



# Putnam Elementary School

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February / March 2022

Principal  
**Steve  
Apodaca**

**P**ositive attitude  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**D**etermination  
**E**mpathy

## Message from the Principal

March 1, 2022

Dear Putnam Families and Students,

Our staff and district continue our focus on Belonging and Acceleration. PSD is supporting Learning Acceleration through improvement of instructional practices in Reading. At Putnam, we are learning about evidence-based practices in the **5 Components of Reading including Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension.**

During the last few months we have discussed following Reading Components:

1. **Phonological Awareness**, or learning about sounds
2. **Phonics**, or learning about letters and sounds.
3. **Fluency** which is reading words accurately, quickly and with expression.

**Vocabulary** is a fourth area of reading that plays a crucial role with children understanding what they are reading. The more words a student knows, the more likely they'll comprehend what they read. One of the ways kids learn new words is through daily conversations. Families can support vocabulary growth with everyday talk and bringing in more words to your discussions.

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## Message from the Principal *continued*

For example,

1. First, provide a simple, kid-friendly definition for the new word: *Enormous means that something is really, really big.*
2. Second, provide a simple, kid-friendly example that makes sense within their daily life: *Remember that really big watermelon we got at the grocery store? That was an enormous watermelon!*

We'll continue to inform you about our literacy practices in each newsletter. Find more information on Vocabulary at <https://www.readingrockets.org>.

**CMAS Update.** In the last week of March, and then into April, students in Grade 3-5 will be taking the statewide assessment for Reading and Math, or Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). CMAS is the state's measure of growth for our students and school. It is important for families to support their child during this period with the following CMAS Tips:

- Ensure your child is well-rested and goes to bed early.
- Ensure your child eats their breakfast at home or here at school.
- Encourage your child to do their best and show how much they have learned.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me at 488 -7700 or [sapodaca@psdschools.org](mailto:sapodaca@psdschools.org) if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Steve

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### NO SCHOOL

- Spring Break: March 14-18, 2022
- Teacher Exchange Day: April 15, 2022



### YES CONCERT

**March 8, 2022**

5th Grade Symphony Field Trip **RESCHEDULED** to March 8, 2022



Out of an abundance of caution and for the safety of our students, the concert has been postponed until March. The YES (Youth Education Series) Symphony concert will be limited to fifth graders and will be held in person at Timberline Church.

(The church is only used as the venue, there are no religious themes in the concert) Students will be safely distanced between other classes and schools and will be wearing masks. Also, this year there will be no fee for the concert! The Fort Collins Symphony will put on a unique concert especially for our wonderful students! New permission slips will go home at the end of February.

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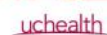
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**Fort Collins**

## YEARBOOK SALES

Please watch for order forms to come home in your student's backpacks.

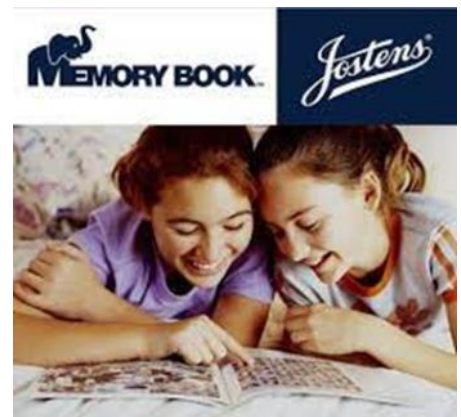
Yearbooks - \$15.00

**Orders due by: 3/11/22**

If you would like to order your yearbook on-line, please visit: <https://www.shop.memorybook.com/school/079913putnamelementary/>

Our school code: 079913

If you have any questions, please contact the office, 970-488-7700



## PARENT POWER

There are many ways you can support your youngster's learning and their school. Try these tips:

- Spend a few minutes every Monday looking through the Monday Folder. Fill out forms and return to school the next day.
- Ask your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or from home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or an email.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

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## THINKING GAMES

Between school, errands, and activities, families can spend a lot of time on the go. Thinking games are a great way to engage with your kids. Try “Would You Rather?” Offer two options and ask which they prefer and why. For example, you might say, “Would you rather live near the beach or the mountains?” And always ask why! You can also play “Three Favorites”. Someone picks a category (outfits, movies, sports) and tell your top three choices and why. You can also play “What Doesn’t Belong?”. Take turns naming items and asking the others to explain which is the odd one out and why. Kids especially like this game because there can be more than one right answer. For example, if you choose owl, ostrich, and eagle you might say the ostrich because it can’t fly. Or you could say the owl because it hunts at night. Try these thinking games and remember to have fun!

## 2022/2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



We are still accepting registration for students entering kindergarten for the 2022/2023 school year. Below is a link for on-line registration. If you have any questions, please give Denise a call in the office 970.488.7700.

<https://www.psdschools.org/onlineregistration>

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## FAMILY RESOURCES COMMUNITY CORNER

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in **April** for all students. Staff will be contacting you soon to set up conference times. We are looking forward to meeting with each of you!

The **MOBILE LAUNDRY** is available for all families every **TUESDAY** at **Fullana Learning Center** at 220 N. Grant Street from 9-3. Please have your laundry at this location by 11:00 and they will wash, dry and fold your laundry for pick up by 3:00. This is a **FREE** service, and no vouchers are needed this year. **IF THE TEMPERATURE IS BELOW FREEZING, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. GILLAN TO SEE IF THEY ARE OPERATING.** Laundry Vouchers will be provided if they are closed due to weather.

**Food Bags** are still available for all families who would like to receive a food bag every Thursday through Putnam. The Food Bags contain canned goods, snacks, cereal and milk twice a month. If you would like to receive a food bag, please call Mrs. Gillan at 488-7720.

If you have any questions regarding community resources **for housing, food, clothing, medical support or utility services**, please call Mrs. Gillan at 970-488-7720 or Mrs. Diaz at 970-488-7791 for Spanish speaking families.

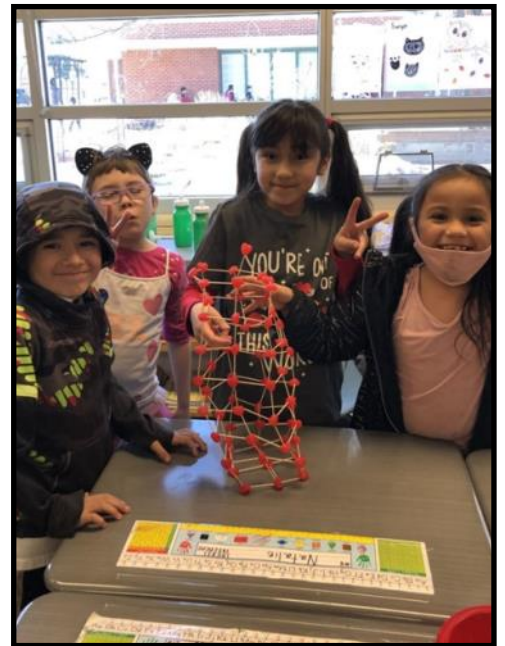
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Having fun learning!!



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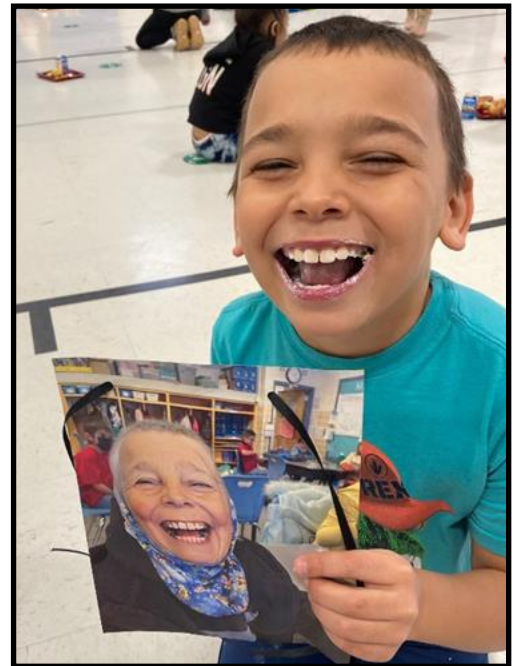
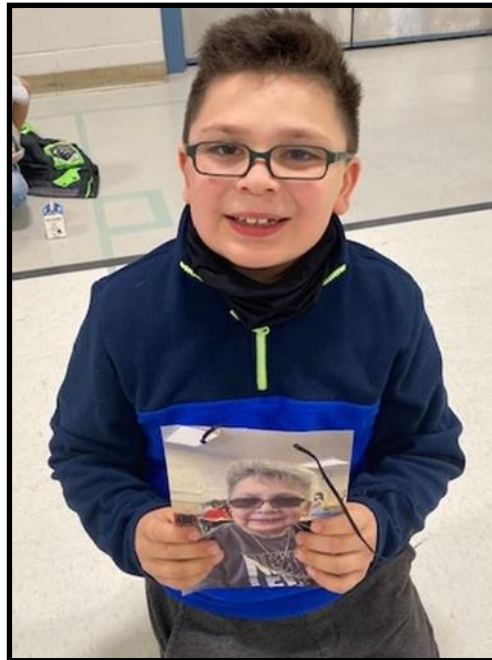
**2nd Grade**  
**Having fun learning!!**

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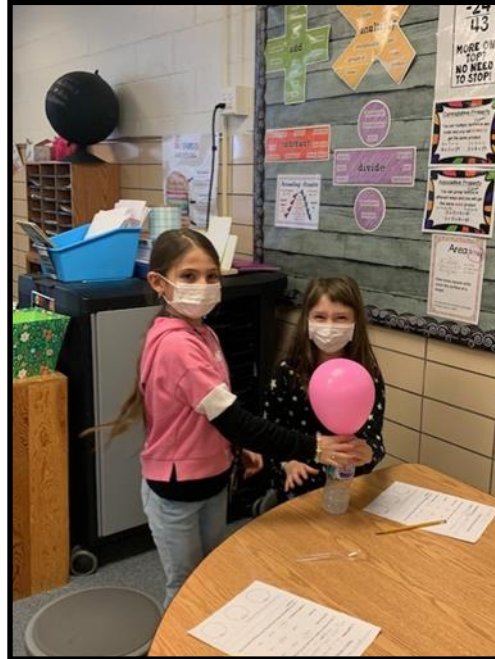
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Celebrating 100 Days in School

With an app we can take a picture of a student and know what they might look like when they are 100! Great photos!!!





**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
**States of Matter Experiments**



## AT HOME COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING TOOL FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home. School staff can also use this tool to determine if they need to stay at home. Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations regardless of current symptoms.

This symptom screen refers only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/staff should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance). Please refer to the Return to Learn guidance to determine when it is appropriate to return to school. *If your child is/you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms, please call 911.*

**Symptom Screen:** If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.  Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.  New or unexplained persistent cough.  Shortness of breath.  Difficulty breathing.  Loss of taste or smell.  Fatigue.  Muscle aches.  Headache.  Sore throat.  Nausea or vomiting.  Diarrhea.  Runny nose or congestion.

More information can be found on the Poudre School District's website: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>

## PUTNAM'S BELL SCHEDULE

8:55 AM Start of the day

3:38 PM End of the day

## LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE:

11:00 am to 11:40 am	Kinder
11:10 am to 11:50 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
11:30 am to 12:10 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
11:40 am to 12:20 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
11:55 am to 12:35 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12:05 pm to 12:45 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade



Free Breakfast & Lunch for all students @ Putnam. Parents, please continue to fill out Free & Reduce Lunch forms as our school receives other benefits based on this information! Forms can be filled online at <https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/free-and-reduced-meals>

If you do not want to fill out online, please come to school to get a paper copy. Thank you!

## PUTNAM'S EXPECTATIONS

### THE BIG 3

1. Follow Directions
2. Keep your hands and feet to yourself
3. Keep each other and the school safe

## Putnam T-Shirts

### Every Friday!!

Show your school spirit and wear your Putnam shirts!!



## March 2022

## Putnam Elementary

## Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Carrots</li> <li>• Green Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Chef Salad with Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Steamed Broccoli</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Strawberries, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef &amp; Bean Burrito</li> <li>• Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute</li> <li>• Refried Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Watermelon or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Pizza</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>• Steamed Carrots</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Pear</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Fresh Celery Sticks, or Substitute</li> <li>• Corn</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Blueberries, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Calzone &amp; Marinara</li> <li>• Ham or Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Bell Peppers, or Substitute</li> <li>• Green Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Orange Wedges</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean Treasures</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>• Mashed Potatoes with Gravy</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Kiwi, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Burrito</li> <li>• Ham or Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Refried Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Cantaloupe, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pepperoni Pizza</li> <li>• Hummus &amp; Veggie Box</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute</li> <li>• Steamed Broccoli</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Cutlets, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Snap Peas, or Substitute</li> <li>• Mashed Potatoes with Gravy</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Grapes, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Lasagna Rollup</li> <li>• Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Carrots</li> <li>• Green Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Chicken Caesar Wrap</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Steamed Broccoli</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Raspberries or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef &amp; Bean Burrito</li> <li>• Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute</li> <li>• Refried Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Watermelon or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Pizza</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>• Steamed Carrots</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Pear</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamburger &amp; Cheeseburger</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Fresh Celery Sticks, or Substitute</li> <li>• Black Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Blackberries or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Calzone &amp; Marinara</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Bell Peppers, or Substitute</li> <li>• Green Beans</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Orange Wedges</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian Meatballs &amp; Rice</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>• Steamed Veggies</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Kiwi, or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean Treasures</li> <li>• Ham or Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Mashed Potatoes with Gravy</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Honeydew Melon or Substitute</li> <li>• Milk Variety</li> <li>• Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	

## PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Parents dropping kids off in the morning can drop off as early at 8:40 am

Use the east parking lot for both drop-off & pick-up. We have several staff members out there to make sure kids get where they need to be.

Early Childhood parents will park in front of the school. Then they will walk their child to & from the exterior classroom door. Parents will use an iPad to sign students in and out.



For the safety of all, please obey all traffic laws and use the crosswalk in front of the school.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is not automatic; you must register with transportation for all services.

Here is a link for registering:

[https://eweb2.psdschools.org/Transportation\\_BussingRequest/](https://eweb2.psdschools.org/Transportation_BussingRequest/)



Know where the bus is at all times, download the application *Here Comes the Bus* from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. **Putnam's code #75840**

Here is the link to login to Here Comes the Bus:

<https://login.herecomesthebus.com/>

<Authenticate.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Any questions regarding transportation, please call transportation directly at 970-490-3232

## MONDAY FOLDERS

We use Monday folders to keep everyone informed. Please look for the Monday Folder in your student's backpack.

