



KINDER GARTEN

ROUND UP

2026-2027 School Year





GreenWood Charter School

Get Ready!

Kindergarten is a
great place to be!



Welcome To Kindergarten

We follow the Utah Core State Standards. We use Illustrative Math, UFLI, and EL Education Curriculum. We focus on Toys and Play, Weather, and Trees.



Learning In Kindergarten

*We are excited to start this
education journey with you!*

Mission & Vision



Our mission is to provide a quality holistic education to all students by providing opportunities for them to be active, knowledgeable, creative, and conscientious individuals. GreenWood inspires a healthy balance in life through healthy eating habits, exercise, personal discovery, service learning, and environmental stewardship.

Mission



Greenwood

- Ignites a passion for a holistic lifestyle through practicing mindfulness, gratitude, and healthy habits to
- Grow the ability to build respectful relationships, actively seek knowledge and improvement, through feedback and revision so that we can
- Advocate and care for the natural world, solve problems with innovation, and preserve the dignity of each person.

Vision

Innovative Daily Schedule



2026-2027 School Year

Monday - Friday



We will start our day at 8 AM, and release students at 2:15 PM. A consistent, predictable end time helps families plan their days with confidence.

GreenWood Cares about student well-being.



A focused schedule ensures high-quality instruction while supporting students' mental and physical health.

GreenWood Cares about hands-on learning.



Students will benefit from authentic fieldwork, project-based learning, and 4-5 annual adventure opportunities led by Specials teachers.



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HEALTH Values @ GW

School Year
2026-2027



**Healthy
Habits**

“We build healthy
mindsets!”



**Environmental
Stewardship**

“We practice
gratitude!”



Achievement

“We have grit!”



Leadership

“We empower!”



**Thinking
Creatively**

“We exhibit
curiosity!”



**Honoring
Diversity**

“We care!”





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Why is Greenwood Different?

Kindergarten at Greenwood Charter School we focus on educating the whole child through centers, play, and hands on learning. We practice mindfulness, movement breaks, and social emotional competence. We value academics, high quality work, and character!

EL Education

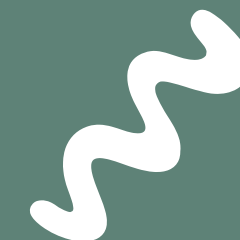


Our mission is to create classrooms where teachers can fulfill their highest aspirations, and students achieve more than they think possible, becoming active contributors to building a better world.

Caring Teachers



Our teachers care about each student. They model to the students flexibility and responsiveness to learning. We work with families as a team and creating positive education experiences



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GreenWood Family Expectations



GreenWood
Graduating Class of
2035

- **Full Family Support** of GW Healthy Habits including lunches/snacks, celebrations & birthdays
- **Active Dress**- capped sleeves, shoes to run in, no hats or heely shoes indoors, shorts within 2-3 inches of knee, wear green on Friday!
- **Every Minute Matters:** Arrive by 7:50 AM, avoid early check-outs! Crew time is important!



Fieldwork @ GW

Fieldwork provides opportunities for our crews go out and explore, discover, and understand our community. Fieldwork is meaningful, and provides an opportunity to student to learn more in depth information about what they are studying in the classroom. GreenWood Charter School utilizes parent drivers as we go out on fieldwork!



Movement & Exercise



Students get 40 + minutes of
ACTIVE Movement EVERYDAY!

Specials Classes



- Mindful Movement / Yoga
- Strength & Conditioning/PE
- Environmental Education/Exploring
- Music

Free Play - Recess



Teachers will provide movement integration throughout the day, providing students with many opportunities to be active





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Healthy School Meals

Join Classes



Breakfast is Free

Students can eat a free breakfast in the cafeteria from 7:40 am-7:55 AM



National School Lunch Program

GreenWood Charter School participates in the National School Lunch Program. Fill out an application at Back to School Night to see if you qualify



Lunch

We offer: fruits, veggies, protein, & milk daily. Students must select 3-5 components. 1 must be .5 cup veggie and/or fruit. Salad Bar available daily

Parent Involvement

- Be Heard {COMMUNICATION}
- Be Engaged {PARTICIPATION}
- Be Optimistic {RALLY + ORGANIZE}
- Be Creative {FUNDRAISING}

Family Crew Organization (FCO)

Parent support is essential to the success of the GreenWood Charter School and your participation is expected and embraced.

Get Involved!

Please email fco@greenwoodcharter.org if you have an area of expertise or a hobby that you would like to share with GreenWood to contribute your volunteer hours.

Get involved to GROW GREENWOOD!





Mrs Ruiz Kindergarten Teacher

Greetings!! My name is Mayra Ruiz. I have been in the classroom for many years! I have been fortunate to work with students of all grades and ages. My favorite has always been the younger grades. Littles have this contagious energy that brightens my day. I have had extensive training in early childhood education as well as SPED within the six districts I have worked for stateside and DODEA (Department of Defense Education Activity) while living overseas in Japan. My husband served in the US Air Force for 26 years and recently retired. We made Utah our home after many years of moving. We have three sons. One is studying engineering at the University of Alabama, and one is in High School. Our youngest is here at GreenWood. Setting a strong foundation for your child's student career is very important to me. Through dedication, perseverance, and fun learning, we will have a wonderful school year!! I look forward to meeting your children and watching them blossom and grow during their Kindergarten year!!



Ms Mandy Kindergarten Teacher

Hello my name is Mandy Toone. I am finishing up teaching my first year of kindergarten, and I have loved every minute of it! This will be 3rd year teaching at Greenwood. I was the P.E. Specials teacher. I was able to work with grade levels which I loved, but my passion is with the littles. I have enjoyed building strong relationships with my students, and their families.

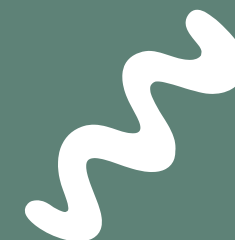
Teaching

I received my Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies from WGU, while working as a para at our local elementary school. In my crew I create a fun, engaging, and supportive learning environment for all of my students helping them to set a strong foundation.



I'm looking forward to meeting your student.

When I'm not in the classroom my family and I love to spend time outdoors whether it's golfing, fishing, hiking, or skiing.



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Contact Info

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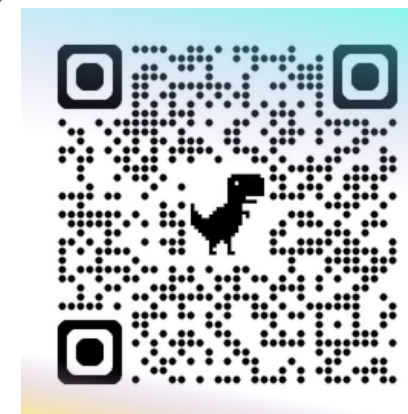
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GreenWood Charter Family Facebook Group

Click on the QR above to
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Facebook Page

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THANK
YOU!

WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR UPCOMING
SCHOOL YEAR!

