

# Selwyn Elementary School

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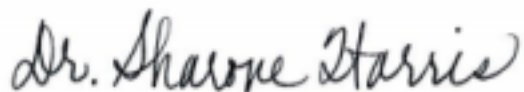
Dear Future Selwyn Family,

We are excited to welcome you to Selwyn! The staff and I look forward to having you join us for the 2022- 2023 school year! We are proud of our school and truly believe it is an exceptional place to begin your child's educational journey. We strongly stand by our school mission that *"Selwyn nurtures an atmosphere of respect for individuality, where all children are motivated, challenged, and prepared for the next level of academic development."*

Thank you for attending Beginners' Day and for bringing your rising kindergartener so that he/she could meet their kindergarten peers. Our kindergarten team is preparing for the coming year and is looking forward to embarking on this new adventure with your family. I am delighted to say that our school is staffed with highly qualified and experienced teachers who will provide your child with a positive classroom experience. Each student will receive differentiated instruction to meet his/her individual academic needs.

I am looking forward to working with each of you to ensure that your child has a rewarding kindergarten experience at Selwyn Elementary!

Educationally,



Dr. Sharone Harris  
Principal



The kindergarten teachers would like to say...

# Welcome to Selwyn!

We look forward to meeting your child this fall, and we can't wait for him/her to experience kindergarten and life at Selwyn! We are preparing for an exciting new year.

To help us better know your child, please don't forget to fill out the Kindergarten Questionnaire located on our webpage at <https://selwynpta.org/kindergarten-questionnaire/> by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Below are some fun ways that you can prepare your rising kindergartner. We look forward to meeting each and every one of you soon!

The Selwyn Kindergarten Team



### **Look for opportunities to use "environmental" reading and writing**

Talk about words on cereal boxes, magazines and more. Include your child when you read recipes or directions.



### **Begin to use letter sounds and rhyming sounds in family activities**

For example: What animal begins with the "d" sound? Tell me as many words as you can that rhyme with "cat."



### **Include family reading (story time) in your daily schedule**

Discuss stories as you read and relate them to personal experiences. Don't forget, the time you spend reading during family reading time this summer can be counted toward your Red Ribbon Reading goal!



### **Look for fun "environmental" math opportunities**

Include your child as you use math around the house. "I need 6 forks on the table for dinner. Can you count them for me?" "We have 4 people in our family. How many socks will we need?" You can write the numbers down and draw illustrations as you discuss each situation.



### **Talk about beginning school with enthusiasm and confidence!**

Our Selwyn staff has a great deal of experience in helping children (and parents!) transition into this exciting new adventure.

## Selwyn Sample Kindergarten Classroom Schedule:



### **7:15-7:45 // Arrival & Morning Work**

Un-pack, WSEL (Selwyn's news broadcast), Morning Work, Centers

### **7:45-8:05 // Morning Meeting**

Social-Emotional Learning time consisting of a greeting, morning message, activity, physical activity to warm us up (yoga, stretch, dance, breathing!)

### **8:05-9:05 // EL Literacy Module**

Whole group literacy instruction on reading strategies

### **9:05-9:25 // EL Whole Group Skills Block**

Hands on learning followed by individual/small group practice of strategies

### **9:25-10:20 // EL Foundational Skills Block**

Small group differentiated learning rotations consisting of (1) teacher group, (2) word work, (3) fluency, & (4) writing

### **10:25-11:05 // Specials**

Monday - Music  
Tuesday - Maker Space  
Wednesday - PE  
Thursday - Media  
Friday - Art

### **11:15-11:45 // Recess**

### **11:45-12:08 // Read Aloud**

### **12:08-12:38 // Lunch**

### **12:38-1:35 // Math**

Mini whole group instruction followed by differentiated small group rotations of math manipulative activities

### **1:35-2:05 // Science & Social Studies**

Activities centered on Science and Social Studies curriculum

### **2:05-2:35 // EL Labs & Handwriting**

Hands on learning followed by individual/small group practice of letter formation

### **2:35-2:40 // Pack Up & Dismissal**

Pack up, clean up & wrap-up discussion of the day!

# Selwyn

## CLASS OF 2035

Kindergarten  
2022 - 2023



# SAVE the DATES

## KINDERGARTEN

- 8/26 - Kindergarten School Tour 9:30 - 10:30 am
- 8/29 - Kindergarten Staggered Entry (last names A-H)
- 8/30 - Kindergarten Staggered Entry (last names I-P)
- 8/31 - Kindergarten Staggered Entry (last names Q-Z)
- 9/1 - NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten
- 9/1 - Kindergarten Meet Your Teacher 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- 9/1 - Popsicles on the Playground 4:45 - 5:30 pm
- 9/2 - Kindergarten 1st Day of School!
- 9/5 - NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
- 9/8 - Kindergarten Parent Coffee 8:00 - 9:00 am
- 9/22 - Curriculum Night 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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