

Selwyn Elementary School

2840 Colony Road

Charlotte, NC 28211

May 12, 2023


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 2023- 2024 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 share that our school is staffed with highly qualified and experienced teachers who will provide a safe, positive classroom experience.

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

Selwyn

CLASS
OF
2036

Kindergarten
2023 - 2024



SAVE the DATES

KINDERGARTEN

5/16 & 5/17 - Kindergarten Assessment Days

8/16 - Kindergarten Notification Day

8/25 - Kindergarten School Tour 9:30 - 10:30 am

Kindergarten Meet the Teacher 10:30 - 11:30 am

Popsicles on Playground 11:30 - 12:45 pm

8/28 - 8/31 - Kindergarten Staggered Entry (day assigned on notification day)

9/1 - All Kindergarten Students Report to School

9/4 - NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

9/7 - Kindergarten Parent Coffee

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KINDERGARTEN CHECKLIST

We understand that starting kindergarten is a very exciting time, but it can also be a bit overwhelming. Our goal is to help guide you through this process to make it as easy as possible. Below is a detailed list of things to do before your child enters kindergarten this fall. If you have additional enrollment questions, please contact **Gigi Atkinson** at gigi.atkinson@cms.k12.nc.us or **980.343.5835**.

✓	CMS DOCUMENTS:	DUE DATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	 CMS Enrollment Forms: Enrollment is completed online through the PowerSchool portal: www.cmsk12.org/enroll	ASAP
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Medical Forms (<i>if applicable</i>) Additional forms are required for students with allergies, asthma, and other medical conditions: selwynpta.org/pta-info/health-forms/	ASAP
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Bus Transportation Information Sign up for your child to ride the bus. Please complete student ridership form: www.cmsk12.org/Page/195	ASAP

✓	SELWYN ACTION ITEMS:	DUE DATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Kindergarten Questionnaire Please fill out the online questionnaire to help our kindergarten team match your child with the ideal teacher and classroom environment: selwynpta.org/new-parents/kindergarten-questionnaire/	May 14
<input type="checkbox"/>	 RRR (Red Ribbon Reading) Pledge Form Red Ribbon Reading is Selwyn's fun summer reading program and one of our school's two fundraisers. Don't forget to pledge online so your child can participate: selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading/	June 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Order School Supplies Sprouts is the one stop shop to have your back to school shopping done in minutes. Visit sproutsupplies.com and enter Selwyn's code: SES010	July 11
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PayPAMS PayPAMS is a convenient way to make school lunch payments for your child. If your child intends to buy lunch at school, please create an account online: paypams.com .	Enrollment Begins August 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Selwyn School Store We are proud Selwyn Eagles! Show your spirit by visiting our school store and place an order online today: https://selwynpta.org/school-store/	Anytime
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Here Comes the Bus App This app allows you to track the bus in real time! For more information and to download the app, visit: www.cmsk12.org/Page/186	Anytime
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Volunteer Selwyn volunteers are invaluable in enhancing educational and extra-curricular opportunities for all students. Be a partner in your child's education: selwynpta.org/existing-parents/volunteer/	Anytime
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Connect Don't forget to stay connected by following PTA on instagram (@selwynelementarypta) and enrolling in our weekly Eagle Email newsletter: www.selwynpta.org	Anytime

Selwyn Sample Kindergarten Classroom Schedule:



7:15-7:45 // Arrival & Morning Work
Un-pack, Morning Work, Centers, WSEL

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

9:05-9:30 // Snack & Read Aloud

9:35-10:15 // Specials
Monday - Art
Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - PE
Thursday - Media
Friday - Maker Space

10:20-10:40 // EL Whole Group Skills Block
Hands on learning followed by individual/small group practice of strategies

10:40-11:50 // EL Foundational Skills Block
Small group differentiated learning rotations consisting of (1) teacher group, (2) word work, (3) fluency, & (4) writing, (5) e-learning

12:00-12:30 // Lunch

12:30-1:00 // Recess

1:05-2:05 // Math
Whole group instruction followed by differentiated small group rotations of math manipulative activities

2:05-2:35 // Science & Social Studies
Activities centered on Science and Social Studies curriculum

2:35-2:40 // Pack Up & Dismissal
Pack up, clean up & wrap-up discussion of the day!

2023 Kindergarten School Supplies

SELWYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	Kindergarten - BOYS	Quantity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bounty Paper Towels 2-Ply 36ct	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crayola Pre-Sharpended 7" Colored Pencils 24ct	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crayola Crayons 48ct	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crayola Washable Ultra Clean Markers Broad Tip Classic 10ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clorox Disinfecting Wipes Flat Pack 30ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baby Wipes Huggies Natural Care Soft Pack 64ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Expo Dry Erase Marker Low Odor Fine Point Black	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plastic Two Pocket Folder w/ Prongs Asst	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crayola Crayons 24ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glad Zipper Bags Freezer Gallon 15ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glad Zipper Bags Sandwich 50ct	1

	Kindergarten - GIRLS	Quantity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bounty Paper Towels 2-Ply 36ct	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crayola Pre-Sharpended 7" Colored Pencils 24ct	1
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Crayola Crayons 24ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glad Zipper Bags Freezer Gallon 15ct	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glad Zipper Bags Freezer Quart 20ct	1



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Selwyn's Mission: In an atmosphere of respect for individuality, all children are motivated, challenged, and prepared for the next level of academic development.

About Our Campus

Selwyn is fortunate to be a neighborhood school nestled in the heart of the SouthPark Campus on 212 acres of wooded, hilly terrain crossed by two creeks and nature trails.

The SouthPark Campus also includes Alexander Graham Middle School and Myers Park High School. In 2000, Selwyn was designated a Schoolyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation for providing unique opportunities for study through outdoor activities tied directly to the curriculum, such as Nature Trails & Tails, hands on science programs, raised garden beds, and an EPA certified Clean Creek Study Program.

Two main buildings house Selwyn's well-appointed classrooms. The lower school building is composed of grades K-2 while grades 3 - 5 reside in the upper school building. Our school also comprises a large Media Center, Multipurpose Room, Technology Lab, Science Lab, Resource Rooms, Art Rooms, Music Room, Outdoor Learning Plaza, multiple developmentally appropriate playgrounds and much more!



Educational Practices

Selwyn's teachers are deeply committed to providing individualized, differentiated instruction to each of our students. Teachers at each grade level collaborate to provide best practices and strategies based on the most current research and also participate in ongoing professional development. They develop lesson plans and schedules to ensure consistency and a rigorous academic program based on the unique needs of their students. Teachers demonstrate a variety of instructional strategies depending on the targeted skill.



Technology

Selwyn prides itself on being able to seamlessly integrate technology to support student-engaged learning. Currently, kindergarten through second grade classrooms have 1:1 iPads, and third through fifth graders are supplied with a Chromebook for a 1:1 student ratio. Every class is outfitted with a SmartBoard. Students and teachers use these multimedia tools to create, design, and present information to enhance curriculum.



Specials

Students rotate through special area classes which broaden their educational experiences beyond the core subjects. Every classroom visits a different special each day: PE, Art, Music, Media (Library), or Makerspace (Technology & STEM Lab).



Talent Development

Using a co-teaching and inclusion model, our TD program works in conjunction with the classroom curriculum to challenge those students who demonstrate an ability to perform at advanced levels. Testing for talent development begins in second grade.



Clubs

Girls on the Run * Boys - Let Me Run * Soccer Shots * I Love Art * Little Sticks * Chess Club * Golf * Mad Science * SOS Club (Serve our School) * Safety Patrol * Future Problem Solvers * and more!



LITERACY

Our teachers use the Expeditionary Learning (EL) literacy program which emphasizes high achievement through active learning, character growth and teamwork. Teachers create differentiated small groups to work on specific skills and conduct writing conferences.



MATH

Selwyn uses the EnVision math program, which approaches math with an emphasis on hands-on learning. Our highly qualified teachers show students multiple strategies to solve problems and are taught real world applications of these skills.



SCIENCE

Science is taught using a hands-on approach. Students are encouraged to explore and investigate the world around them through conducting experiments and recording their findings in their science journals.



SOCIAL STUDIES

The social studies curriculum is filled with stories, activities, assignments and illustrations that influence how young people understand the world, contribute to centering and normalizing people, cultures and values.

“Enriching every child’s education”

PTA Selwyn is proud to have a longstanding tradition of strong PTA support. Our PTA currently has over 100 board members and 50 committees that support students and staff. The PTA organizes special activities throughout the year that focus on fun and education. Our PTA campaigns provide financial support to fund school projects, materials, and continuing education for our staff. Incredible family involvement is what helps make Selwyn such a special place.

Fundraising Selwyn participates in two annual fundraising initiatives. Our summer reading program, *Red Ribbon Reading*, incentivizes all students to set summer reading goals, obtain sponsors and strive to reach their goals by charting minutes reading, writing and practicing math. The program culminates in the fall with our traditional Red Friday celebration! RRR raised over \$95,000 this year to fund the entire PTA operating budget, field trips, Nature Tales and Trails, science lab materials, Selwyn Family Fun events, campus beautification, Friday Night Lights, staff appreciation, Selwyn Celebrates the Arts, Children Theatre involvement for our 5th grade play, Parent Party, Daughter Dance, Son Dance, Kids Voting, Red and Blue Days, and much more! *Building Blocks* is



Selwyn’s capital campaign. Donations traditionally fund “extras” for school improvements such as Smartboards, Makerspace, grade level iPad carts, playground equipment like our new Play 60, Versa Track and more!



Selwyn Shows Character

Citizens & Scholars Each month, Selwyn introduces a new character trait such as Honesty or Perseverance. Classroom teachers acknowledge a student on each grade level who demonstrates that particular character trait and the students are recognized among their peers at a school-wide assembly. The PTA rewards the students with a small token for their efforts.

Outreach Selwyn supports service learning programs to teach children about helping others, such as Baby Bundles, Loaves and Fishes canned food drive, Cookies for Kids Cancer, Communities in Schools, Sandwiches for Urban Ministries, Lunch Project for Rowanda, and BuildStrong: Festival for Autism.



Learning for All Selwyn is profoundly honored to serve students of all abilities and meet their individual learning needs. The Selwyn teaching staff includes Exceptional Children teachers, English Language teachers, Reading Specialists, Counselors, and many, many more, all eager to help your children meet their unique potential. Already home of the incredible A-Team, Selwyn is also thrilled to host the Visually Impaired (VI) program. The VI program consists of one VI classroom teacher, three VI teacher assistants, and two Brailleists!

Join the fun!  @selwynelementarypta

Questions?  selwynprospectiveparents@gmail.com

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Bell schedule
7:45 a.m.- 2:45 p.m.

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We can’t wait to welcome you!





Red Ribbon Reading (RRR):

Read. Write. Practice Math. & Donate to the Selwyn PTA Operating Budget.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RRR CHAIRS

Welcome New Selwyn Families!

We are thrilled you will join us this fall and excited to offer a fun and rewarding way for your child to dive into the Selwyn experience now.

Red Ribbon Reading (RRR) is the annual fundraiser for the PTA's operating budget which funds some amazing opportunities that students and staff enjoy all year long like:

- Field trips (Discovery Place, Children's Theatre, Schiele Museum, NC Zoo, Old Salem, to name a few)
- Staff Appreciation (gifts, extra school supplies, luncheon, etc.)
- Science Lab and Makerspace support
- SCARTs (Selwyn Celebrates the Arts – art gallery event where students showcase their work)
- Nature Trails (immersive learning experience in nature)
- Red and Blue Day (Selwyn's version of Field Day!)
- Citizens & Scholars assemblies
- and much, much more!

In the spring, students set goals to read/write/practice math a total number of hours over the summer and collect pledges from family and friends for donations to be made in the fall tied to those goals.

Summer learning is a great way to prepare your child for school. RRR encourages your child to track these hours, and we celebrate everyone's accomplishments with t-shirts, prizes and other rewards in the fall. Plus, it's a fun way for the students to raise money for our, essentially their, PTA!

Last year we raised over \$110,000 from RRR. With your support, we can make 2023-24 our best year yet. Use the QR code below to support RRR today!

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TIMELINE

Spring – Set a reading goal and collect pledges.

- Set a RRR goal. *A lot of students aim for 100 hours or more. For a rising kindergartener, 25 or 50 hours is a great place to start!*
- Pledge a dollar amount for each hour of summer practice or a flat donation.
- Help your child collect pledges from grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors, too.
- Find out if your employer will provide a corporate match.
- Visit <https://selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading/> to record your child's goal and pledges received online by **June 8**.

Summer – Read. Write. & Practice Math.

- Read to your child.
- Listen to a book on tape on a road trip.
- Look at books and have them point to pictures.
- Play an educational game.
- Visit the library or a museum.
- Complete a kindergarten workbook.
- Record hours on the RRR chart. *Display the chart somewhere visible at home to stay on track!*

Fall – Submit your chart. Donate. & Celebrate.

- Submit your child's RRR hours online and have them return their completed RRR chart to school. Charts must be returned by **September 8** to be entered into the Red Friday raffle.
- Submit donations from friends and families online or by check by **September 29**.

CELEBRATE at RED FRIDAY

All students will celebrate their success with a fun event, t-shirts and prizes!

READ. WRITE. PRACTICE MATH. & DONATE.

Use this QR code to find more information and to make a donation to the Selwyn PTA Operating Budget.

Every dollar counts!

