

Kitayama Elementary

August 2024



Upcoming Events

08/06 Welcome Walk
08/07 First day of school
08/07 Modified day: dismissal at 11:20 am for TK and Kinder and dismissal at 12:05pm for grades 1-5
08/08 Modified day: dismissal at 11:20 am for TK and Kinder and dismissal at 12:05pm for grades 1-5
08/09 Modified day: dismissal at 11:20 am for TK and Kinder and dismissal at 12:05pm for grades 1-5
08/21 Back to School night
08/27 School Site Council at 3pm
08/28 Modified day: dismissal at 11:20 am for TK and Kinder and dismissal at 12:05pm for grades 1-5

Monthly Focus:

Character Trait: Kindness
Cultural: Celebrating Identity and Diversity Month

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<https://kitayama.mynhusd.org/>
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Message from Mrs. Small

We are delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of our Elementary School Newsletter! This newsletter serves as a bridge of communication between the school, our wonderful students, and our supportive community.

In each newsletter, you will find exciting updates about school events, important announcements, achievements of our students and staff, as well as helpful tips and resources to support your child's education journey. We encourage you to stay engaged and informed by reading through our newsletter regularly.

Together, we create a vibrant learning environment where every child can thrive. Thank you for being part of our school community, and we look forward to sharing the many successes and highlights of our school year with you!



Reminder:

During the first few weeks of school, there is increased traffic. Please allow for extra time to get to school. Be patient and kind as we are all a part of the Kitayama community. Our kids, families, and staff's safety is critical, so please drive safely around campus, especially before and after school.



Community Corner:

Last spring, we had a special math intervention. We worked with one of our local community partners to offer a math support on campus right after school. Please see their message below and check your child's Thursday folder for specific information about how to enroll.

At Mathnasium, we're committed to offering students for grade levels 1-5 and all skill levels a comprehensive, customized learning journey in mathematics. The journey begins with an in-depth assessment to pinpoint the unique learning gaps they may have encountered in the prior academic year and to determine the areas they can be accelerated. This crucial step helps us understand each student's individual needs, setting the stage for the personalized educational experience that follows.

Central to our approach is the development of a customized learning plan for each student, drawn from our proprietary curriculum, which is expansive yet flexible. This curriculum not only aligns with national standards but is also adaptable to cater to each student's specific learning requirements and the educational goals they're striving for. Our skilled tutors are dedicated to guiding students through this customized plan with one-on-one support, offering detailed explanations, practical problem-solving, and in-depth exploration of concepts.

Throughout the semester, we maintain a dynamic learning process, continuously monitoring each student's progress and making necessary adjustments to their learning plans. This ensures that the instruction remains relevant, challenging, and effective, addressing each learner's evolving needs.

Tips for student success

Each month, tips will be shared to help maximize student's opportunities for success at home and/or at school. Please note that not all suggestions work for all families, so please use what works best for you at home.

Helpful tips for parents and caregivers as we start the school year

- **Establish a Routine:** Maintain a consistent daily schedule for your child, including regular bedtime and wake-up times. This helps in fostering good habits and reduces stress.
- **Create a Study Environment:** Designate a quiet, well-lit space at home where your child can study without distractions. Ensure they have necessary supplies like pens, paper, and a computer if needed.
- **Encourage Regular Attendance:** Emphasize the importance of attending classes regularly. Good attendance is crucial for academic success and helps children build a sense of responsibility.
- **Communicate with Teachers:** Stay in touch with your child's teachers to understand their progress, strengths, and areas needing improvement. Attend parent-teacher conferences and use communication apps or emails for updates.
- **Be Involved and Supportive:** Show interest in your child's education by attending school events, volunteering if possible, and showing support for their learning journey. Your involvement demonstrates the importance of education.

By following these tips, parents can create a supportive environment that enhances their child's learning experience both at school and at home.

Kindness:

Kindness is acting with understanding, generosity, and care. Our kids can demonstrate kindness by:

- Greeting a new student to Kitayama.
- Sharing a story with a peer.
- Smiling.
- Use polite words like please and thank you.

We love seeing this from our students and appreciate all they do to make our school great.

