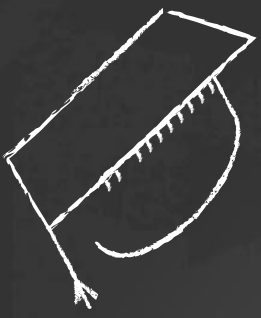




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Hodge Elementary!

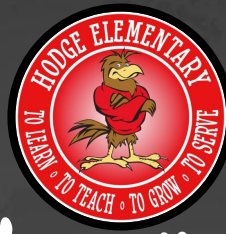


# Hodge Mission & Motto

Learn • Teach • Grow • Serve

Whatever it takes, no excuses!





# Get to Know the Hodge Office Staff



Carolay Flores  
**Receptionist**



Yesica Hernandez  
**Attendance**



Karen Asay  
**Nurse**



Kathy Patrick  
**Secretary**



Shante Weaver  
**Student Support**



# Get to Know the Hodge Office Staff



**Armandina Austin**  
**Counselor**



**Sabrina Polk**  
**Counselor**



**Emily Basaldua**  
**Counselor**



**Andrea Hare**  
**Principal**



**Sarah Cruz**  
**Asst. Principal**



**Jaime Gibbs**  
**Asst. Principal**





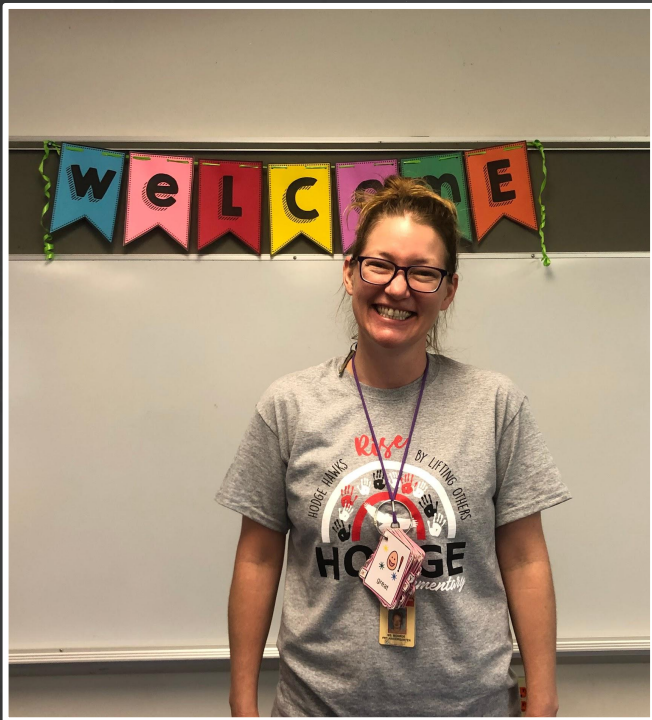
# Meet the Kindergarten Teachers! ↪





# Meet the Kindergarten Teachers! ↗

*Ms. Rogers*



I have been teaching Kindergarten at Hodge for 16 years. I love reading, hiking, camping and spending time with my family. My husband Andy and I have a 9 year old son, Nash and a 5 year old daughter, June. We also have 1 dog named Barkley and a cat named Petey.

**He sido maestra de Kinder en Hodge por 16 años. Me encanta leer, caminar, acampar y pasar tiempo con mi familia. Mi esposo Andy y yo tenemos un hijo de 9 años, Nash, y una hija de 5 años, June. También tenemos 1 perro llamado Barkley y un gato llamado Petey.** ↗

*Contact Me:*

[rrogers2@dentonisd.org](mailto:rrogers2@dentonisd.org)  
(940) 369-2840 ↗





# Meet the Kindergarten Team!

## Ms. Denton

Hi there! My name is Ms. Denton! This is my 2nd year at Hodge and I love it here! Everyone is so nice and we treat each other like family. I have taught 2nd grade and 1st grade. This is my second year teaching kindergarten and I am in love with it! I also have a twin sister who is a teacher but she teaches 2nd grade. I love to read and love math. Last but not least, I am a huge Disney fan :)

¡Hola! ¡Mi nombre es Sra. Denton! Este es mi segundo año en Hodge y me encanta estar aquí. Todos son muy amables y nos tratamos como familia. He dado clases de 2° y 1° de primaria. ¡Este es mi segundo año enseñando Kinder y estoy enamorado de eso! También tengo una hermana gemela que es maestra pero enseña en segundo grado. Me encanta leer y me encantan las matemáticas. Por último, pero no menos importante, soy un gran fanático de Disney :)



Contact Me.

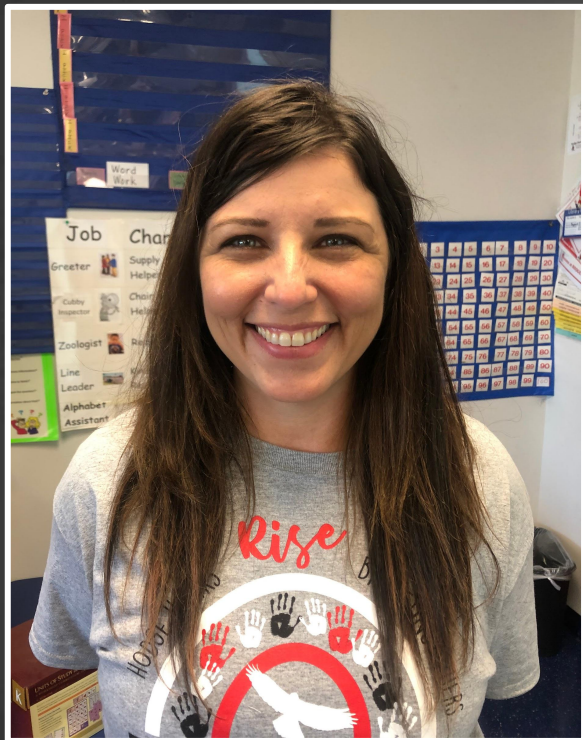
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# Meet the Kindergarten Teachers! ↗

Ms. Ice



I have been a teacher for 16 years - all of them at Hodge! This is my third year as a Kindergarten teacher. I love to play soccer and play video games. I have 2 daughters - Violet and Lilly, both in high school. We have a crazy dog named Luna that we love to take for walks and chase after.

He sido maestra durante 16 años, ¡todos ellos en Hodge! Este es mi tercer año como maestra de jardín de infantes. Me encanta jugar al fútbol y jugar videojuegos. Tengo 2 hijas, Violet y Lilly, ambas en la escuela secundaria. Tenemos una perrita loca llamada Luna a la que nos encanta sacar a pasear y perseguir. ↗

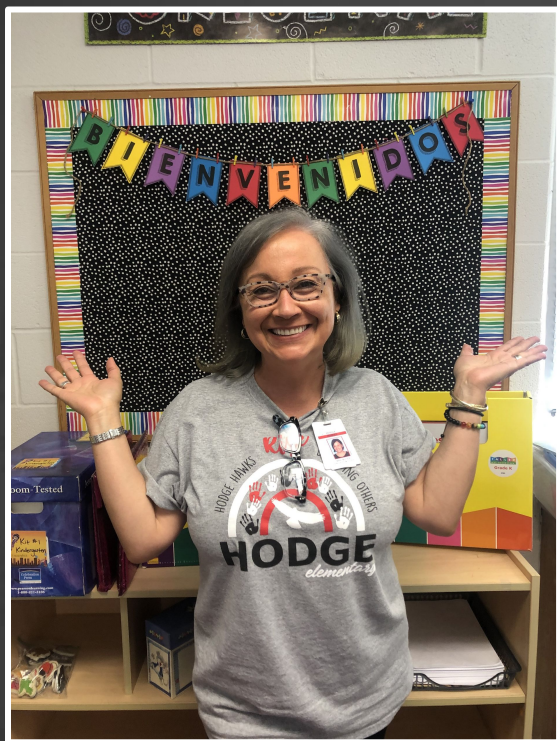
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# Meet the Kindergarten Teachers! ↪



## Ms. Mitter

This is my fifth year at Hodge, and I am in love with the school and with Texas! I love reading, dancing, yoga, and being with my family. My husband Eduardo and I have a 24 year old son, Manuel, a 25 year old daughter, Alessandra, and a 3 year old grandson, Gabriel.

¡Este es mi quinto año en Hodge y estoy enamorada de la escuela y de Texas! Amo leer, bailar, yoga, y estar con mi familia. Mi esposo Eduardo y yo tenemos un hijo de 24 años llamado Manuel, una hija de 25 que se llama Alessandra, y un nieto de 3 años que se llama Gabriel.

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[bamadormitter@dentonisd.org](mailto:bamadormitter@dentonisd.org)  
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# Meet the Kindergarten Teachers! ↗

## Ms. Lecuona



Hello everyone! I'm so excited to get to know all of you very soon. I have been teaching at Hodge for 9 years going into my 10th year. I taught 6 years in first grade both one way bilingual and two way dual language. This will be my 4th year in kindergarten all in a two way dual language classroom. I can't wait to get to know all of you and have exciting adventures together. A little about me. I have two children, a boy and a girl. We also have a pet named Kate which we love very much! We love to read, watch movies together and spend time with our loved ones friends and family.

¡Hola a todos! Estoy muy emocionada de poder conocerlos a todos muy pronto. Este es mi noveno año enseñando en la primaria Hodge y el próximo año estaré en mi décimo año. Empecé enseñando primer grado por 6 años en una vía bilingüe y también doble vía bilingüe. Este será mi 4to año en kinder y no puedo esperar a conocerlos y tener aventuras juntos. Un poco sobre mí. Tengo dos hijos, una niña y un niño. También tenemos una mascota llamada Kate ¡que queremos muchísimo! Nos gusta leer, mirar películas juntos y pasar tiempo con nuestros seres queridos amigos y familia. ↘

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[alecuona@dentonisd.org](mailto:alecuona@dentonisd.org)

(940)-369-2812 ↗



# Meet the Kindergarten Teachers! ↪



*Mrs. Zumalacarregui*

Welcome! When I am not teaching, I love to spend time with my family, running, and reading. I have a 13 year old son, Josaiah and 10 year old daughter, Mia.

Bienvenidos! Cuando no estoy enseñando, me gusta pasar el tiempo con mi familia, correr, y leer. Tengo un hijo de 13 años, Josaiah y una hija de 10 años, Mia.

*Contáctame:*

kzumalacarregui2@dentonisd.org

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# Sample Schedule



7:40-10:30

Reading/Language Arts

10:30-11:00

Lunch

11:00-11:30

Recess

11:30-12:00

WIN Time

12:00-12:50

Math

12:50-2:05

Science

2:05-2:50

Specials

2:50-3:00

Dismissal







# Literacy Block



In kindergarten, your child will build the foundational skills for reading such as:

- ★ Developing concepts of print, phonemic awareness, and phonics.
- ★ Learning reading strategies that help them search for meaning, use picture clues, work on fluency, and communicate meaning.
- ★ Becoming independent and using reading strategies to read with more accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.





# Literacy Block



In writing, your child will gain skills such as:

- ★ Labeling their drawings
- ★ Writing stories
- ★ Creating how-to books
- ★ Crafting persuasive letters





# Helpful Tips to Prepare for Kindergarten



- ★ Count ~~with~~ your child in the car: take turns having your child say the next number where you leave off: 1, 2, 3, 4, \_ , 6, 7, \_ , 9, 10, 11...)
- ★ Sing lots of rhyming Preschool songs with your child.
- ★ Read to your child at least 15 minutes each day. (Help them identify the cover, how we turn pages, etc.)
- ★ Talk about beginning sounds of words: "Mama begins with MMMM."
- ★ Have your child trace his/her name.





# Helpful Tips to Prepare for Kindergarten

- ★ Have your child trace his/her name.
- ★ Talk with your child and encourage full sentences when appropriate. Instead of "Cookie," require that your child says, "I would like a cookie, please." Instead of "car," encourage him/her to say, "I see a white car driving really fast!"
- ★ Let them run, jump, spin, swing, and explore how their bodies move in space.
- ★ Let them sleep for at least 11 hours each night. (7:30 PM- 6:30 AM)





# Skills We Hope to See in August

- ★ Can write his/her name
- ★ Can count to 30
- ★ Can count up to 10 objects, pointing to them one at a time
- ★ Can say the alphabet
- ★ Knows colors
- ★ Can take turns
- ★ Can draw a picture of him/herself
- ★ Can rhyme words (cat, sat, bat)



# Meet the Specials Teachers!



Mr. Gomez  
Art

Mr. Boyd  
Library

Ms. Crane  
PE

Mr. Miller  
Music





# Important School Times



**7:15** Doors open for Morning Recess

**7:25** Students grab breakfast and walk to class with teachers

**7:40** Tardy Bell: Official start of the school day

- ★ After 7:40, parents must park and walk children into office for a tardy slip
- ★ After 1:30, no transportation changes accepted
- ★ After 2:30, students will not be called out of class

**3:00** Dismissal Bell: Official end of the school day





# Arrival & Dismissal



- ★ Circle Drive Traffic
- ★ Bus



## Dismissal Procedures

- ★ All car riders must have a visible car tag. Families with multiple children will be dismissed from the youngest child's dismissal location.
- ★ All Kinder-Fifth grade students will be dismissed using the front car line.
- ★ All PK students and students in special programs will be dismissed using the bus line located on the side of the building.
- ★ Students will be dismissed using the same path as arrival.







# Hodge Arrival Traffic Flow

Stay alert. No cell phones while moving. No smoking. Drive slowly.

Estar alerta. No teléfonos celulares cuando conduzca el carro. No fumar. Conducir lentamente.

No left turn into driveway. No doblar a la izquierda para la entrada.

**Grant Parkway**

Form one line in the road. Hacer una linea en la calle.

Split into 2 lines at the entrance. Divida por 2 lineas en la entrada.

Kindergarten line only.  
Solo linea de Kinder

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade line.  
Linea de 1-5.

3-5

Kinder

1-2



# Arrival & Dismissal



## BIG IDEAS

- ★ Do what you're directed to do. It may not make sense to you at first, but we know what we are doing and when everyone follows the procedures arrival and dismissal is safe and very efficient.
- ★ It will go faster if you do what we ask you to do, even if it does not make sense.
- ★ It will take a looooooog time on the first day and possibly the first two weeks.
- ★ By the third week of school or so:
  - Arrival will likely not have much of a line or you will wait in the line fewer than 5 minutes.
  - Dismissal will take 20 minutes or less, from start to finish.





# Student Safety



Student safety is a priority at  
Hodge Elementary.

- ★ All visitors must check in at the front office and show appropriate identification.
- ★ According to district policy, parents are not able to walk students to class after the first full week of school in order to keep ALL students safe.





# Lunch

- ★ Please only send food your child can open and eat independently.
- ★ Guests are welcome, but must show Photo ID.
- ★ When registering, please be sure to complete the [Application for the Lunch Program](#) which can be found on the district's website, even if you plan to prepare breakfast and lunch for your children.

SchoolCafé is the online portal to handle school lunch and breakfast payment options, menus and online benefits application.

To set up a student account, deposit funds into an existing account, or to apply for Free and Reduced priced meals please click the Schoolcafe button below:



Should you need additional help in setting up a new account or with an existing account, please contact SchoolCafé directly via email at [customercare@schoolcafe.com](mailto:customercare@schoolcafe.com) or by phone at (855) 729-2328 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday thru Friday.



# Hodge Elementary Attendance Information

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# Attendance - It's the Law!



## Students **MUST** attend school **EVERY DAY.**

When your student is absent -

- ★ You must turn in a note for EVERY absence.
- ★ The note must be submitted within 3 school days. from the day your student returns to school.

To submit an absence note, you may -

- ★ Fill out the [online form](#) on the Hodge Website.
- ★ Send it through email to [hodgenotes@dentonisd.org](mailto:hodgenotes@dentonisd.org)
- ★ Fax a copy of the note to 940-369-4912.
- ★ Submit a note to our front office.



# Hodge Student Health Information

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# Student Health Information



## Student Health is a priority at Hodge Elementary.

- ★ Stay home from school for 24 hours after fever over 99.9°F, vomiting, or diarrhea have stopped **without medicine**.
- ★ Bring Doctors' notes to the front office when your child returns to school.
- ★ Keep us updated on current parent & emergency contact numbers.
- ★ Keep your child supplied with extra clothes and underwear in case of accidents or playground mishaps. (**Reminder:** *change out extra clothing for appropriate season*)







# Student Health Information



Denton ISD protocol states that students with the conditions listed below should not come to school. If the student becomes ill at school with these same symptoms, they will be sent home:

- ★ Fever over 99.9°F. Must be symptom free for 24 hours (without meds) before returning to school and must see the nurse before returning to class.
- ★ Vomiting and/or Diarrhea
- ★ Pink Eye (Red crusty eyes with discharge & matting)





# Student Health Information



## Immunizations

- ★ Your child must be up to date on immunizations to start and stay in school.
- ★ DISD's Health Services page on our district website provides a list of immunization requirements:  
<https://www.dentonisd.org/Page/101421>
- ★ If you have any questions or concerns please visit with nurse.





# Student Health Information



## Medications

- ★ DISD **does not supply any medication** including pain relief meds, antibiotic ointment, anti itch cream, cough drops, etc.
- ★ You may supply school medications for your child per DISD protocol.
- ★ **Never put medication in your child's possession.** This could endanger not only your child but also the children surrounding him/her.





# Student Health Information



## Medications

- ★ ALL medications (over the counter and prescription):
  - Must be given to the nurse to dispense.
  - Must be original container
  - Must be supplied by parent.
  - Must not be expired.
  
- ★ For prescription meds: Must have a doctor order on label from pharmacy.
  
- ★ For over the counter meds: Must have a paper doctor order.







# Student Health Information



## Medications

- ★ Please note that even cough drops can be dangerous!
- ★ A child who has a cough drop in their mouth can fall or get bumped resulting in airway obstruction and not being able to breathe.
- ★ Cough drops also need physician order and the school nurse must dispense them.





# Student Health Information



## Asthma

### Let the Nurse Know If:

- ★ Your child needs routine inhalation medications before PE or recess.
- ★ If your child receives nebulizer treatments.
- ★ If your child has an asthma action plan, please give nurse a copy.





# Student Health Information



## Allergies

### LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES:

Nurse needs to:

- ★ Know what student is allergic to.
- ★ Know if student uses an EpiPen or Benadryl.
- ★ Have medication on campus ASAP.

### FOOD ALLERGIES:

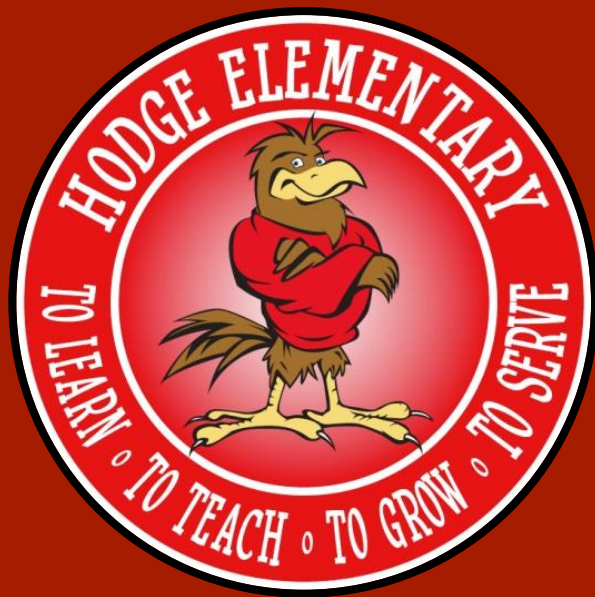
If there is a true food allergy, you will need to:

- ★ Notify the nurse and complete a dietary form with the pediatrician.
- ★ Notify nurse of true food allergies such as nut products or dairy foods.
- ★ Consult with the school nurse and the cafeteria manager to discuss your child's food allergy needs.



# Registration Information

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# Registration Information



On April 12, DISD's online registration link will open for new students only:

- ★ Transportation and Free/Reduced Meal Service Applications are options when completing the online registration.
- ★ Extended School Day Information (DISD after school care for students) can be found on the Denton ISD website.





# Registration Information



## On Campus Registration assistance will be July 24 & 25.

If you need support with registration, you will need to bring:

- ★ Child's Birth Certificate
- ★ Immunization Record
- ★ Social Security Card
- ★ Valid Driver's License
- ★ Proof of Residency (gas/water/electric bill)
- ★ DISD Verification Page (this page gets printed when online registration is complete)



# Hodge Elementary Two-Way Dual-Language Program

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# Two-Way Dual-Language Program

At Hodge, bilingualism, biliteracy, and biculturalism is important.

Students who fully participate in our two way dual language program will be able to:

- ★ Learn in two languages: English & Spanish
- ★ Respect and value people who come from cultures or background experiences different from their own.
- ★ Listen, speak, read, and write in both languages after 5-6 years. (They will likely not be balanced bilinguals, yet.)
- ★ Prepared to enter the two-way dual language program at their feeder middle schools and high schools so that they can graduate with a seal of bilingual proficiency.





# Two-Way Dual-Language Program

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## **English**

Math

English Language Arts

Art, Music, PE

Bilingual Learning Centers  
(T/Th)

Routine/Procedural  
Language (T/Th)

## **Spanish**

Science & Social Studies

Spanish Language Arts

Spanish Class

Bilingual Learning Centers  
(MWF)

Routine/Procedural  
Language (MWF)



# Let us Know You Are Interested!

## Complete this form.



### Two Way Dual Language Enrichment Program

Participation Intent/Commitment

[ahare@g.dentonisd.org](mailto:ahare@g.dentonisd.org) [Switch account](#)



\* Required

Email \*

Your email

#### INTENT TO PARTICIPATE:

This application needs to be completed and submitted to your designated two-way dual language campus (Shultz, Hodge, or Pecan Creek) on or before Sunday July 30, 2023. You must have attended one of the dual language informational meetings and your child must be fully enrolled for school before they will be placed in the lottery. The lottery will be held

# Hodge Elementary Kindergarten Camp

2023 Kinder Round Up





# Kinder Camp



**We cannot wait to get to learn, teach, grow and serve with your kindergartner!**

The first 3 days of school, students will have the opportunity to be in class with all the kindergarten teachers as well as different students.

After the first 3 days of school, students will be assigned to a permanent homeroom teacher and a great year of learning will begin.

