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Orange USD Offers Transitional Kindergarten: A Full-Day Developmentally Appropriate Program

ORANGE, California, March 9, 2012 – In 2012-2013, Orange USD will offer a full-day Transitional Kindergarten Program for young five year olds. This program is the first year of a two-year kindergarten curriculum designed to meet the developmental needs of young Kindergartens. These students will celebrate their fifth birthday from **July 1- November 1**. All Transitional Kindergarten students must have been born in 2007.*

The Transitional Kindergarten Program will be offered regionally and will be at the following sites: Cambridge, Canyon Rim, Crescent, Fairhaven, Handy, Imperial, Jordan, Lampson, Palmyra, Prospect, Taft, and West Orange. Parents have their choice of selecting from these sites. The only exception is Fairhaven and Handy will only accept students from their attendance area. All other sites are open to any student regardless of their home school attendance area. The school day will follow the school kindergarten schedule at the selected site. Orange USD daycare available to students at the school is also available to Transitional Kindergartens.

A credentialed K-6 teacher will teach the OUSD Transitional Kindergarten program. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate bridging between the Preschool Foundations and the Kindergarten Standards. Program goals are to improve social, emotional, and academic development.

The curriculum focus for Transitional Kindergarten students is phonemic awareness, letter names and sounds, motor skills, handwriting, writing, oral language, listening skills, early number sense, and social/emotional development. Transitional Kindergarten students will learn through a variety of ways such as small and large groups, kinesthetic activities, music, dramatic play, oral language/story-telling, exploration and centers.

To register your child, please check the OUSD Website or contact Shannon Brown, Early Learning Specialist at (714)628-5656.

*Pending the outcome of the Governor's proposed budget, we will also offer a program to students that have birthdays **between November 2-December 2**. These students may miss the new kindergarten cutoff date of November 1; therefore, ineligible for Kindergarten entrance.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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