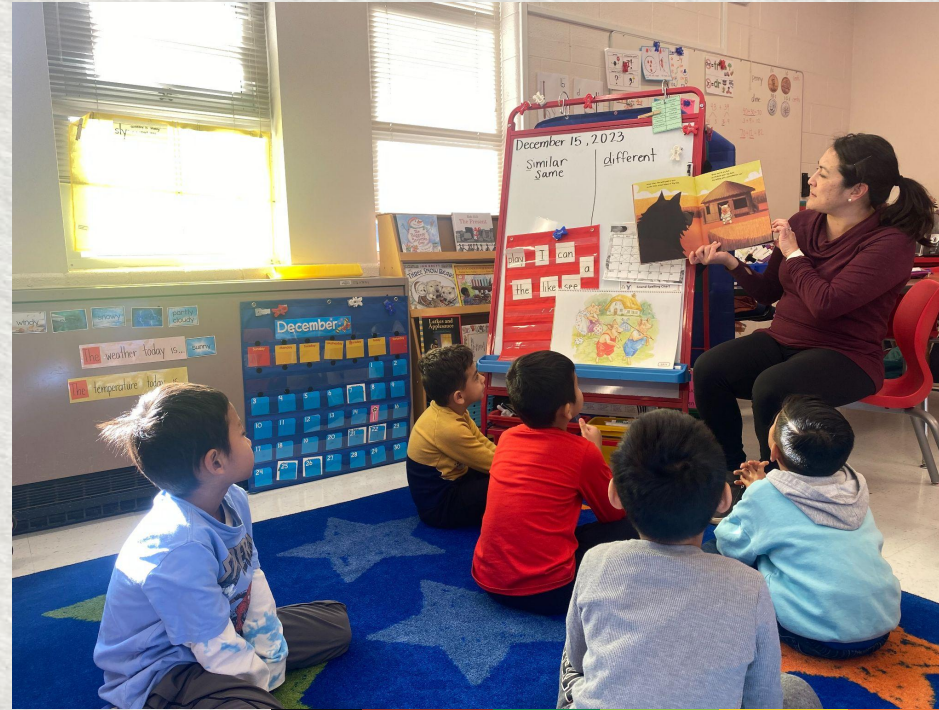
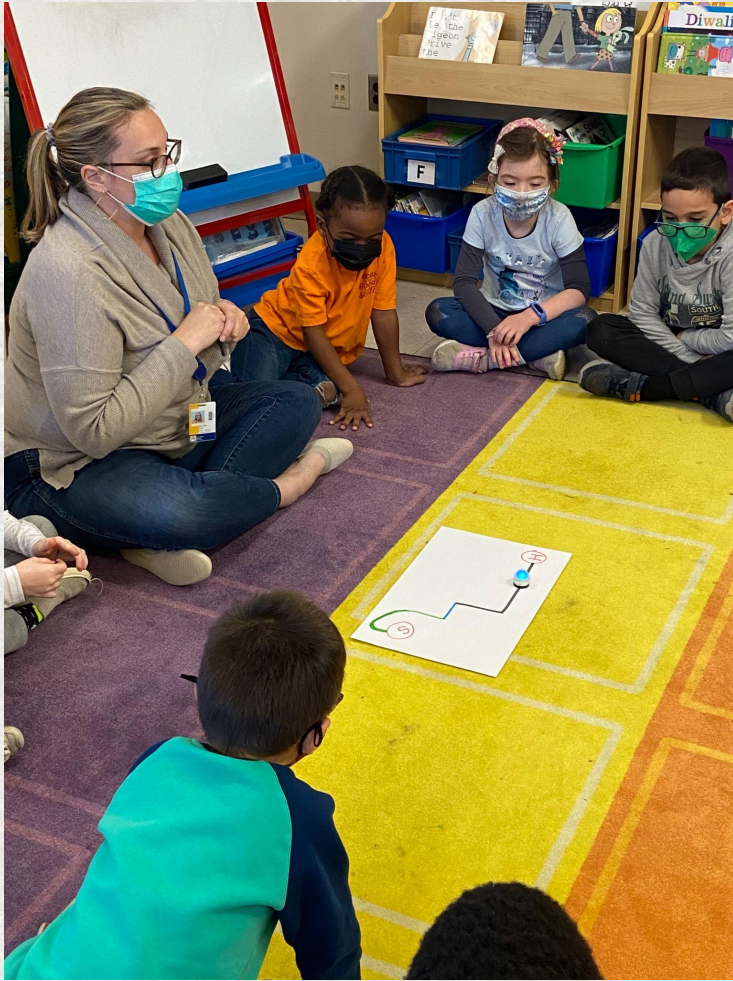
**Learning to work together:** We will establish routines & reinforce how to work together in a community.





# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Using our creativity to learn!





# HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

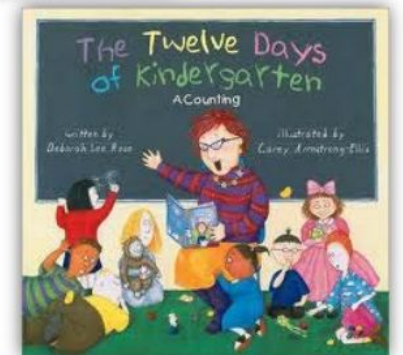
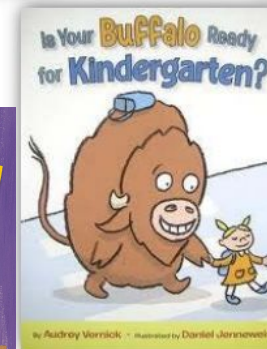
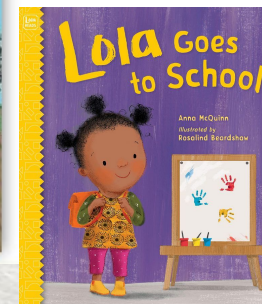
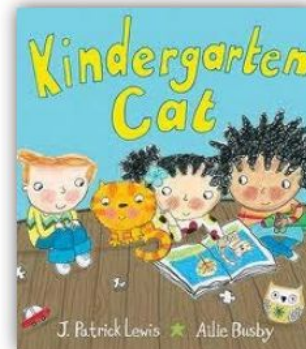
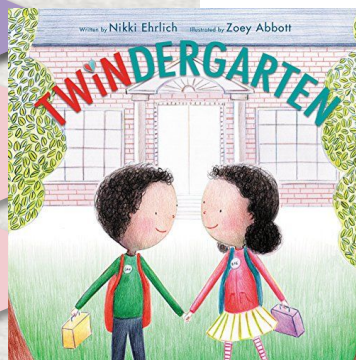
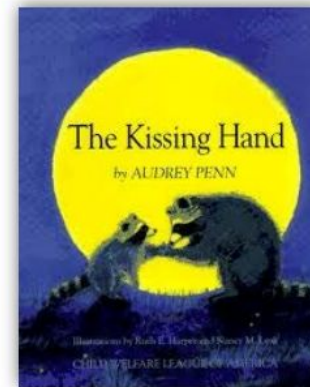
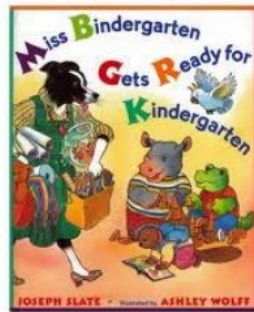
- Set a healthy routine - 10-12 hours of sleep, nutritious breakfast

- Mornings and evenings - enough time to get ready, reading before bed

- Talk positively with your child about the first day of school - they will be welcomed and supported
- Acknowledge that your child may have a variety of feelings about school



# RECOMMENDED READING







# WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

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Join the PTA

- [Learn more about the PTA here](#)
- PTA usually organizes play dates during the summer

Kindergarten family chats in July and August (virtual or in person)

[School year 2024-25 calendar is available on the APS website.](#)





# WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

- Weekly Learning Log emails
- Grade level monthly Learning Logs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Twitter - @Innovation\_APS
- APS ParentSquare
- Innovation Website





# REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Registration for kindergarten is open!

Children whose 5th birthday is on or before Sept 30th may register for kindergarten

There is no deadline for registering, but sooner is better

All registration and health requirements must be met before a child is admitted to school



# WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

All documents and requirements are available at:  
[www.apsva.us/registering-your-child](http://www.apsva.us/registering-your-child)

- APS registration form
- Proof of Arlington residency
- Proof of age and name of your child(ren)
- Parent/guardian ID
- Pre-K experience form

Once all documents are uploaded, our registrar, Lily Millson, will contact you for an appointment. You can also call with any questions: 703-228-2702.



# THANK YOU!

You can find us at:

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Questions??

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