



William E. Miller Elementary

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Focus on Sustainability

- LEED Certified Building (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)
- We use dishes and silverware (as opposed to waxed boats and plastic silverware)
- Solar Panels on our roof provide some on our electricity and are a great learning tool for our students
- We compost all of our uneaten food
- We have 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

Reaching all Students

- Four expectations for our students: Be safe, kind, responsible and green
- Academic support and extensions in reading, writing and math
- Levels of Support: Health Protocols, 504 plans, Speech and Special Education
- Monthly character trait focus.
- Assemblies: We celebrate our school and our staff and students. We have fun!
- Each school day begins with a Morning Meeting to build classroom community so students can work and learn together in a calm and inviting atmosphere
- Buddy Classes: Each 3rd – 5th grade class has a Kinder – 2nd grade buddy class
- Technology: Kindergarten – 5th grade each student has their own iPad. These get used very little in kinder and more often with each grade level jump.

Parent Involvement

- **Volunteers must complete an online application and pass the background check to volunteer in Bend – La Pine Schools. You will be notified by email either way.**
- Some teachers use parent volunteers, others do not. As a volunteer you may 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 library
- Share your expertise with students and teachers
- PTO - Informational Meetings, Art with students, Evening Events

Typical Day in Kindergarten

7:45 - 8:00	Free Choice Time
8:00 - 8:15	Morning Meeting
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, PE, Library
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
1:45-2:00	Science, social studies, social emotional learning, free play
2:00-2:15	Clean Up and Dismissal

On Wednesdays we have early dismissal at 12:45 pm

After School Care

- This is all done through Bend Parks and Recreation
- They do not offer before school care
- Website: <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/activities/childcare/>

Reminders

- In order to come beyond the office in the school or on our playground, you will need to check in at the office. **You must have a valid ID every time.**
- The district offers a Winnie the Pooh [Bus Safety Introduction](#) August 16 and 17.
- We do a staggered start for kindergarten students; each student will come either Wednesday or Thursday after Labor Day and all kindergarten students will come to school on Friday. Students will work with all of our kindergarten teachers on these days and Friday afternoon you will be told your child's teacher for the year.
- Please label everything with your child's name (lunch box, coats, hats, gloves, backpack, etc.)
- Our Bus system is great and so much better for the environment than single cars. Please consider having your children take the bus to and from school.
- 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 or concerns: 541-355-2500.