

**Country Gardens Charter School**  
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**WELCOME**

We are glad you have chosen Country Gardens as the school for your child. This is our 11th year. Please be sure to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help this be a great year for your child!

**TRUANCY/ATTENDANCE**

Any student who is between the ages of six and six-teen must be in school. Truant means a child who has missed school for at least five school days within a school year or exceeds 10% of the school days, which is 18 days for our school. There is a \$50.00 diversion fee if students are cited. If students are cited you will need to report to court with your child. Students who miss 20 days of school will be retained. Please help get your child to school. **Students will receive free ice cream on Fridays if they are not absent all week. Please make appointments for Wednesday afternoons so students do not miss school.**

**PARENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL**

If you are dropping off/picking up students please pull up to the curb and have your child exit or enter the car quickly. This will help with the flow of traffic. If you need to leave your vehicle you must park in the field. All kindergarten parents need to park in the field for dismissal and use the cross walk. Staff will be present at 7:45 AM to supervise students on campus. School begins at 8:00 AM. This is for the safety of all students.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Please make sure that your child brings in their school supplies. All students need to buy 2 reading journals. They can be purchased from the office for \$3.00 and are needed for their weekly homework assignments. Students also need a book to read for grades 3-8. There is a book rental fee of \$5.00. This fee will be returned if the book is in good condition at the end of the year. Students need supplies so that they can complete their class work and homework.

**HOMEWORK**

Homework is posted weekly on the website. Visit [www.cgcsaz.com](http://www.cgcsaz.com).

**E.E.L.S. PROGRAM**

Experiential Education on Land N' Sea (E.E.L.S. Program) is a program available to all students in grades K-12. To qualify for the trips students must meet the following criteria:

1. Have good attendance and not miss more than 3 days for the first 100 days. That is 97% attendance.
2. No out of school suspensions.
3. Homework turned in at 90%.
4. Have a good attitude and be trustworthy.
5. Attend all state testing in April.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION**

Responsibility, caring, respect, trustworthiness, ethical citizens/citizenship, integrity and fairness are taught to students. Please ask your child what they are learning in the classroom to be better citizens.

**LABELING STUDENT ITEMS**

Labeling your child's jackets and lunch bags will help if your child loses an item.

**SCHOOL LUNCHESES**

Country Gardens does not offer free or reduced prices for lunches. Students in grades K-2 can eat for \$1.50. Older students should bring money depending on their choice of items. Your child may eat in the classroom the first few weeks of school until the weather cools down.

**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Students will be bringing home the copy of the handbook for you to preview and sign. Please have your child return the forms to their classroom teacher.

***Important Dates***

<b>September 2</b>	<b>Tutoring begins 3:30-4:30 PM</b> <b>No bussing provided. Grades K-12.</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Labor Day No School</b>
<b>September 22</b>	<b>Open Conferences 1:00 - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Deficiency Notices for students who are not working at grade level</b>