

Welcome to D.A. Quarles Early Childhood Center



School Hours: 8:00 to 2:30PM
Student drop off 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Typical Class Schedule

- **7:55 Student arrival to campus**
- **8:00 Students and Teachers walk to classrooms**
- **8:05 Arrival and Do Now**
- **8:25 Morning Meeting**
- **9:00 Writing Workshop**
- **9:30 Literacy Group**
- **10:00 Snack**
- **10:15 Read Aloud**
- **10:30 Literacy Centers and Guided Reading**
- **11:15 Math**
- **12:00 Lunch & Recess (20minutes lunch/ 20 minutes recess)**
- **12:45 Related Arts**
- **1:25 Social Studies/Science**
- **1:50 Choice Centers**
- **2:15 Dismissal Begins**

Student Drop Off

- Students can be transported to school by school bus or by parent drop off.
 - Bus
 - Students traveling by bus will receive a tag and estimated time to be at the bus stop. Please have your child at the stop with their tag securely attached to their book bag. The bus tag should be completely filled out with updated information. On the back, please indicate adults authorized to pick up your child from the bus stop.
 - Parent Drop Off “Parked Vehicles”
 - Please make sure not to double or triple park and be aware of parking regulations because parking authorities will give you a ticket.
 - Upon arriving on campus your child will be received and escorted into the building. Parents are not permitted beyond the main gateway.
 - Parent Drop Off “By Car”
 - Upon arriving on campus please use the circular drive way. Be attentive to School staff who will facilitate traffic flow. Be mindful of your speed. Teachers/Assistants will receive your child from your vehicle, please do not get out of the car. Staff will escort your child into the building.

Dismissal

Students will begin the dismissal process at 2:15.

- Bus
 - Buses leave the school at approximately 2:30. Please be at the stop ready to receive your child. Children will not be allowed to get off if an authorized adult listed on the bus tag is not present.
 - *Please be flexible with bus times as traffic may vary throughout the year.
- Pick up
 - Parents may arrive at 2:15 pm. Security will then allow you to enter the B building. Pick up takes place in the Cafeteria, parents are asked to wait along the walls so students can easily enter and sit at assigned tables. Once the student arrives, students and their parents must sign out at the books at the front of the room. The child will then receive a Bee card, which they use to exit the room. Parents must bring identification and students will only be released to an authorized adult listed on the back of the bus pass.

Visiting Quarles School

- Any adult visiting the Quarles Campus must report directly to the security desk inside of the main building.
- In order to proceed past that point you must check in with security guards and provide a valid photo identification. These can include:
 - Drivers License
 - Passport

Related Arts Schedule

- Science
- Music
- Art
- Gym
- Spanish
- Technology Media Specialist

Literacy Curriculum

Readers Workshop

Developed by Lucy Calkins

- Units of Study
 - Introduction to foundational reading skills
 - Reading super powers
 - Fluency
 - Becoming an avid reader
- Structure of the daily lesson
 - Mini-lesson
 - Guided practice
 - Conferencing
 - Share
- - *Supported by the Orton Gillingham multisensory approach
- Social Studies and Science is taught through interdisciplinary units tied to literacy themes

Footsteps 2 Brilliance

- Footsteps2brilliance consists of storybooks at the K-3 reading level, which are aligned to common core standards. The texts help the children read on an independent level with tools such as highlighting and read aloud mode. The stories are also filled with interactive and animated images.
- The app also provides a number of exercises for students, including questions, matching concepts, and a chance for students to write their own stories. Students work is stored and sent to parents and teachers.
- Parents will be provided their child's login information shortly after the start of the school year.

Writing Curriculum

Writing Workshop

- Developed by Lucy Calkins

- Units of Study
 - Launching the Writing Workshop
 - Writing for Readers
 - Personal Narratives
 - How-To
 - All About
- Structure of the daily lesson
 - Mini-lesson
 - Guided practice
 - Conferencing
 - Share

Math Curriculum

- Math in Focus
 - Units of study
 - Numbers 1-5
 - Numbers 6-10
 - Shapes
 - More and Less
 - Numbers 11-20
 - Addition
 - Subtraction
 - Structure of the daily lesson
 - **Whole group includes singing**
 - **Movement**
 - **A big book read aloud that support math talk and connections**
 - **Small group includes hands on work activities**
 - **Independent work to allow children to engage actively**

Science Curriculum

- Science Dimensions by Houghton Mifflin
- Interactive components that allow the students to work on their individualized level
- Units of Study
 - Plants and Animals
 - Engineering
 - Forces in Motion
 - Suns Warms the Earth
 - Weather
 - Earth's Resources

Free Choice

- Center Time
 - a time for developing social and play skills. Centers vary by classroom but can include:
 - Dramatic Play (kitchen area, puppets and dress up)
 - Building (blocks, Legos, Gears and K'nex)
 - Art (drawing, painting, coloring and collaging)
 - I-pads
 - Puzzles

Snack Time

- As a part of our efforts towards supporting healthy, ready-to-learn students, we encourage students to bring healthy snacks to school. Healthy snacks help students maintain energy throughout the day and help ensure they are ready to focus and learn. We want your kids to be the healthiest they can be!
- Here are some healthy snack ideas to fuel your kids:
 - **Turkey or Ham Roll-Ups:** Sliced turkey or ham rolled up with cheese
 - **Snack Kabobs:** Veggie or fruit chunks and cheese cubes skewered onto thin pretzel sticks
 - **Cottage Cheese or Yogurt with Fruit and/or Granola:** Try using fresh grapes, frozen berries, or canned peaches or pineapple
 - **Crackers with Nut Butter or Hummus**
 - **String Cheese**
 - **Veggies and Dip**
 - **Trail Mix:** Whole grain cereal (e.g. Cheerios, Mini-Wheats, Wheat Chex) mixed with dried fruit (e.g. raisins, cranberries, apricots) and nuts
 - **Baked Tortilla Chips with Hummus or Salsa and Guacamole**
 - **Fresh Fruit:** Apples, cherries, grapes, bananas, pears, oranges...fruit is nature's portable, ready-to-eat snack!

Homework

- Create a designated spot in your home for your child to complete their assignments
- Include crayons, pencils and eraser
- Keep homework time short and at a consistent time each day
- Read with your child nightly

* Fools2Brilliance- each student will receive instructions and a log-in in the first weeks of school

Dual Language Program

- Please contact: Mercedes Tellez-Gil
 - Mgil@epsd.org
 - Application is available on
http://www.epsd.org/bilingual_esl_and_world_languages

Let's Meet the School Nurse

- Debbie McCrosson
 - 1-201-862-6112 (phone)
 - 1-201-871-4751 (fax)
 - Email – dmccrosson@epsd.org
- Please make sure to send in emergency cards and update them
- Immunizations
 - All Kindergarten students must have their immunizations updated. Parents must send documentation to the nurse.
- Please feel free to visit with the nurse to share information about your child
 - Medical concerns
 - Allergies
- Policies regarding administering medication
 - Paperwork needs to be filed out by the doctor and returned with the medication

When should I keep my child home

- Fever of 100.0 or higher
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Severe headache
- Pink-eye
- Undiagnosed rash

*Children sent home from school may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours

Cafeteria Services

- Breakfast
 - Available daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m.
 - Breakfast cost at is \$ 1.10 and \$.30 at reduced price
- Lunch
 - 20 minutes beginning at 11:15
 - Choice of school lunch or bringing lunch from home
 - School lunch is \$2.60 and reduced lunch is \$.40

*Please note that in the beginning of the year parents will be able to apply for free or reduced breakfast/lunch. While that is being processed parents are responsible for paying the cost of any food items.

Recess

- 20 minutes total
- Before or after lunch
- Weather permitting, recess is on the playground.

* Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions outside.

Dress Code

- A dress code is recommended for all Quarles students.
Specific colors:
 - Maroon shirt
 - Blue shirt
 - Khaki pants
 - White shirt
- You can find these uniforms in many stores Target, Walmart, JC Penny, Old Navy, Children's Place.
- Remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather of the day. All students are outside at times during the school day.

School Wide Positive Behavior Model



Positive Behavior Support in Schools

- Be sure to visit our table for more information and to purchase the shirts we wear on Fridays.