Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting adventure- the start of your child's kindergarten education at Redstone Elementary School. This is an exciting moment in time. Entering Kindergarten marks the beginning of one of the most important experiences in your child's life.

Kindergarten experiences will provide learning opportunities and promote growth and development for your whole child. Parent and teacher partnerships are important to your child's success. As a learning community, we encourage you to support your child by taking an interest in schoolwork, school activities, and regularly communicating with your child's teacher. Providing the best possible education for your child is our goal. Accomplishing our school mission to Reach Every Child Every Day, begins in kindergarten. Thank you for sharing in this partnership.

In Partnership,

The Kindergarten Team



SCHOOL HOURS

Office Hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Student Day 8:35 am - 3:30 pm

Soft Start 8:25 am
Tardy Bell Delayed 8:40 am
Start 10:05 am

PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	303-387-7300
Fax	303-387-7301
Attendance	303-387-7302
Early Dismissal	303-387-7308
Childcare	303-387-7320
Preschool	303-387-7326

DISTRICT NUMBERS

Transportation	303-387-6150
District Main Line	303-387-0100
Rocky Heights MS	303-387-3300
Rock Canyon HS	303-387-3000



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MISSION: Reach Every Child, Every Day! VISION: A School of Possibilities

WHO ARE WE?

At Redstone Elementary we care very much about what students learn, but we also care about who they become. We believe in nurturing and developing the whole child through both academic and social emotional learning and support.

We are a **Leader in Me** school based on the **7 Habits of Highly Effective People**. Beginning in kindergarten, students learn to apply the 7 Habits in their daily lives to set them up for success not only at Redstone, but in their lives beyond elementary school.

Students take ownership for their learning by setting and monitoring their personal and academic goals. It is important that students know both their strengths and next steps as learners and have a clear path to help them continue to grow.



ACADEMICS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

At Redstone we take pride in our solid academic achievement. We are committed to our school mission of reaching every child every day. Teachers use their assessment data to determine next steps for each student and differentiate their instruction and support to meet students' diverse needs.

We use a balanced approach to instruction and pull materials from a variety of resources. Some of our key curriculum resources include: Wonders Reading, Every Child a Writer, Lucy Calkins Units of Study, Benchmark Phonics, Everyday Mathematics and STEMscopes science.



Students receive needed support through our Response to Intervention program which consists of a team including our reading specialist and two interventionists. This team meets frequently with classroom teachers to review data and determine which students need additional intervention support in the areas of reading, writing and math. Interventionists then meet with identified students in small groups to provide additional support.

We also have a Special Education support team including Significant Needs and Moderate Needs as well as an English Language Development teacher. Additionally we have an enrichment team to support our advanced learners through advanced learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. Our school counselor also provides direct instruction in problem solving and social emotional learning to all students.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We have an experienced and dedicated essentials team offering art, music and physical education to students each week. All students also visit the library and go to technology class each week.

To ensure they have a world of resources and learning at their fingertips, each student has their own iPad to use as a learning tool at school. Our classroom teachers connect technology learning opportunities to grade level content and students at each grade level have exposure and learning with coding, robotics and digital design.

We also offer a variety of enrichment opportunities outside the school day for students to get involved in including: Choir, Battle of the Books, Student Lighthouse Team, Math Olympiads, Yearbook, Lego Robotics, Reading Together, Learning Link Tutoring, and Hour of Code to name a few.

This year we were also excited to bring Playwords to Redstone which is a program that helps kids stay active and learn valuable life skills through play. Students learn ways to problem solve and to engage with their peers while having fun at recess. In addition to our Playworks adult recess coach, we also have student recess coaches that serve as mentors to younger students.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We truly value **parental involvement** and partnerships. We encourage all of our parents to get involved and there are many ways to do so at Redstone.

Parents volunteer in a variety of capacities including: classroom and school volunteers, room parents, field trip chaperones, and parents helping with projects from home.



Our **Watch D.O.G.S.** (Dads of Great Students) program has taken off and we have a Watch Dog in the building several days of the week supporting in classrooms, at recess and providing extra security throughout the building.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports the school with fundraising and organizing community events. They take pride in planning fun and engaging events throughout the year to bring our community together.

STAYING IN TOUCH

We love to **connect with our families** in a variety of ways to share celebrations and information.



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