



What to Expect in Kindergarten!

Welcome To Kindergarten!



Kindergarten introduces children and parents to the public school experience and sets the tone for all future learning. Our kindergarten program encourages a positive self-image by providing age and developmentally appropriate learning experiences. Kindergarteners are socially and emotionally supported to move into a wider world by balancing their desire for independence with their need for structure and routine. Our program is a full-day program from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Families may enroll in our fee-based before school and/or afterschool programs.



Morning Meeting: 15 mins
Phonics: 20-25 mins
Writing: 30 mins
Reading: 30 mins
Special: 40 mins
Lunch: 30 mins
Math: 25-30 mins
Rest/Snack: 20 mins
Read Aloud: 10 mins
Recess: 30 mins
Choice Time: 20-25 mins

Daily Schedule



Our day is filled with both academic times and play times. Here is an example of what a kindergarten day looks like!

*Weekly specials are: Library, Spanish, Music, Physical Education, & Art

Literacy



In Literacy students are introduced letters and sounds to prepare them for learning to read. Concepts of print show students the structure and organization of books and writing. Phonemic Awareness helps students to identify sounds with letters and words that rhyme. Comprehension skills are enhanced by retelling stories and paired/shared reading of simple text. Students are encouraged to make connections between what they read or hear and their experiences.

Writer's Workshop: Progression from oral storytelling (personal narrative) to drawing and labeling, and then to writing sequenced narratives and non-fiction.

Reading Workshop: Reader's Workshop consists of, mini-lessons, guided reading, independent reading, and read alouds.

Phonics: Phonics instruction consists of mini lessons, letter games/activities

Math



Our math program Bridges allows students to develop mathematical reasoning and use communication in small groups and individually to build skills. Students use counters, unit blocks, geometric shapes, measurement tools to sort and identify patterns and attributes. Students learn to count and write numbers as well as do simple addition and subtraction.



End of Year Expectations



Math

Identify basic shapes

Rote count to 100

1-1 Correspondence to 20

Fluently
Compose/Decompose #'s
to 5

Compare sets of objects

Identify & Write
Numbers 0-20

Literacy

Letters upper &
lowercase letters

Identify letter sounds

Story Retell

Comprehension

Sight Words -65

Benchmark Reading
Assessment:
Independent Level C



Homework



Homework begins after back to school night

Daily homework: READ, READ, READ. Your child will be required to read for 15 minutes each night.

A reading log will be sent home Monday and should be filled out with an adult and returned on Friday.

In addition to reading, your child also has weekly snap words to practice.

No homework on Fridays 😊

Supplies

- Pencil box labeled
- Box of crayons
- Set of colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener (with a larger pencil hole and a small hole)
- 2 erasers
- Child safe scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- Complete spare set of clothes labeled.
- Small blanket for rest time will stay in the classroom and get sent home on Fridays
- 1 pocket folder labeled with your child's full name
- A backpack for carrying snack & homework folder

Addition items to bring to school each day

- ★ water bottle as we cannot use water fountains.
- ★ 1 snack for each day
- ★ Small blanket for at seat rest time

How Can I Help My Child Prepare for Kindergarten?



- ★ Practice writing their name
- ★ Read stories to them
- ★ Practice counting objects
- ★ Build independence with simple task. Ex. putting on and zipping jackets, dressing yourself, packing up their things, etc.