



## Underwood Elementary

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Underwood! Mrs. Truitt and Mrs. Zier are so excited to work with all of our Underwood Eagles to help them reach their full potential.

Our goal is to assist students in learning the skills and attitudes necessary to be successful learners and productive citizens. We emphasize communication, decision-making, interpersonal, and career awareness skills through individual consultation, small groups, and classroom curriculum.

The Lee's Summit School Counseling Curriculum includes lessons on **learning skills** – to learn strategies to be a successful and productive student; **personal safety** – to learn simple, straightforward strategies to protect themselves from abusive situations; **mental health first aid** - promoting well-being, our 5th-grade students will learn how to identify concerns about others and how to report to appropriate helpers; **bully awareness** – how to identify and deal with bully behaviors; **conflict resolution** – learn problem-solving methods; **friendship skills** – learn ways to make and maintain friendships, and **career awareness** – introducing children to a variety of career options.

If you have questions regarding the counseling curriculum, please view the state curriculum standards ([here](#)) or contact your school counselor.

We are also very excited to continue having a facility/therapy dog at Underwood Elementary this school year. His name is Ranger and he is a Mini Goldendoodle. As a school community, we will teach our students about interacting positively with Ranger. We know students will be excited about this opportunity. We also understand some students may be allergic to dogs and or fearful. If you would like to opt your student out of interacting with Ranger, please contact Suzanne Truitt at [suzanne.truitt@lsr7.net](mailto:suzanne.truitt@lsr7.net)

We are looking forward to a successful school year ahead!

Sincerely,

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