

Please join us for

## Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday, May 10th from

2:00-3:00 pm

OR

6:30-7:30 pm

Bring your Kindergartener  
and come to the session  
that is most convenient for  
you. There is no need to  
RSVP.

### Important Phone Numbers

School 720-886-3000

Fax 720-886-3088

Attendance Line 720-886-3095

Transportation 720-886-7400

Before & After Care 720-886-3053

School Nurse 720-886-3007

Cafeteria 720-886-3064

School Closure-720-554-4703



For more information, please visit  
the Dakota Valley or Cherry Creek  
School District web sites.

[www.dakota.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.dakota.ccsd.k12.co.us)

[www.cherrycreekschools.org](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org)

# Welcome

to

# Kindergarten

at

## Dakota Valley

## Elementary

3950 S. Kirk Way  
Aurora, CO 80013

720-886-3000

## Message from Principal Cheryl Fullmer

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The  
Leader in Me™

Welcome to Dakota Valley Elementary School. As you and your child prepare to enter kindergarten, I'm sure there is a mixture of anticipation, excitement and wonder as your child begins their formal education. We are excited to meet them and you and welcome you to the Dakota Valley family.

Our school follows a transitional calendar. We start school on August 3, 2016 and June 2, 2017 will be our last day of school. Our student hours will be 9:00 am – 3:30 pm with morning kindergarten from 9 am to 11:50 am and afternoon class from 12:40 pm to 3:30 pm.

Fall Break: October 17th-28th

Winter Break: Dec. 19th-Jan. 2nd

Spring Break: March 27th-April 7th

Elementary school lasts for six years. In the course of those six years, your child will undergo many academic, emotional and social changes. Dakota Valley kindergarten students will experience a challenging curriculum delivered in a manner that respects each child, as well as focusing on social skills that encourage positive, enriching relationships. Every child is valued for who they are and supported in the ways that ensure a successful first year of school.

In addition to a strong academic program, Dakota Valley is a Leader in Me School. The Leader in Me program is built on the foundation of Franklin Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Successful People. At our school, we find the leader in each and every child. Students learn and live the 7 habits.

**Habit 1 – Be Proactive** – You are in charge. Students learn responsibility, initiative, and positive attitudes as they begin taking ownership for their choices.

**Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind** – Have a plan. Students plan ahead and set goals. They do things that have meaning and make a difference. They see themselves as integral members of the school community.

**Habit 3 – Put First Things First** – Students determine priorities and allocate their time to things that are most important.

**Habit 4 – Think Win Win** – Everyone Can Win. Students balance what they want with what others want.

**Habit 5 – Seek first to Understand, Then to be Understood** – Listen before you talk. Students learn to listen to understand others' perspectives, ideas and feelings, and develop confidence in voicing their own ideas.

**Habit 6 – Synergize** – Together is Better. Students value the strengths of others and seek out their classmates' ideas to solve problems. They know that teaming creates better solutions.

**Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw** – Balance Feels Best. Students take care of themselves and embrace their physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. They find ways to help others and create a life of balance.