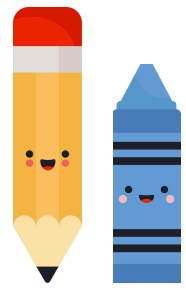


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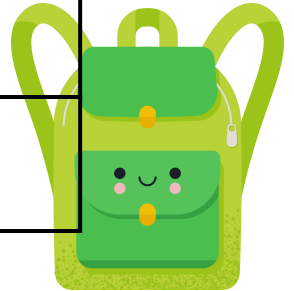
School day

Our school hours are 9:10–4:07. Students begin entering the building at 8:55. Students may eat breakfast when they arrive in the building. Students will make a lunch choice first thing in the morning. Please refer to the district menu. If your child will be absent from school, please call the office to let us know.

Schedule

SJPS has a rotating schedule for elementary specials. Please refer to the color coded calendar for specials. 11:30 recess/lunch, 12:30 specials, 2:20 recess

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red	art	PE
orange	PE	art
yellow	music	library
green	library	music



Transportation

Bus riders: The bus circle for drop off and pick up is in the front of the school. SJPS buses are identified by numbers and animals. Kindergarten students are assisted daily in finding their buses. They will also have bus tags to help adults help them.

Car riders: The drop off/pick up line begins at the Lowell Rd parking lot entrance. Please follow the car line. Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot. Adults will assist students coming and going from vehicles

Changes: Please call the office to notify us of any changes you need to make to your child's transportation plan.



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Supplies

backpacks: Please send your child's backpack (no wheels, big enough to hold a folder) every school day, and check through it each day. Please make sure that your child's name is on the backpack, and that the tag indicating his/her transportation plan stays on it.

lunchboxes: Please label with your child's name on the outside.

water bottles: Students may have a water bottle for the classroom and for lunch. Label with your child's name. Many students have the same bottles.

snack: Kindergarteners will have snack time in the afternoon. Students are required to bring their own healthy snack each day. It is helpful for snacks to be separate from lunchboxes to avoid confusion.

donations: Additional supplies are not required but always appreciated. Gluesticks and tissues are our most needed items.

clothing choices: We ask that students wear comfortable clothes in which they will be able to learn and play. We sit on the floor and sometimes get messy. Socks and sneakers are great! Students should be independent with shoes, coats, and boots. It is also helpful for students to have a spare set of clothing at school just in case. Please label a gallon size bag with your child's name. We can keep these at school for their use if needed.

Friday folders: Students will bring home classwork and notes each week on Friday. Please return folders on Monday.



Birthdays and Parties

birthdays: We love to celebrate birthdays in kindergarten. Students may choose to have extra recess or choice time. No birthday snacks please.

parties: We typically have a party for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentines. You will receive information prior to sign up for volunteer opportunities or to send supply donations.

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Literacy Benchmarks

Identify upper and lower case letters and sounds.
Use letters and sounds to form words.
Identify and utilize known sight words.
Use reading strategies and engage in emergent reading.
Engage in discussion about fiction and non-fiction.



Writing Benchmarks

Use pictures to tell stories.
Use letter sounds, temporary spellings, sight words, and environmental print.
Express an idea with pictures and words.
Practice good handwriting habits.

Math Benchmarks

Identify, create, compare 2-D and 3-D shapes.
Sort items and create patterns.
Count to 100 by ones and 10s.
Identify, write, count numbers and quantities to 30.
Use strategies for addition and subtraction 0-10.
Fact fluency 0-5.
Use non-standard tools for measurement and graphing.



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