

Founded in 2000, Sonrisa School is a small independent school serving Orange County, CA. At Sonrisa, we use a rich, multi-disciplinary approach to education. Our curriculum is designed to enrich child's emotional, intellectual, and social aptitude. Our staff is qualified, experienced, and caring.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY



- ❖ Structure is key to a child's success.
- ❖ Self-esteem and self-confidence enable children to reach their fullest potential.
- ❖ Learning should be a positive and joyful experience.



## OUR MISSION

- ❖ Instill confidence in children to reach their fullest potential.
- ❖ Boost children's self-esteem and social skills.
- ❖ Provide positive and joyful learning experience.
- ❖ Make it possible for children to pursue extracurricular activities such as art and sports.
- ❖ Facilitate dynamic parent involvement in academic as well as non-academic activities.
- ❖ Form a proactive partnership of parents and teachers.



## Curriculum

Sonrisa School adheres to California State Board of Education standards. In addition, the school applies following programs.

### Reading

- ❖ Lindamood Phonemic Sequencing (LiPS™)
- ❖ Project READ®
- ❖ Earobics®
- ❖ Visual Auditory Sensory Techniques (VAST)
- ❖ One-on-one Reading

### Extra-curricular Activities

- ❖ Spanish
- ❖ Physical Education
- ❖ Art, Music, and Drama
- ❖ Cooking and Baking

### Field Trips

- ❖ Art Museum
- ❖ Science Fairs
- ❖ Performing Arts Theater

## School Schedule



Sonrisa School follows a 180-day year-round schedule.

Session	Begins	Concludes	Breaks
Fall	September	November	Thanksgiving
Winter	December	February	Christmas
Spring	March	June	Easter
Summer*	July	August	

\*Optional

## Class Schedule

Time	Session
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Class In Session
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Recess
10:45 pm - 12:30 pm	Class In Session
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Silent Reading
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	PE / Art / Music / Spanish



### ADMISSION

Sonrisa School does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religious belief, sexual orientation, national origin, political persuasion, disability, or physical appearance. However, as a small school, we do recognize certain limitations when considering students for enrollment and we reserve the right to determine when Sonrisa is not the optimal placement for a child.

### APPLICATION

Sonrisa School offers year-round enrollment for grades K through 12. Please contact the school director for application form.

## Director's BIO



### PRIYA GUTTAL

AT A GLANCE

- ❖ **Founder / Director**
- ❖ MS, Special Education
- ❖ MA, English Literature
- ❖ Educator of the Year (Learning Disabilities Association)
- ❖ Counseling parents, mentoring teachers
- ❖ Making a difference in the lives of children and their families

Ms. Priya Guttal has been making a difference in the field of education since 1992. She has solid classroom teaching, one-on-one tutoring, and school administration experience.

During her teaching career, she developed an acute interest in teaching children with special needs. This led to her decision to pursue an MS degree in Special Education. During this program she learned a great deal about working with children in regular as well as special education class, US disability laws, and the public education system.



The philosophy of her school is based on small class size, ample teacher-student interaction, stress-free, calm environment, and regular parent feedback.



It is Priya's mission to turn kids around by improving their self-esteem and self-confidence. She achieves this by devising individualized curriculum, allowing children to learn at their own pace, focusing on basic important skills, and making learning desirable and enjoyable.

Learning Disabilities Association of California has recognized Priya's hard work, patience, philosophy, and passion towards teaching by honoring her with the Educator of the Year Award.

Contact Priya by phone (949) 206-9668 or by e-mail [priya@sonrisaschool.org](mailto:priya@sonrisaschool.org).





## What Parents Say About Priya

"Prior to becoming Ms. Guttal's student, our daughter was often apprehensive about attending school. Under Ms. Guttal, Madison's anxiety has diminished and she has become a cheerful child looking forward to going to school."

❖ *Steve and Barbara C.*



"Our son disliked school and refused to study.

Ms. Guttal single-handedly turned our son around. Johnathan is now enthusiastic about school. He studies his lessons faithfully and is desirous of success."

❖ *William and Karen F.*



"Priya is constantly encouraging the kids to learn while making sure they are not pushed or pressured. She goes out of her way to make sure that parents are notified and included in all activities. Our daughter, Tyler, has improved dramatically in her reading and language skills after being in Priya's school."

❖ *Dennis and Tina B.*



"I am most impressed with Priya's gift of patience, love and true concern for the children. Priya is honest and straightforward in her dealing with parents. I could count on her to keep me informed of my son's progress, activities, and her ideas to resolve any issues that may arise."

❖ *Susan S.*



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## DOES YOUR CHILD

- ❖ Not perform to his/her potential?
- ❖ Have self-esteem issues?
- ❖ Lack enthusiasm in learning?
- ❖ Need extra attention?

## OUR SPECIALTY



- ❖ Individualized Program
- ❖ One-on-one Interaction
- ❖ Social Skills Development
- ❖ Active Parent Participation
- ❖ Qualified, Caring Staff
- ❖ Student-Teacher Ratio of 5:1



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*A second home for your child*

**Now Enrolling Grades K-12**