



Mission: Kindergarten 2021

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Instructions:

1. Please review this entire slideshow presentation
2. The final slide has a link to a LIVE question and answer session: Tuesday, February 2 at 5:30PM
3. The final slide also has links for you to ask questions or seek additional answers by phone or email.

About the Laveen District

- Nine schools serving Grades K-8
- Signature programs at each school
- Open enrollment boundaries

Desert Meadows Elementary

- Expecting all students to reach their academic and social potentials!
- School Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Curriculum

- New adoptions in core areas
- All have digital platforms
- Specials and electives

www.LaveenSchools.org/district-curriculum

Curriculum

- Curriculum programs are aligned to state standards
- Math, ELA, and Science include a digital platform
- Programs include differentiation to meet students' learning needs
- Specials area classes are offered to all students in Grades K-8

Curriculum for Kindergarten

Reading:

ReadyGen – An integrated literacy program to support reading, writing, and language with authentic texts

Spalding – A supplemental phonics program to strengthen foundational skills

Math:

My Math – A program that interweaves rigor, conceptual understanding, procedural skill, and real-world application to solve math problems

Science:

Discovery Education – A digital program that provides exciting multimedia, virtual and hands-on labs built on the 5E model, (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate)

Social Studies:

The History and Social Science Standards for Kindergarten are embedded in ELA.

Learning Expectations

By the end of the year, your child should...

- **Read on their own**
- Recognize all alphabet letter names and sounds
- Read and write sight words
- Write a complete sentence
- **Count, recognize, and write numbers up to 50**
- Add and subtract single digit numbers

Academic Preparation

You can begin practicing...

- Writing his/her name
- Recognizing letter names and sounds
- Counting up to 20 and recognizing numbers up to at least 10
- Recognizing basic shapes and colors
- Cutting skills: holding scissors correctly and cutting straight lines

Technology

- Digital curriculum
- 1:1 student-to-device ratio
 - All kindergarten students are issued a touch-screen Chromebook for use in the classroom.
- SMART Boards
- Computer user accounts

English Learner Program

- English Language Proficiency Standards
- Support students in developing speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar skills
- Structured English immersion classrooms
- Individual Language Learner Plans

<http://www.LaveenSchools.org/english-language-acquisition>

Special Education

- For students identified by a team as having a disability
- Services provided according to IEP

Gifted Education

- Students with superior intellect or advanced learning ability
- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
- Differentiated instruction, acceleration, advanced placement

Dress Code

- Solid white, navy, or light blue shirts with collar.
- Solid navy blue or tan khaki pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, or jumpers.
- Closed-toed shoes

Child Nutrition

- Free breakfast for **all** students
- Free/reduced-price (\$.40) lunch for qualifying families
- Regular-priced lunch is \$2.50
- Adult meals available (\$2.50)
- Free summer meals offered to **all** children
- Meals meet federal nutritional guidelines

Before/After School Programs

- “Kids Club”
- Supervised, planned activities for K-6 students
- Licensed by DHS
- Fee-based

Break Camps

- “Kids Club”
- Camps during the fall, winter, spring, and summer breaks
- Field trips
- Fee-based
- Held at a single location

Bus Transportation

- Available within transportation zone
- [Laveen Transportation Zones](#)
- No charge
- Must register for bus service

Student IDs

- Required at all times
- Used in cafeteria line
- Used as bus pass
- Used as library card

Preschool Programs

- General Education
- Dual Language Immersion
- Developmental

[www. LaveenSchools.org/preschool](http://www.LaveenSchools.org/preschool)

Clubs / Activities

- Intramural Athletics
- School Clubs
- Tutoring

Student Support

- Each school has a health associate
- District has two R.Ns
- Counselors/Psychologists

[www. LaveenSchools.org/health-services](http://www.LaveenSchools.org/health-services)

Student Achievement

- Standards-based grading
- Increasing both proficiency and growth
- State Accountability

<http://www.LaveenSchools.org/state-accountability>

Parent Involvement

- Communication, communication, communication
- Model importance on education by:
 - checking folders and backpacks daily
 - helping with homework
 - arriving on time
 - regular daily attendance

School Safety

- Secure Facilities
- SRO/SSOs
- Routine Drills
- Visiting Campus

[www. LaveenSchools.org/school-safety](http://www.LaveenSchools.org/school-safety)

Communications

- SchoolMessenger
- Peachjar e-flyers
- Teacher emails
- Teacher websites
- School website
- Social Media

Tax Credits

- Direct state taxes to public education
- Increase refund or decrease amount owed
- May only be used for fee-base extracurricular or character education programs
- \$200 for single / \$400 for married limit



Please join us Tuesday,
February 2 at 5:30PM for a
LIVE Q&A SESSION

[Join Us](#)

Have questions now?

**Call our office at
(602) 304-2020 or email the
Principal at
jketcham@laveeneld.org**

Ready to Register at Desert Meadows?

Registration for the 2021-22 school
year will open February 2.

Apply online at

www.LaveenSchools.org/registration

Enrollment requirements may apply

