

Cypress Woods Elementary

Ready, Set ... Kindergarten!



2021- 2022



Cypress Woods Elementary Agenda

- Welcome Future Eagles!
- Introductions
- About Cypress Woods
- Get involved (PTA, SAC, Lunch Pal, Volunteer)
- A Kindergarten Day
- Virtual Campus/Classroom Tour
- Registration Process
- Wrap Up



Cypress Woods Elementary Administration



Mrs. Hill
Principal



Mr. Stevens
Assistant Principal



Cypress Woods Elementary Office Staff

- Janet Orito – Secretary/Bookkeeper
- Carla Williams – Data Management Technician
- Cheryl Comini – Front Office Clerk
- Kelly Collier – Front Office Clerk
- Kim Shipley – Family Community Liaison
- Jennifer Reznick - Nurse



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Kindergarten Teachers



- Mrs. Jovanovic
- Mrs. MacGregor
- Mrs. Mayton
- Mrs. Patterson
- Mrs. Vretas



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Points of Pride

- Five Star School Award
- Golden School Award for outstanding community involvement programs
- State of Florida recognition award for sustained high student achievement
- PTA and SAC involvement with school and community
- Science Lab for students in Grades 2-5
- Multiple computer labs and expanding mobile technology
- Focus on character education and school-wide Guidelines for Success (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe)
- All County fifth grade Honors Chorus, Orff, and String Ensemble



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Special Events & Programs

- Several after school Enrichment Clubs
 - PTA sponsored: Spanish, Gardening, & Running (AM)
 - Fee Based: Bricks4Kidz & PSA (Player Sports Academy)
- Music Enrichment Clubs
 - Beginning & Advanced Strings (Grades 3-5)
 - Drum & Orff (Grades 3-5)
- Multiple STEM Academies (Grades 2-5)
- School-Wide Enrichment Model (SEM) Grades K-5
- Multicultural Committee (Grades 3-5)
- Student Government (Grades 3-5)
- Beach Club (sponsored by Calvary Church)
- Multiple family events
(PTA events, Curriculum Nights,
Book Fair)



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Ways to Get Engaged

- Volunteering (Mrs. Shipley)
 - Classroom volunteers, room parents, mentoring, field trip chaperones, etc
- Parent Teacher Association (Emily Sikes, PTA President)
 - PTA clubs, executive board, committees, etc
- School Advisory Council (Cristina Fallara, SAC Chair)

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Before and After Care

- YMCA on site (morning and afternoon)
- Excel Learning (bus drop off and pick up)



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Kindergarten Day

- Reading Block
- Writing Block
- Small Group Instruction / Literacy Centers
- Lunch
- Outside Play
- Math Block
- Specials – Art, Music, PE
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health
- Indoor Play Activities



Cypress Woods Elementary Reader's Workshop

Students are exposed to and get to explore both Fiction and Informational texts through close reading, shared reading, and journaling. During independent and partner reading, students learn various strategies to help them decode words in their "just right books."



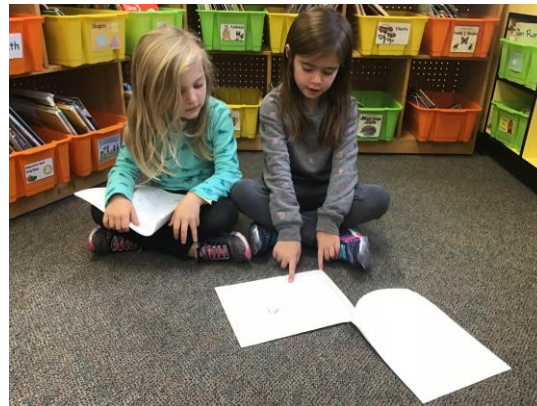
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An illustration of three children jumping joyfully. One child is on the left, one in the middle, and one on the right. They are all smiling and have their arms raised.

Cypress Woods Elementary Writer's Workshop

Writer's Workshop builds on the children's strengths, provides meaningful, structured opportunities to write, exposes them to beautiful literature and actively teaches the skills and strategies that writers need.



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Cypress Woods Elementary Literacy Centers

Literacy Centers provide meaningful reading and writing experiences as students work to apply skills and strategies learned during shared and guided reading lessons.



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Cypress Woods Elementary Mathematics

The children do many hands-on activities involving counting, numeration, measurement, geometry, sorting, adding, subtracting and data collection.

Kindergartners participate in whole-group & small group math lessons daily.



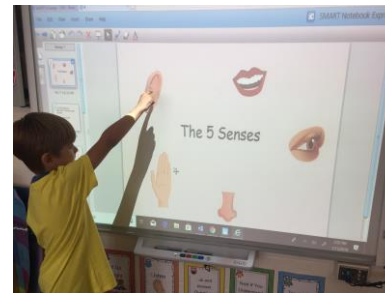
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Science, Social Studies & Health

Kindergartners explore and discover the things and people around them and make connections between their own personal lives and the larger world around them. In Science, our lessons focus on Physical Science, Earth Science, and Life Science. Our Social Studies curriculum includes: seasons, All about Me, families, and important people, dates, and holidays throughout the year. In Health, we learn about healthy behaviors, safety, and recognize that there are body parts inside and outside of the body.



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Three cartoon children are jumping joyfully. One is a boy in a green shirt and blue shorts, another is a girl in a black dress with white polka dots, and the third is a boy in a blue shirt and green shorts. They are positioned around the "KINDERGARTEN!" text.

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Get Kindergarten Ready

- Talk with your child every day.
- Read to your child every day.
- Visit pcsb.org/kg for resources
 - Fours Child Development Checklist & Tips
 - Countdown to Kindergarten activities
 - Preparing for Kindergarten video
- Websites for Families
 - kidshealth.org
 - readingbrightstart.org
 - justbooksreadaloud.com
 - pbskids.org
 - kids.nationalgeographic.com



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Books About School

- *Pete the Cat: Rocking My School Shoes* (Eric Litwin)
- *My Kindergarten* (Rosemary Wells)
- *The Night Before Kindergarten* (Natasha Wing)
- *Welcome to Kindergarten* (Anne Rockwell)
- *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* (J. Slate)
- *The Kissing Hand* (Audrey Penn)
- *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!* (Nancy Carlson)



Cypress Woods Elementary Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

Pinellas County Schools also offers VPK

- Children who turn 4 on or before September 1, 2021
- Application window is Jan 19 – Feb 1st (in the student reservation system)
- Acceptance period is March 1 - 12
- <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/7867/VPK%20Enrollment%20Flyer%20English%202021.pdf>



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Summer VPK

Has your child attended Summer VPK?

- Summer VPK is only for those who did not attend VPK during the school year. The summer program is available at select elementary schools and is a full day program, Monday through Friday.
- Get a jumpstart to Kindergarten
- Visit pcsb.org/summerVPK



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Campus Tour...

- Video of school campus
- Video clips of students at Specials (Art, Music, & P.E.)

<https://youtu.be/Oe0yQ34EWco>



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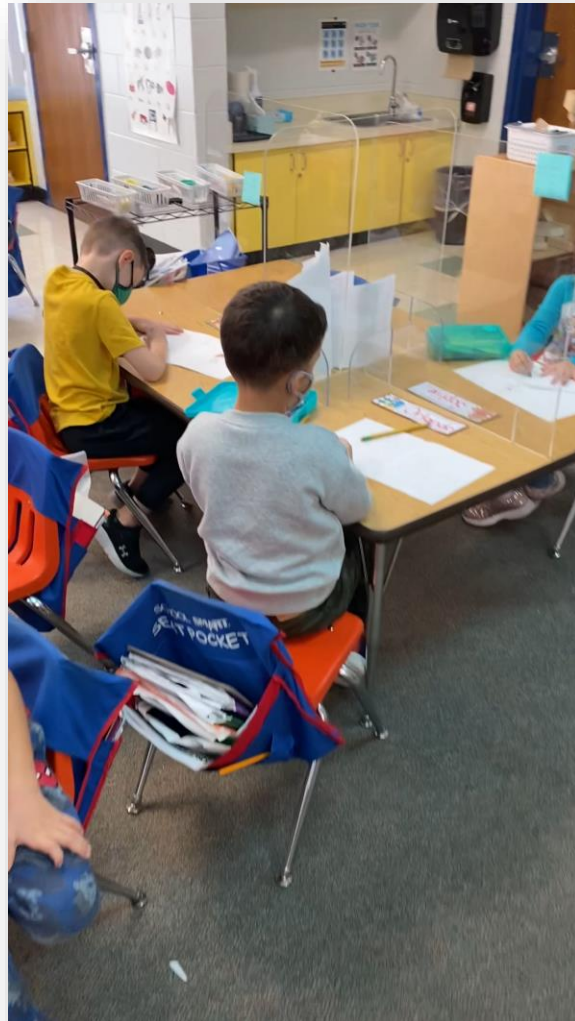


Sample video of Music class



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Art



Sample video of Art class



Cypress Woods Elementary P.E.



Sample video of P.E. class

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Registration Process

- Obtain a username and password to make a reservation in the student reservation system
 - Visit any Pinellas County School
 - Email Kelly Collier, office clerk at collierke@pcsb.org (include picture of driver's license and phone number)
- Once reservation is made a registration packet needs to be picked up from our front office
 - Complete packet at home and gather required documents
- Return packet with required documents to the front office to complete the registration process for 2021-2022 school year



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Current PCS VPK Students

Special Assignment Request (4/2- 4/16)

Information Link (see chat)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb3yePH71lpIJafyBGnD-FfeJg35RUOU9CRThISDFFRE1aUDUXSjVONDQzTk83RC4u>

Kindergarten Play Dates (Summer 2021)

Follow School and PTA Facebook pages



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Before the first day of school....

- Kindergarten play dates sponsored by our PTA
- Assigned Kindergarten Teacher will reach out
- Meet and Greet day to visit the classroom and meet the teacher



Thank you for joining us tonight!



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