

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Kindergarten Round Up



## Bonita Canyon Elementary

# Tonight's Presenters!

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# Our time Together



- Welcome
- IUSD video
- PTA
- School Readiness
- Our Kinder Program
- Child Care
- Enrollment/Registration
- FAQ's

# Welcome to IUSD Video

on [IUSD.org](https://www.iusd.org)

Pre-K & Kindergarten

## PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION





# PTA



## Our PTA is AMAZING!

- School Spirit - Culture - Heart!
- Supplemental Programming...field trips, classroom supplies, assemblies
- Fundraising...only two times
- Extra-curricular & Family Fun...Back to School Bash, local sporting events

***VISIT...***

***[www.bonitacanyonpta.com](http://www.bonitacanyonpta.com)***



# IUSD Kindergarten Philosophy

In the Irvine Unified School District, we believe the goal of Kindergarten is to **promote a joy of learning** in a positive and nurturing environment, which creates **critical thinkers, effective oral communicators, and life-long learners**. In partnership with parents, we will provide **intentional opportunities** that meet the **emotional, social, physical and academic needs** of all learners.



**BONITA CANYON**  
= ELEMENTARY =

# Indicators for School Success



## *Indicators for School Success – What to Look For*

- **Self-care and motor skills**
  - Uses small manipulatives (crayons, paintbrush, buttons, zippers, etc.)
  - Has general coordination on playground (kicking balls, running, climbing)
  - Performs basic self-help tasks (toileting, eating, washing)
- **Self-regulation**
  - Works and plays cooperatively with peers (takes turns/shares)
  - Controls impulses and self-regulation (is not disruptive of others)
  - Stays focused/pays attention during activities
  - Follows one and two step directions
  - Participates successfully in group time (listens, focuses, sits still, participates)
- **Social expression**
  - Relates appropriately to adults, other than parent/caregiver
  - Appropriately expresses needs and wants verbally in primary language
  - Expresses curiosity and eagerness for learning (tries new activities, asks questions)
  - Has expressive abilities (tells about a story or experience)
  - Engages in symbolic/imaginative play with self or peers (plays house/fireman)
- **Kindergarten academics**
  - Recognizes some letters of the alphabet (may be capitals, lowercase, or combination)
  - Writes or attempts to write own name
  - Engages with books (knows where to start, associates print with storyline, pretends to read)
  - Counts objects
  - Recognizes primary colors and shapes

→ Self-Care and Motor Skills

→ Self-Regulation

→ Social Expression

→ Academics

*Indicators for School Success*

# What to look for!

# READINESS ACTIVITIES

- Concept Development
- Physical Development
- Health and Safety
- Number Concepts
- Language/Communication
- Reading
- Writing
- Social/Emotional Development

# **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

## **PRESCHOOL SPECIALIZED ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION (SAI)**

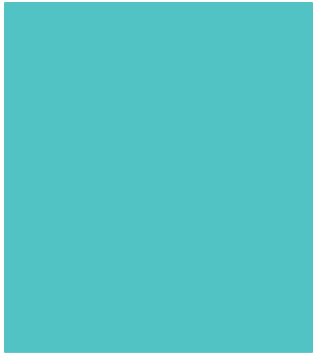
Students who receive Specialized Academic Instruction will be informed by their Case Manager of their Pre-K/K school and programming through IEP transition activities

It is the District's intent for our students to attend school closest to their assigned neighborhood school, if programming is not available at their school of residence.

Please contact your child's Case Manager with any specific questions regarding your child's IEP and transition.



# Starting School



- The only eligibility requirement to enter **Kindergarten** is to be **5** on or before **September 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Kindergarten Orientations and assessments** are not used to exclude a child
- Research supports that kids learn best with their same age peers
- Children's development at this age varies
- We will work with your child where they are and move them forward!

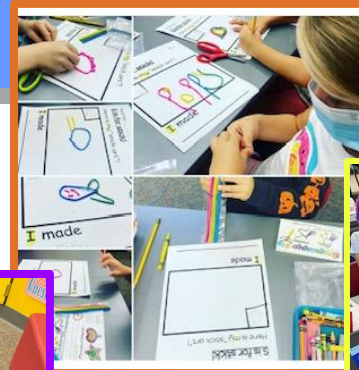
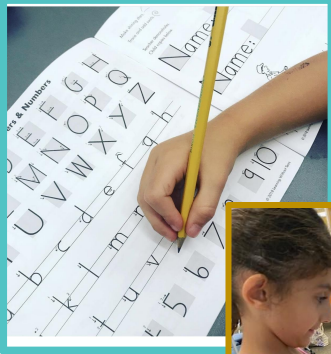
# Beginning of the year expectations include...

- \*arrive on time
- \*line-up
- \*leave parents at the door
- \*recognize their name
- \*get into a routine



# Our daily activities include...

Lessons on the rug, table work, center rotations, calendar time, story time and snack/recess.



# A Kindergarten Day



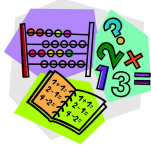
## Morning Routine

greeting at door, songs, morning meeting



## Language Arts

small-group instruction, differentiated, hands-on



## Math

small-group instruction, differentiated, hands-on



## Snack and Recess

friendships, socializing, problem-solving, independence



## Music, Art, P.E., Library, STEAM



# BONITA CANYON KINDERGARTEN





# Over the summer...

READ

Practice writing first name

Practice cutting

Play at our playground

Set up playdates

Attend camps



2024  
Grades PreK - 12

IPSF IRVINE  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

# SUMMER CLASSES & CAMPS

Get ready for the best summer ever! With IPSF Summer Classes and camps, students can pursue their interests, discover new passions, and brush up on fundamentals for the next school year. Whatever your child's interests, our goal is to create an environment for your child to learn, grow, and above all HAVE FUN!

Locations, schedule and more info at:  
[IPSF.NET/SUMMER](http://IPSF.NET/SUMMER)



PREP CLASSES

## SAVE THE DATES!

Session A: June 13 - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Session B: July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>

10 weeks, June 13

One-week Specialty  
Classes are also  
available, visit our  
website for details!



ENGAGING  
ACTIVITIES



REGISTRATION OPENS  
MARCH 20

Get a jump start on school  
this summer!  
Irvine Public Schools Foundation  
offers classes for incoming  
Pre-K (TK) & K students.

For more information & to  
register:

[www.ipsf.net/summer](http://www.ipsf.net/summer)

**Registration opens March 20**

# Getting Ready for the First Day

## Introduce your Child to his/her new school

Visit the school  
play on the  
playground  
visit websites  
social media  
attend orientations



## School Anxieties are Contagious

Parents are typically more anxious than kids



## Read Books!

Like, [The Kissing Hand](#)  
by Audrey Penn



# Child Care



## Rainbow Rising & Nature Center

- # of Rooms & Bathrooms
- Adjacent to K, Cafeteria & Play Areas
- Flexible K Care available (before and after for AM/PM)
- Supports parents' work schedules
- Convenient Drop-Off Area
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Contact: **Rainbow Rising Gissell Guerrero**  
[bonitacanyon@rainbowrising.org](mailto:bonitacanyon@rainbowrising.org)  
**Kids and Nature**

# Time to Enroll

- **Step 1:**

Aeries online pre-enrollment  
[www.iusd/enrollment](http://www.iusd/enrollment)

- **Step 2:**

Assemble the Required Documents in a Digital Format

- **Step 3:**

Email your enrollment documents to [lucyly@iusd.org](mailto:lucyly@iusd.org)

- Residency Verification
- Verification of Age
- Immunization Records/Physical Exam



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Wonderful  
Office  
Team**



***SCHOOL CHOICE...register at your home school first!***



# iusd.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Irvine Unified School District website. At the top left is the Irvine Unified School District logo. The top right navigation bar includes links for TRANSLATE, TEXT SIZE A 15PX A, STAFF INTRANET, PARENT PORTAL, and a search bar with the text "What can we help you find?". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for ABOUT, STUDENTS & PARENTS, SCHOOLS, CALENDARS, A-Z INDEX, NEWS, ENROLL, and JOBS. The ENROLL link is circled in orange. The main content area features six tiles: SCHOOL BOUNDARIES, ENROLL IN IUSD, INTRADISTRICT/SCHOOL CHOICE, TK PROGRAM INFORMATION, KINDER PROGRAM INFORMATION, and STUDENT RECORDS & TRANSCRIPTS. Each tile has a "Learn More" link. The KINDER PROGRAM INFORMATION tile is circled in orange. Two large orange arrows are overlaid on the page: one pointing up towards the ENROLL link and another pointing down towards the KINDER PROGRAM INFORMATION tile.

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TRANSLATE TEXT SIZE A 15PX A STAFF INTRANET PARENT PORTAL What can we help you find?

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TK PROGRAM INFORMATION

**KINDER PROGRAM INFORMATION**

STUDENT RECORDS & TRANSCRIPTS

# AGE REQUIREMENTS

IUSD enrolls students where they are age eligible

| SCHOOL YEAR | PRE-K/TK  | KINDERGARTEN                            | 1ST GRADE                               |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| 2022-23     | 5th birthday between September 2nd and February 2nd | 5th birthday on or before September 1st | 6th birthday on or before September 1st |
| 2023-24     | 5th birthday between September 2nd and April 2nd    |   |   |
| 2024-25     | 5th birthday between September 2nd and June 2nd     |   |   |
| 2024-25     | 4th birthday by September 11nd                      |   |   |

# THANK YOU!

IT'S A GREAT DAY,

TO BE A BEAR!

