

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Welcome to Miller Elementary!

We're so looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten students! And, although school is not in session for the rest of this school year, we are hopeful that we will be returning to the school building in the fall and we look forward to having your kindergartener at Miller.

Normally, we would have a Kindergarten Orientation in April. We were not able to do that so below you will find much of the information we would have shared at that time. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about next year. See you in the fall!

Office Staff:

Jen Healy	Principal
Erich Brocker	Assistant Principal
Meredith Blackwell	Office Manager
Caitlin Muhleman	Secretary
Anita Garland	School Nurse

Miller Focus on Sustainability

- LEED Certified Building
- We use dishes and silverware so we don't throw away paper plates and plastic silverware each day
- Solar Panels on our roof provide some of our electricity and are a great learning tool for our students
- We compost all of our uneaten food
- We have 3 Green Teams that focus on Reducing, Reusing and Recycling
- We use Electronic Communications but can provide paper copies if requested
- We have Outdoor Classrooms on each of our playgrounds

Three Focus Areas

- **Academic Excellence** (reading writing, math, science, social studies)
- **Future Ready** (technology, creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking)
- **Thriving Citizen** (thinking globally, empathy, appreciation)

Reaching all Students

- Academic support in reading, writing and math
- Levels of Support: Health Protocols, 504 plans, Special Education, Speech Support
- Yearly character focuses: Kindness, Gratitude, Love, Earth, Integrity
- Assemblies: We sing, dance, cheer for our fellow students and have fun!
- We have 4 expectations of our students: Be safe, kind, responsible and green
- Each school day begins with a classroom Morning Meeting to build community so students can work and learn together
- Peer Buddies: Each 3rd – 5th grade class has a Kinder – 2nd grade buddy class
- Technology: Kindergarten – 2nd grade has some iPads for school use. 3rd – 5th grade students each have an iPad that helps support meaningful differentiation

Parent Involvement

- Work with students or complete prep work for classroom teachers
- Chaperones field trips
- Planning and donating items for class or school celebrations
- Shelving books in the media center
- Share your expertise with students and teachers
- PTO - Informational Meetings, Art with students, Evening Events
- Volunteers must complete an online volunteer application and once cleared, they are good for 2 years at any Bend - La Pine school
- Use this link: <https://bib.com/Secure-Volunteer/bend-la-pine/>

Typical Day in Kindergarten

7:55 - 8:00	Free Choice Time
8:00 - 8:15	Community Circle
8:15 - 8:30	Number Corner (math calendar and counting)
8:30-9:15	Writing Workshop
9:15-9:30	Snack
9:30-9:45	Recess
9:45-10:15	Literacy Centers
10:15-10:45	Specials: Music or PE
10:45-11:30	Literacy Centers
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess

12:15-12:45	Share Bear/Whole Group Reading
12:45-1:15	Math Instruction
1:15-1:30	Recess
1:30-1:45	Math Work Places
1:45-2:15	Special Topics: science, social studies, social emotional learning, free play
2:15-2:30	Clean Up and Dismissal

On Wednesdays our school day ends at 1:00.

After School Care

- This is all done through Bend Parks and Recreation
- They offer Kid's Inc. 2:30 - 6:30 pm
- They do not offer before school care
- On Wednesdays they offer classes in art, foreign language, movie making, dance, etc. from 1:00 - 2:30 pm)

Reminders

- Registration is open online:
<https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/organization/online-enrollment>
- Please complete registration by mid-June if possible.
- We have a check-in and out safety system – you will need a driver's license every time to come into our school beyond the front office.
- Please label everything with your child's name (lunch box, coats, hats, gloves, backpack)
- Welcome Back and Kindergarten-specific letters to come in August
- Meet the Teacher Event the Thursday before Labor Day
- Staggered Start for kindergarten students, start school on the Wednesday or Thursday after Labor Day
- All kindergarten students attend on Friday
- Our Bus system is great and so much better for the environment than single cars
- The district offers a Winnie the Pooh Bus Safety Introduction in August.
- Bend-La Pine Schools website: www.bend.k12.or.us
- Miller Elementary website: www.bend.k12.or.us/miller
- All staff emails follow this structure: first.last@bend.k12.or.us

Please call the school office if you have any questions, 541-355-2500.