



## Cumberland School at a Glance

Cumberland is a Junior Kindergarten (4 year olds) through fifth grade school where we have a full complement of teachers working with students to help support their development as well rounded people. We have high standards for academic achievement and we also value well balanced learning, and students participate in art, music, library, physical education, and Spanish (grades 1-5) classes each week. There are multiple opportunities for parents/guardians to be involved as volunteers at school and we have a vibrant Parent Teacher Organization at Cumberland. Student enrollment is generally around 650 students.

The Junior Kindergarten program is two hours and thirty-five minutes long and the classes are taught by certified teachers who have a full time paraprofessional in the classroom. Class sizes usually range from 20-24 students. Students in the Junior Kindergarten program participate in other classes each week, including art, music, library and physical education. Students also have monthly guidance lessons. Our Junior Kindergarten program assists students' development in literacy, social/emotional skills, and pre-math skills. Additionally, attending the program helps students get into the swing of going to school each day, separating from adult caregivers, and learning how to interact in groups of same age peers.

There are morning and afternoon Junior Kindergarten classes (9:15-11:50 and 12:40-3:15) and over the last few years we have had three to five sections, depending on enrollment. Parents/Guardians express a morning or afternoon preference and when possible we honor these requests.

In addition to the special classes already noted, we also have a health clinic here at Cumberland that is fully staffed by health aides whenever there is school. I am involved with students, too, and work hard to learn everyone's names by the end of the school year.

Whether this is your first introduction to Cumberland School or you are a family that has had other students attend, I welcome you. Please let me know if there is any way we can help or if you have questions or concerns. We are looking forward to your child joining our Cumberland School family.

Best regards,  
Jayne Heffron  
Principal