

# Selwyn Elementary School

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2840 Colony Road

Charlotte, NC 28211

May 10, 2024

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 2024-2025 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 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 at [mary.primm@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:mary.primm@cms.k12.nc.us) or 980.343.5835.

| ✓                        | <b>CMS DOCUMENTS:</b>   |  | <b>DUE DATE</b> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>CMS Enrollment Forms:</b> Enrollment is completed online through the PowerSchool portal: <a href="http://www.cmsk12.org/enroll">www.cmsk12.org/enroll</a>   | ASAP            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Medical Forms</b> (if applicable)<br>Additional forms are required for students with allergies, asthma, and other medical conditions: <a href="http://selwynpta.org/pta-info/health-forms/">selwynpta.org/pta-info/health-forms/</a>    | ASAP            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Bus Transportation Information</b><br>Sign up for your child to ride the bus. Please create an AlphaPortal account for all bus transportation needs and requests.: <a href="http://www.cmsk12.org/Page/195">www.cmsk12.org/Page/195</a> | ASAP            |

| ✓                        | <b>SELWYN ACTION ITEMS:</b>   |   | <b>DUE DATE</b>                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> |    | <b>Kindergarten Questionnaire</b><br>Please fill out the online questionnaire to help our kindergarten team match your child with the ideal teacher and classroom environment: <a href="http://selwynpta.org/new-parents/kindergarten-questionnaire/">selwynpta.org/new-parents/kindergarten-questionnaire/</a>                 | <b>June 7</b>                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>RRR (Red Ribbon Reading) Pledge Form</b><br>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: <a href="http://selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading/">selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading/</a> | <b>June 7</b>                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Order School Supplies</b><br>Sprouts is the one stop shop to have your back to school shopping done in minutes. Visit <a href="http://sproutsupplies.com">sproutsupplies.com</a> and enter Selwyn's code: SES010   | <b>July 11</b>                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>PayPAMS</b><br>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: <a href="http://paypams.com">paypams.com</a> .   | Enrollment Begins<br><b>August 1</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Selwyn School Store</b><br>We are proud Selwyn Eagles! Show your spirit by visiting our school store and place an order online today: <a href="https://selwynpta.org/school-store/">https://selwynpta.org/school-store/</a>  | Anytime                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Here Comes the Bus App</b><br>This app allows you to track the bus in real time! For more information and to download the app, visit: <a href="http://www.cmsk12.org/Page/186">www.cmsk12.org/Page/186</a>   | Anytime                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Volunteer</b><br>Selwyn volunteers are invaluable in enhancing educational and extra-curricular opportunities for all students. Be a partner in your child's education: <a href="http://selwynpta.org/existing-parents/volunteer/">selwynpta.org/existing-parents/volunteer/</a>   | Anytime                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>Connect</b><br>Don't forget to stay connected by following PTA on instagram (@selwynelementarypta) and enrolling in our weekly Eagle Email newsletter: <a href="http://www.selwynpta.org">www.selwynpta.org</a>  | Anytime                              |



Selwyn Kindergarten

SAVE THE DATES

**Kindergarten Assessment Days**

May 16 & 17

**Kindergarten Teacher Assignment Day**

August 19 & 20

**Meet the Teacher & Popsicles on the Playground**

August 22

**Kindergarten Staggered Entry**

August 26-29

**All Kindergarteners Report to School**

August 30

**No School: Labor Day**

September 2

Selwyn



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Sign Up for Eagle Email



# SELWYN ELEMENTARY

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

| KINDERGARTEN  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Bounty Paper Towels 2-Ply 36ct                              | 1        |
| Crayola Pre-Sharpended 7" Colored Pencils 24ct              | 1        |
| Crayola Crayons 48ct  | 1        |
| Crayola Crayons 24ct  | 2        |
| Crayola Washable Ultra Clean Markers Broad Tip Classic 10ct | 1        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes Soft Pack 75ct                    | 1        |
| Baby Wipes Huggies Natural Care Soft Pack 64ct              | 2        |
| Expo Dry Erase Markers Low Odor Fine Point Black 4ct        | 1        |
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 Pencil Pre-Sharpended 12ct          | 6        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct                                 | 1        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Freezer Gallon 15ct                        | 2        |
| Curad Latex Free Bandages 100ct                             | 1        |
| Elmer's Large School Glue Stick Purple, Dry Clear .77oz     | 4        |
| Hand Sanitizer Pump 8oz                                     | 1        |

| FIRST GRADE   | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Bounty Paper Towels 2-Ply 36ct                                    | 1        |
| Crayola Crayons 24ct  | 2        |
| Crayola Twistables Colored Pencils 12ct                           | 1        |
| Crayola Washable Ultra Clean Markers Broad Tip Classic 8ct        | 2        |
| Pink Eraser Latex-free  | 2        |
| School Scissors 5" Blunt Tip                                      | 1        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct                                       | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Stay-Put Plastic Pocket Folder w/ Prong Green      | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Stay-Put Plastic Pocket Folder w/ Prong Blue       | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Stay-Put Plastic Pocket Folder w/ Prong Red        | 1        |
| Pencil Box Sterilite Plastic 8.5" x 5.5" x 2"                     | 1        |
| Zipper Bags Snack 50ct  | 1        |
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 Pencil Pre-Sharpended 12ct                | 4        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Quart 25ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>                    | 1        |
| Baby Wipes Huggies Natural Care Soft Pack 64ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b> | 1        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Freezer Gallon 15ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>          | 1        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes 78ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>                | 1        |

| SECOND GRADE  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB#2 Pre-Sharpended Pencils 12ct                          | 1        |
| Zipper Bags Sandwich 40ct   | 1        |
| Eraser Pencil Caps Arrowhead  | 12       |
| Koss Stereo Headphones Foam Earpad 3.5mm plug                               | 1        |
| Crayola Crayons 24ct  | 2        |
| Bounty Paper Towels 2-Ply 36ct  | 1        |
| Crayola Twistable Crayons 24ct  | 1        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes Soft Pack 75ct                                    | 1        |
| Scissors Rubber Grip Pointed 7"   | 1        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct   | 2        |
| Marble Composition Book Wide Ruled 100 Sheet Black                          | 1        |
| Plastic Two Pocket Folder w/ Prongs Green                                   | 1        |
| Plastic Two Pocket Folder w/ Prongs Blue                                    | 1        |
| Plastic Two Pocket Folder w/ Prongs Yellow                                  | 1        |
| Pencil Box Sterilite Plastic 8.5" x 5.5" x 2"                               | 1        |
| 1" Binder Avery Clear Cover w/ Interior Pockets White                       | 1        |
| Hand Sanitizer Clear Bottle 70% Alcohol 16.9oz – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>           | 1        |
| Cardstock Pacon 65lb 8.5" x 11" White 40ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>               | 1        |
| Curad Flex-Fabric Latex Free Bandages 100ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>             | 1        |
| Baby Wipes Huggies Natural Care Soft Pack 64ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>           | 1        |
| Cardstock Astrobrights 65lb 8.5" x 11" Asst Colors 50ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b> | 1        |

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| THIRD GRADE  | Quantity |
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| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Asst          | 5        |
| Crayola Crayons 24ct   | 1        |
| Crayola Pre-Sharpended 7" Colored Pencils 24ct                     | 1        |
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 Pencil Pre-Sharpended 12ct                 | 2        |
| Crayola Washable Ultra Clean Markers Broad Tip Classic 8ct         | 1        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes 78 ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>                 | 1        |
| Pink Eraser Latex-free   | 2        |
| Fiskars 5" Blunt Tip Scissors                                      | 1        |
| Koss Stereo Headphones Foam Earpad 3.5mm plug                      | 1        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct  | 1        |
| Spiral Notebook Mead Wide Ruled 70ct Asst                          | 3        |
| Mead Marble Composition Book Wide Ruled 100 Sheet Black            | 2        |
| Pencil Box Sterilite Plastic 8.5" x 5.5" x 2"                      | 1        |
| Baby Wipes Unscented Soft Pack 72ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>            | 1        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Freezer Gallon 15ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>           | 1        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Sandwich 50ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>                  | 1        |
| Hand Sanitizer Clear Bottle 70% Alcohol 16.9oz – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b> | 1        |
| Curad Flex-Fabric Latex Free Bandages 100ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>    | 1        |

| FOURTH GRADE  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 Pencil Pre-Sharpended 12 ct               | 3        |
| Crayola Washable Ultra Clean Markers Broad Tip Classic 8ct        | 1        |
| Crayola Twistables Colored Pencils 18ct                           | 1        |
| Pencil/Crayon Sharpener 2 Hole w/ Shavings Case                   | 1        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct                                       | 1        |
| Drawstring Backpack Polyester 18" x 14"                           | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Graph Spiral Notebook 4 x 4 Ruled 8.5" x 11" 100ct | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Blue         | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Red          | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Green        | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put White        | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Black        | 1        |
| Expo Dry Erase Markers Low Odor Chisel Tip Asst 4ct               | 1        |
| Spiral Notebook Wide Ruled 100ct Asst                             | 2        |
| Pencil Box Sterilite Plastic 8.5" x 5.5" x 2"                     | 1        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes Flat Pack 30ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>      | 1        |
| Avery 1" x 2.62" Easy Peel Address Labels 30ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b> | 10       |
| Hand Sanitizer Pump 70% Alcohol 8oz – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>           | 1        |

| FIFTH GRADE   | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| 2" Durable EZD Binder Avery Clear Cover w/ Pockets White            | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Asst           | 4        |
| Loose Leaf Paper Wide Ruled 150ct                                   | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Spiral Notebook Wide Ruled 3 Subject 150ct Asst | 3        |
| Mead Five Star Graph Spiral Notebook 4 x 4 Ruled 8.5" x 11" 100ct   | 2        |
| Index Cards Mead 4" x 6" Spiral Bound 50ct                          | 7        |
| Crayola Pre-Sharpended 7" Colored Pencils 12ct                      | 1        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes Flat Pack 30ct                            | 3        |
| Fiskars 7" Pointed Tip Scissors                                     | 1        |
| Fiskars Mess Less Sharpener   | 1        |
| Koss Stereo Headphones Foam Earpad 3.5mm plug                       | 1        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct   | 1        |
| Expo Dry Erase Marker Low Odor Chisel Tip Black                     | 4        |
| Pencil Pouch Zippered 3-Hole Heavy Duty Canvas 7 ¼ x 10 ¼ " Asst    | 1        |
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 Pencil Pre-Sharpended 12ct                  | 2        |
| Crayola Markers Broad Tip Classic 10ct                              | 1        |
| Bounty Paper Towels 2-Ply 36ct – <b>BOYS ONLY</b>                   | 1        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Sandwich 50ct – <b>GIRLS ONLY</b>                  | 1        |

| A TEAM  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Glad Zipper Bags Sandwich 50ct                                | 2        |
| Glad Zipper Bags Gallon 20ct                                  | 2        |
| Baby Wipes Huggies Natural Care Soft Pack 64ct                | 2        |
| Clorox Disinfecting Wipes Flat Pack 75ct                      | 1        |
| 1" Durable Binder Avery Clear Cover w/ Interior Pockets White | 1        |
| Curad Flex-Fabric Latex Free Bandages 100ct                   | 1        |
| Crayola Washable Ultra Clean Markers Broad Tip Classic 8ct    | 1        |
| Crayola Crayons 8ct   | 1        |
| Hand Sanitizer Pump 70% Alcohol 8oz                           | 2        |
| Kleenex Tissues Large 160ct                                   | 1        |
| Mead Five Star Poly Pocket Folder 3-Hole w/ Stay Put Asst     | 2        |
| Hand Soap Liquid w/ Pump 7.5oz                                | 1        |
| Crayola Crayons 24ct  | 1        |
| Fiskars 5" Blunt Tip Scissors                                 | 1        |
| Pencil Box Sterilite Plastic 8.5" x 5.5" x 2"                 | 1        |
| Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 Pencil Pre-Sharpended 12ct            | 2        |

# CUSTOMIZED KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

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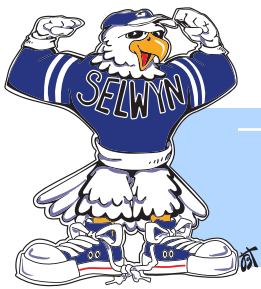
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**Sale Opens  
in May**



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# Selwyn Elementary

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

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.

## About Our Campus

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, and more.

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, Makerspace, Science Lab, Resource Rooms, Art Room, Music Room, Outdoor Learning Plaza and FIVE developmentally appropriate playgrounds.



## Educational Practices

Selwyn is proud to be named an "A" school and has exceeded growth year over year. Our principal, Dr. Sharone Harris, is also the Central Learning Community Principal of the Year! Our 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. Teacher Assistants provide additional small group instruction daily in literacy and math. Each grade level develops lesson plans and schedules to ensure consistency and a rigorous academic program based on the unique needs of their students.



## Technology

Selwyn seamlessly integrates technology to support student-engaged learning. K-2 classrooms have 1:1 iPads, and students in 3-5 grades are supplied with a Chromebook for a 1:1 student ratio. Every class is outfitted with a Promethean Board. 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 SIX specials each week: PE, Art, Music, Media (Library), Makerspace (Technology & STEM Lab) and B3 Lab (Brain, Body, Behavior).



## 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 \* P3 Soccer \* p3 Basketball \* Little Sticks \* Chess Club \* Mad Science \* Safety Patrol \* Chorus 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 \$100,000 last year to fund the entire PTA operating budget, field trips, Nature Tales and Trails, science lab materials, Selwyn Family Fun events, campus beautification, Fall Festival, staff appreciation, Selwyn Celebrates the Arts, Children Theatre involvement for our 5th grade play, Parent Party, Sweetheart Dance, Kids Voting, Red and Blue Days, Science Lab, Inreach/Outreach, Critical Needs and much more! *Building Blocks* is Selwyn’s capital campaign. Donations traditionally fund “extras” for school improvements such as Smartboards, Makerspace (STEM lab), grade level iPad carts, playground equipment like our Play 60, Versa Track, playground turf, sun shades, digital marquee sign and more!



## Selwyn Shows Character

**Outreach** Selwyn supports service learning programs to teach children about helping others. Each grade level participates in a yearly service project with incredible organizations such as Baby Bundles, Loaves and Fishes canned food drive, Cookies for Kids’ Cancer, Communities in Schools, Sandwiches for Urban Ministries and the Pet Supply Drive benefitting local cat and dog rescues. Selwyn families are proud to help provide school supplies to our partner school, Pinewood Elementary, through a donation drive.

**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, Multilingual teacher, Reading Specialist, School Counselors, Talent Development teachers and many, many more, all eager to help your children meet their unique potential. Already home of the Extensions Team, Selwyn was also thrilled to welcome the Visually Impaired (VI) program to our school. The VI program consists of two VI classroom teachers, three VI teacher assistants, and two Brailleists! In addition, for the 2024-2025 school year, Selwyn will be one of nine schools piloting a new special education program called the K-2 Developmental Separate Class.

Join the fun!  @selwynelementarypta

Questions?  selwynprospectiveparents@gmail.com

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Principal, Dr. Sharone Harris

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

# Selwyn

**We can’t wait to welcome you!**



# 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, lesson on friendship, feelings, problem solving, etc. and a physical activity to warm us up (yoga, stretch, dance, breathing!)

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

Whole group literacy instruction centered around read alouds to develop reading behaviors, writing skills, and critical thinking

**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**

Direct phonics instruction (letter naming, letter sounds, letter formation, rhyming, word decoding), followed by individual/small group practice of strategies

**12:00-12:30 // Lunch**

**12:30-1:00 // Recess**

**1:05-2:05 // Math**

Whole group instruction ranging on topics from number sense, measurement and data, shapes and geometry, addition and subtraction, etc. followed by hands on differentiated small group rotations

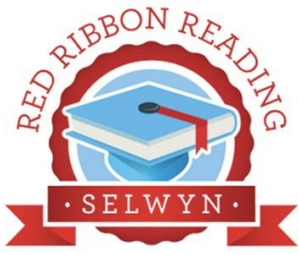
**2:05-2:35 // Science & Social Studies**

Exploration and experiments ranging on topics from geography, forces and motion, community and neighborhood, animals, etc.

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

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





# A Summer Learning Program

that enriches students' summer education  
while supporting Selwyn's biggest fundraiser

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RRR CHAIRS

Welcome New Selwyn Families,

We're thrilled to introduce a rewarding opportunity to kickstart summer, helping students invest in themselves and in their school!

**What is Red Ribbon Reading (RRR)?** It's an engaging summer challenge that keeps kids excited about learning, combats the "summer slide," and ensures they return to school confident and ready to succeed. This program also serves as the Selwyn PTA's largest annual fundraiser.

**How does it work?** In the spring, students set summer learning goals and gather pledges from family and friends. Throughout the summer, students track their reading, writing, and math practice hours. In the fall, students submit their hours, collect pledges, and celebrate their achievements together.

**What do RRR donations support?** They support the annual Selwyn PTA budget, directly impacting academic experiences:

- **Field Trips:** Students can visit destinations like Discovery Place Science, Whitewater Center, Midland Farms, Camp Thunderbird, Reed's Gold Mine and Old Salem without fees.
- **Science Lab and Makerspace:** Special programs offered at Selwyn that require more costly materials
- **Red and Blue Day:** Selwyn's Field Day!
- **Staff Appreciation:** Gifts, school supplies, luncheons, etc.
- **Critical Needs Assistance:** Supports students in need with essentials like backpacks, clothing, and school supplies
- **Much, much more!**

Together, we can continue to build a strong and supportive community where every student thrives. Last year, our RRR fundraiser raised over \$88,000 due to the generous contributions of our Selwyn parents and employer matching!


### JOIN THE FUN & SUPPORT SELWYN

Help your child set a goal, collect pledges, track progress, and contribute to our fall donation drive!

#### SPRING: Set a Goal & Pledge

- Set a RRR goal. *Many aim for 100 hours. For rising kindergarteners, 25-50 hours is great.*
- Pledge to support your child's summer learning, which will contribute to our fall donation drive.
- Encourage pledges from family, friends, and consider checking if your employer offers corporate matching.

#### SUMMER: Read, Write, & Practice Math

- Record hours on your RRR chart, located on the back of this letter. 
- Scan the QR code below for ideas and resources to earn hours. It's not just reading! Audiobooks, educational games & apps, workbooks, journaling, and more contribute towards students' hours.

#### FALL: Submit Hours, Donate, & Celebrate

- Submit your RRR chart to school by **Sep 6<sup>th</sup>** to be entered into the Red Friday raffle.
- Gather and submit pledged donations by **Sep 29<sup>th</sup>** from sponsors, family, or friends. Even those who didn't pledge in spring can donate in the fall to support Selwyn's biggest fundraiser. Donations can be made online or by check.
- Celebrate at the "Red Friday" student assembly with raffle prizes and recognition for 100-hr readers.

Katie Koppelman, Emily Schauer, Tiffany Stork, & Des Wehrum | Red Ribbon Reading Co-Chairs | SelwynRRR@gmail.com

## SET A GOAL & PLEDGE NOW

Scan QR code to find more info, set a summer goal, and pledge a fall donation to support the 2024-2025 Selwyn PTA Operating Budget.

<https://selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading/>



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100 HOUR READER!!



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START



2024

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ hours

**DIRECTIONS:**

Color one square for every 15 minutes of reading, writing, or math practice! Four squares = 1 hour.

Record your progress June 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Earn a free space and a raffle ticket every 10 hours, with each Red Star, up to 10 tickets.

Submit this form to school **no later than Sep 6th** with your parent/ guardian's signature.

Celebrate at the Fall **Red Friday** assembly with raffle prizes and 100-hr reader recognition.



For additional charts, guidelines, summer reading lists, free resources and ideas, scan the QR code or visit [selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading](http://selwynpta.org/fundraising/red-ribbon-reading)

**Complete this section in Fall:**

Actual Time: \_\_\_\_\_ hours

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature



# 2024 Summer Reading List

Soar Through Summer  
with a Great Book or Series

Hi Selwyn Families!

Are you looking for some great books for summer reading and to earn hours for Red Ribbon Reading? These recommended titles are currently some of the most popular ones being read at Selwyn. Although the list is broken down by “grade spans,” families should use their discretion, as reading levels of students vary. Look for these books at the public library, on SORA, or your favorite bookstore.

**Ms. Bailey, Selwyn’s Media Specialist**

## KINDERGARTEN & 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE

- *Elephant and Piggie* series by Mo Willems
- *The Pigeon* series by Mo Willems
- *Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo
- *King and Kayla* series by Dori Butler
- *Sofia Martinez* series by Jacqueline Jules
- *Humphrey’s Tiny Tales* series by Betty Birney
- *Judy Moody and Friends* by Megan McDonald
- *How to Catch* series by Adam Wallace & Andy Elkerton

## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

- *Critter Club* series by Callie Barkley
- *Ball Park Mysteries* series by David A. Kelly
- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott
- *Who Would Win* series by Jerry Pallotta
- *Who Was, What Was, Where Is*, etc. series by various authors
- *Clementine* series by Sarah Pennypacker
- *Calendar Mysteries* series by Ron Roy
- *Humphrey* series by Betty Birney
- *Boxcar Children Mystery* series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *Jake Maddox Sports* series (various titles)
- *Judy Moody and Stink* series by Megan McDonald

## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- *The Treehouse Books* series by Andy Griffiths
- *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger
- *Land of Stories* series by Chris Colfer
- *Who Was, What Was, Where Is*, etc. series by various authors
- *Last Kids on Earth* series by Max Brallier
- *Spy School* series by Stuart Gibb
- *Babysitters Club* Graphic Novels by Ann M. Martin (and other supporting authors)
- *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis
- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* series by Chris Grabenstein
- *The Last Musketeer* series by Stuart Gibbs
- Books by author Gordon Korman (he has a wide variety of titles)
- Books by author Andrew Clements (he has a wide variety of titles)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

**Imagination Soup** has a wide range of suggested titles by grade level and topic. It takes a little exploring and navigating but has lots of good suggestions and descriptions of various books for all ages.

[www.imaginationsoup.net](http://www.imaginationsoup.net)

**SORA** is a wonderful resource that allows Selwyn families to access literally thousands of FREE electronic and audiobooks. You can use SORA on a desktop, laptop, tablet, or cell phone. Audiobooks are an especially fun choice which allow you to listen while traveling. See Ms. Bailey’s Media Center page on the Selwyn Elementary website for detailed instructions on everything SORA! Happy Reading!

<https://www.cmsk12.org/selwynES> (then go to Our School – Special Area Classes – Media)