

# Sonoran Sky Elementary School

## Curriculum Highlights

### Kindergarten

That magical age called five is a time of wonder and questions, a time of curiosity and getting into things. It is energy beyond belief and a time of quick sorrows and much laughter.

Today, we try to teach the whole child. We believe in age-appropriate activities that encourage the physical, emotional, social and academic development of your child. Our *Sonoran Sky Kindergarten Program* provides a modified P.E. program, and free play on the playground equipment to develop motor skills. Daily music and rhythm activities enhance the child's learning. Our circle time, table arrangement, show and tell, and recess provide opportunities for social interaction.

#### **Language Arts**

Our Language Arts program is Harcourt Storytown. It is a sequentially based speaking, listening, reading and writing program designed to bring all aspects of beginning reading skills to the your student. We also use Foundations in addition to Scholastic. This is an excellent hands on approach to writing.

#### **Math**

The kindergarten math program is Harcourt and is a hands-on program. Children learn best by doing and our math program provides opportunities for using manipulatives in a cooperative learning situation.

#### **Writing**

Kindergartners will experience writing through the district adopted Foundations program. Through Foundations, students are able to learn writing with a direct hands on approach; using a variety of manipulatives. We also supplement using Write From the Beginning.

#### **Homework**

An assignment sheet will go home with your child every Friday in their folder. Students are required to read a minimum of 15 minutes per night and record books read on a reading log. Other assignments will be attached to the assignment sheet.

#### **Social Studies/Science**

These subjects are integrated into our thematic units throughout the year according to the kindergarten curriculum. For science, we use the district adopted Foss program. This program also provides a direct hands on approach. In kindergarten, we will work with real fish and snails to learn from real live animals.

#### **Special Activities**

Science Labs such as Five Sense Lab Thanksgiving cornucopia making Holidays around the world celebration 100th Day celebration and activities Valentine's Day celebration End-of-Year Party

#### **Field Trips**

~McCormick Park Railroad  
~Phoenix Zoo