



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Benjamin Elementary Kindergarten 2024-2025



Hello future Bears!
We are excited to
learn with you!



Our School



[Benjamin Elementary Website](#)

Mission Statement

The background of the text area is a photograph of a modern school building with large windows and a brick facade. The building is partially obscured by the text. In the foreground, there is a dark, textured area that appears to be a parking lot or a field.

**The Benjamin community
will educate and empower
all students
to be proactive leaders.**

Our Principal: Mrs. Bozarth

Welcome to Benjamin!

Our Mission, Vision, and Beliefs



Our Principal Intern: Miss Woodall

**What to expect during today's
Kindergarten Preview:
- Screener and Purposeful Play
- Sunglasses and Picture**



Our Main Office Staff



Mrs. Chatterjee
Administrative
Assistant



Mrs. Schierer
Administrative
Assistant



Mr. Bosquez
Head Custodian



Mrs. Reichard
School Nurse

Meet Our Kindergarten Teachers



Mrs. Fish
22nd Year in K



Mrs. Ham
7th Year in K



Mrs. Hieser
16th Year in K



Mrs. Voyles
6th Year in K

Kindergarten Readiness: Social Skills

- Complete 2 step directions
- Sit and listen to someone read a story for 5-10 minutes
- Take turns and sharing while playing
- Play a game and accept losing
- Control emotions without a tantrum



Kindergarten Readiness: Fine Motor Skills

- Holds a pencil with proper grip
- Writes first name
- Use scissors to cut basic shapes
- Trace lines and shapes
- Color or draw a picture
- Work on fine motor skills with playdough, Legos, sand, etc.



Kindergarten Readiness: Self Help Skills

- Use the bathroom independently
- Zips and unzips coat
- Takes shoes on and off
- Button/Snap pant fasteners
- Recognizes first and last name
- Take responsibility for cleaning up messes
- Solves problems independently when applicable



Kindergarten Readiness: Academic Skills

- Count to 20 and recognize numbers 0-10
- Practice letters and their sounds
- Follows adults directions
 - Do not tell adults no
- Build self esteem by allowing children to struggle
- Read with your child as often as possible
- Practice identifying colors and shapes



School Day

School Hours: 7:45 am-2:30 pm

- **Morning Drop Off: 7:25 am**
- **Afternoon Pick Up: 2:25-2:45 pm**

Arrival & Dismissal

There are several different ways to come to school and to leave to go home. Be sure that your child knows how they are coming and going. Also, please make sure your child's teacher knows the regular plan, as well as any changes that may arise on a given day. If your child will be riding a bus, help them to learn the number before school starts!



**Parent Drop Off/Pick Up
Front (South) Side of School**

Transportation

- Bus information should be available in Infinite Campus before school begins.
- If your child's information is not available in Infinite Campus one week before the start of school, please contact Transportation at (309)-557-4287
- If you live in a busing area, transportation will be provided for all students beginning the first day.



Kindergarten Classroom



Our Cafeteria



This is what our lunch tables look like.



Here is where you will stand in line if you are getting school lunch.



Milk comes with school lunch. We have white milk and chocolate milk. You may also purchase a milk to go with your lunch from home.

Our Playground




[Recess Expectations Family Letter.pdf](#)


A Typical Day in Kindergarten

- Language Arts Block: Morning Message/Phonemic Awareness/Shared Reading/Word Work/Reader's Workshop/Guided Reading/Writing/Share time/Centers
- Math Workshop: Whole group/Small group/Share time/Centers for independent practice
- IMC/Music/Art/PE
- Purposeful Play
- Social Emotional Learning
- Lunch/Recess



PBIS at Benjamin

	Be Respectful!	Be Responsible!	Be Safe!
All Areas	Follow all adult directions the first time	Leave all gum, toys, electronics, and collections at home Cell phones must be turned off and kept in backpack from 8:30-3:15	
Classroom/ Commons	Use teacher directed voice level Respond appropriately Listen attentively Use kind words and actions (0-2)	Have all needed materials Follow directions the first time Leave things better than when you found them Be honest Stay in assigned area	Use hands, feet, and objects appropriately
Lunchroom	Allow anyone to sit next to you Only touch food that belongs to you Walk to the end of the line and wait your turn (0-2)	Use good manners Leave things better than when you found them All food must stay in the cafeteria	Stay in your seat until you are dismissed or get a pass. Sit bottom on the bench, feet on the floor, facing the table Walk
Hallway	Respect others' space (0)	Stay in assigned area	Walk single file on the right side Face forward Hands to self One stair step at a time Use handrail
Bathrooms	Keep personal space (0)	Get in and get out quietly Leave things better than when you found them Use a bathroom pass Return to classroom promptly Use soap and water to wash hands	Use kind words and actions Flush the toilet after use Keep water in the sink
Playground	Share; take turns Use appropriate touch Speak in a friendly manner to everyone Show good sportsmanship Follow supervisor's directions first time (0-3)	Stay in assigned area Return all borrowed equipment Use a pass to leave the area When recess is over line up When recess is over be ready to learn	What's on the ground stays on the ground Slides are for sliding down Sit on swings Walk to and from the playground Dress for the weather

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Bus Lane/Bus	Follow adult direction the first time Use kind words and actions Snacks and drinks are for home only (0-1)	Stay in assigned area Be a good example for others Bottom to bottom, back to back	Use hands, feet, and objects appropriately Walk Wait for an adult to direct you onto the bus What's on the ground stays on the ground
Parent Pick Up	Follow adult direction the first time (0-1)	Stay in assigned area Watch for ride	What's on the ground stays on the ground Use hands, feet, and objects appropriately Use kind words and actions Walk Wait for car to come to a complete stop Always get in and out on the RIGHT side
Assemblies	Eyes on speaker Climb/Cross appropriately Use appropriate applause and interactions (0)	Stay in assigned area Bring just yourself Use restroom before the assembly; otherwise, emergencies only Focus on learning Ignore disruptions	Stay seated until dismissed Enter and leave the gym quietly with your teacher Use hands, feet, and objects appropriately

Voice Levels: 0-quiet 1-whisper 2-inside voice 3-appropriate outside voice





Hear Our...

Give Your Best!
Responsibility First!
Outstanding Effort!
With Respect!
Let's Be Safe!



Students who go
above and beyond
expectations can
earn a GROWL!

Supplies for Kindergarten

- Backpack
 - No Wheels
 - Folder Size
- Supply Lists
 - Kindergarten supply lists can be found here!
 - **2023-2024 Kindergarten Supply List**
 - Please follow the list specifics
 - Please label according to the supply list



After School Care Option

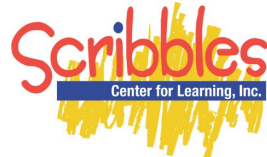
If you are looking for after school care, one option is Scribbles.

While this program is not associated with Benjamin, the Scribbles after school care program does meet at Benjamin.

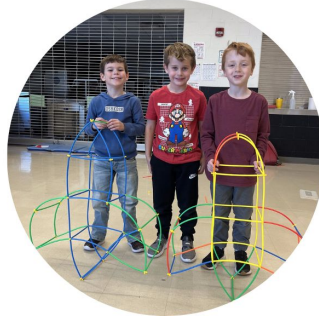
Registration is open online. If you are interested if finding out more, please contact Scribbles!



Scribbles at Benjamin Elementary



**After School:
Monday-Friday
2:30-5:30**



**Registration
Opens March 4
Online at
 scribbles.kids**

Rates To Be Determined



MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS for KINDERGARTEN

MUST HAVE TO ATTEND:

1. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** - dated August 15, 2023 or after.
 2. **COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION RECORD** - including kindergarten booster shots given on/after 4th birthday
 3. **PHYSICAL** and **IMMUNIZATION** forms must be turned in **before** the first day of school or student will be excluded from school until forms are submitted.
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MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS for KINDERGARTEN

REQUIRED (But NOT Excluded from school)

1. VISION EXAM - dated August 15, 2023 or after
2. DENTAL EXAM - dated November 15-2023 or after



MEDICAL CONCERNS

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN for care at school:

If your child has any of the conditions listed below or requires special planning at home to take care of their medical needs, please **CALL THE SCHOOL NURSE TODAY** to let her know!!

1. Diabetes
2. Seizures
3. Food Allergy
4. Asthma

All Medications and action plans will
Need to be turned in before the 1st day
of school



NURSE INFORMATION

Email: reichak@unit5.org

1. You can email forms to nurse or turn them into the front office.
2. If you download forms please make sure you get the front and the back of the forms.
3. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.
4. I look forward to caring for your future Benjamin Bear

Benjamin PTO

Monthly Meetings (in person with virtual option)

Variety of fundraisers and fun events to support our students and staff

Volunteer Opportunities

Spiritwear order due March 10

Bearly used Spiritwear available

Please join us for Carnival on April 5

Please like us on **Facebook**

Save the Date



CARNIVAL 2024
Friday, April 5th 5-8:30pm



As a Benjamin Bear, I promise to

Be Responsible
Encourage Others
Always be Safe
Respect Everyone

And to do my best to give a ...

Benjamin Bear Growl each and every day!



**We are excited for the
2024-2025 school year!**

**If you have any questions,
please contact our Main Office
(309)-557-4410 or Mrs. Bozarth
at bozartm@unit5.org**

