

# LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### El Portal Elementary

200 N. Nada Street  
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10654 Jordan Road  
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2301 W. Russell Street  
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### Meadow Green Elementary

12025 Grovedale Drive  
Whittier, CA 90604

(562) 902-4241

Principal - Matt Cukro

### Olita Elementary

950 S. Briercliff Drive  
La Habra, CA 90631

(562) 902-4251

Principal - Krista Van Hoogmoed

## LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT Kindergarten



FOR CHILDREN WHO WILL TURN FIVE ON  
OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



**Lowell Joint  
School District**

*A Tradition of Excellence Since 1906*

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## Kindergarten Curriculum

**Language Arts:** In Kindergarten, children learn the purposes of print through engagement with a wide variety of texts across content. Children are taught to recognize that reading is a meaning-making act and are provided instruction in comprehension that promotes literal and higher-level thinking. They will make great advances in the acquisition of vocabulary and in understanding and using complex sentence structures. Students in Kindergarten will share ideas about texts and topics that they study. Instruction includes a significant focus on how print works and the logic of alphabetic code, with a rich exposure to literature stirs the imagination and ignites curiosity about their world.

**Mathematics:** In Kindergarten, students are introduced to the relationship between numbers and quantities and build a foundation for place value as they count, represent and compare whole numbers, initially with sets of objects. Students also describe and model objects in their environment using simple geometric shapes and vocabulary.

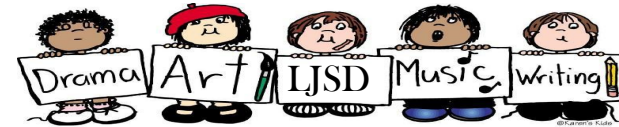
**Science:** Kindergarteners use their senses of sight, sound, and touch to investigate a variety of objects and learn how to classify, compare, and sort these objects. They observe, measure, and predict the properties of materials.

**History/Social Studies:** Students explore the meaning of good citizenship by learning about rules, working together, and the basic idea of government. They learn about people in American and world history who exhibited honesty, courage, determination, individual responsibility, and patriotism. Students deepen their understanding of good citizenship by identifying the behavior of characters in the stories, observing the effect of this behavior on others, examining why characters behaved as they did, and considering whether other choices could have changed the results.

**Age Requirement:** Kindergarten is for students whose fifth birthday falls on or before September 1, 2024.

## How can I register my child for Kindergarten?

Beginning on February 7, 2024, Kindergarten welcome materials through Aeries online will be available on each of the elementary schools website and on the District's website at [www.ljssd.org](http://www.ljssd.org). You may also pick up a paper packet in the office of your school of residence.



## How Parents Can Help

Parents are their child's first teachers. Your involvement is critical to your child's success in school. Studies have shown that when parents are involved, children feel better about themselves and learn more.

## Seven Things You Can Do:

- Make sure your child is well-fed, well-groomed, and well-rested for school.
- Encourage your child to behave in positive ways.
- Take time to read with your child each day.
- Schedule family vacations or outings and doctor appointments around the yearly school calendar and outside of the school day.
- Be sure your child attends school every day.
- Work as a partner with your child's teacher.
- Talk to your child and expose them to new vocabulary words.

**For more information, contact the Principal of your local elementary school or Dr. Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, or Mrs. Rhonda Overby, Director of Educational Services, at (562) 902-4270.**