



Nimitz
Elementary
Kindergarten
Handbook



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Welcome to Kindergarten!



We are so happy that you could be a part of this special group. There are a lot of interesting people for you to get to know, and the teachers have a lot of great learning experiences planned for you. It is our pleasure to have you join us for an exciting year.

This year the Kinder teachers are:

Mrs. Hoyne

Mrs. Jung

Mrs. Pfister

Mrs. Stephens

This year the T-1 teacher is:

Mrs. Mejia

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Other Important People at Nimitz

Mr. Ivy, Principal & Mrs. Stehling, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Baskin and Mrs. Garces, Secretaries

Mrs. Siebel, Nurse

Mrs. Fontenot, Kinder Grade Assistant Teacher

Coach Smith and Coach Neal, P.E.

Mrs. Reed, Art Mrs. O'Brien, Music

Mrs. Robbins, Librarian

Nimitz School Song

to the tune of "Anchors Aweigh"

Our spirits soar away

On this fine day;

Our hearts are filled with pride

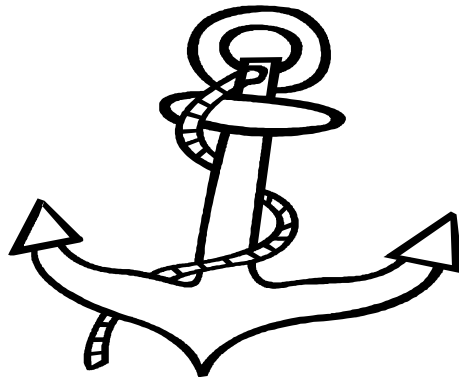
As we stand here side by side.

We face life arm in arm,

Honor's our rule.

We lift our love for you,

We're proud to be from Chester Nimitz School!



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*Grade Schedule
2011 - 2012*

<i>7:45 - 8:00</i>	<i>Opening Activities</i>
<i>8:00 - 8:30</i>	<i>Saxon Math Meeting</i>
<i>8:30 - 9:00</i>	<i>Saxon Math Lesson</i>
<i>9:00 - 9:30</i>	<i>Saxon Phonics</i>
<i>9:30 - 10:00</i>	<i>Breakthrough</i>
<i>10:00 - 10:30</i>	<i>Science/Social Studies</i>
<i>10:30 - 10:40</i>	<i>Get Ready for Lunch</i>
<i>10:40 - 11:15</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>11:15 - 11:50</i>	<i>Citizenship Time</i>

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<i>11:50 - 12:40</i>	<i>Specials</i>
<i>12:40 - 1:15</i>	<i>Recess Time</i>
<i>1:15 - 1:30</i>	<i>Snack Time</i>
<i>1:30 - 2:00</i>	<i>Rest Time</i>
<i>2:00 - 2:30</i>	<i>Center Time</i>
<i>2:30 - 2:45</i>	<i>Clean Up & Dismissal</i>

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Parent Information

Welcome to Nimitz

- First day of school, please walk your child to the gym.
- Second day, please send your child to the cafeteria to eat or gym.
I will pick my class up at 7:40 a.m. (**Student is tardy at 7:55**)
- School is dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Kinder may be picked up by 2:45 in the circle.
- If you come to pick up your child before 2:45 p.m., you must check your child out in the office.
- Anytime you come to school during the day, you must check-in with the office for a visitor's pass.

Rest Time:

- Students may bring a bath size towel to lie on. Please label with child's name. We don't have room to store pillows, blankets, or stuffed animals.

Report Cards:

- We will not have a report card for the first six weeks. We will have a parent conference instead.

Parent Conferences:

- Conferences will be scheduled during the Sept. Orientation Night.

Curriculum:

- **Saxon Math**-numeral recognition 0-20; counting to 100; shapes; length and height; telling time to hour; basic addition, and subtraction; graphing and interpreting graphs; math vocabulary. It is a repetitious program.
- **Saxon Phonics**-letter and sound recognition; one letter per week; a variety of literature is used and discussed including multicultural books. We will have Take-Home-Books and Word lists from this curriculum.
- **Computers**-Breakthrough to Literacy is used to develop and supplement the Saxon Phonics. Each child will be on the computer every

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day for about 15 minutes. Take-Home-Books will be sent home and will become a library for each child.

- **Science/Social Studies/Health**: we will rotate with each subject, but all three will not be taught every week.
- **Specials**: 11:50-12:40 This includes Library, Art, Music, Fine Motor Lab, and PE

For PE please dress appropriately and please wear tennis shoes!

Attendance:

- Students need a note after being absent.
- After 3rd absence – teacher will contact parent by phone or note.
- 6th - on absence – Assistant Principal will send a letter and further action may be taken.

Tardy:

- Be in room by 7:55!
 - Policy: 1st-3rd tardies-teacher sends reminder
 - 4th-Assistant Principal notifies parent
 - 5th-Assistant Principal sends warning letter
 - 6th on-make plan to help, conference with parent

Routines:

- **ANY CHANGES IN HOW YOUR CHILD GET HOME MUST BE IN WRITING!**
- Any changes at home may affect your child at school-it helps if I know about them so I can help your child adjust.
- Any special events at school will be communicated with notes from me. **PLEASE CHECK FOLDERS DAILY.**
- If you have any notes or need to let me know something, please put it in their folder, not just the backpack. I will be looking every day in their folders.
- The discipline sheet will let you know how your child is behaving. At first it is normal to have some yellows and oranges, for we are just learning how to behave with everyone! If there is a big problem I will notify you right away. This will be discussed at our conference as well.

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- Please feel free to ask me about your child. If you don't agree with something, please let me know right away so we can work it out.

Birthdays:

- Please arrange with me ahead of time if you want to bring something special for your child's birthday. We usually have snacks about 1:30p.m.
- If any invitations are brought to school to be passed out, there must be one for each child in our class. We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings.

Fall Festival:

- We have a class booth and each parent is asked to work. This is how we earn playground equipment and other things that we need.
- Other parties: Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas, Valentine, Easter

Field Trips:

- Our first field trip will be in Oct. to the Pumpkin Patch in Medina-parent volunteers will be needed
- Easter Egg Hunt, parents are also needed
- We may try for one other trip that will be announced later

Toy Policy

- No toys are to be brought to school! This includes hanging on outside of backpacks.
- If your teacher has Show and Tell or sends a note, then a toy may be brought.

Read to ME! Program

- Keep a list of books read to your child
- 20 books every 6-weeks is required and noted on the Report Card.
- Any child that has turned in 20 books every 6-weeks will receive an award at the end of the year.

Reminders:

- Check folders, sign and return daily in their backpack
- Practice holding pencil correctly

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- Practice writing letters and name
- *Practice cutting on a line*
- Practice tying shoes by themselves

Reaching the Teacher

We will be happy to discuss concerns or questions that you have about your child. Our conference time is from 11:50 – 12:40. You can reach us by the following methods to discuss your child or schedule a conference.

Phone Call

The school phone number is 257-2209.

Email

melissa.hoyne@kerrvilleisd.net

sarah.mejia@kerrvilleisd.net

nieves.stephens@kerrvilleisd.net

kay.jung@kerrvilleisd.net

darla.hoop@kerrvilleisd.net

Kindergarten Discipline Plan

Dear Parents,

In order to guarantee your child, and all of the students in our classroom, the excellent learning climate they deserve, we are utilizing the following discipline plan.

Nimitz Philosophy

We believe that all of our students can behave appropriately in the classroom. We will work with students to teach the appropriate skills.

Class Rules

1. Treat everyone with respect
2. Follow directions
3. Make good use of time
4. Work without disturbing others
5. Keep my hands, feet, objects and unnecessary words or sounds to myself
6. Complete our work

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Consequences

Students who make good choices by following the rules are rewarded in many different ways. Some examples include praise, special privileges, keys, stickers, stamps, etc.

The following consequences will be used as a student chooses to break a rule:

1. Warning
2. Time-out or loss of privilege
3. Time-out in another room, note/phone call, or a conference

Severe actions will result in an office referral, bypassing the first four consequences.

Toys, c.d. players, hand-held video games, and other distracting items brought from home will be taken up and given back to parents, or the student may pick them up at the end of the school year.

Citizenship Grades

Teachers will keep a record of inappropriate classroom behavior in the grade book.

Please sign this tear-out page acknowledging that you have read and understand the handbook and the discipline policy and return it to your child's teacher. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call us. We look forward to a successful year with your child.

Sincerely yours,
Kindergarten & T-1 Teachers
Mrs. Hoyne
Mrs. Jung
Mrs. Pfiester
Mrs. Stephens
Mrs. Mejia

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Please sign and return this page to your child's teacher.

I have read the handbook and the discipline plan.

child's name

parent/ guardian signature

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