



# Developmental Kindergarten (DK)

The Developmental Kindergarten (DK) program is an age appropriate program for children who are five by September 15 (Kindergarten Age), but have late spring, summer or fall birthday and/or for those students who show academic or social discrepancies from their peers!

DK is a hands-on program that focuses on pre-reading, pre-math, and the social skills that are needed for kindergarten. Our ultimate goal in DK is to give those students an extra year of opportunities to work on readiness skills before entering kindergarten.

The DK class has a teacher student ratio of 1:12, and is a great opportunity for children to receive small group and one-on-one instruction daily. Working one-on-one with your child allows customizing to their individual goals, levels of readiness, and more success!

DK meets five full days a week like all other students. **DK is not a special education program.** After completion of the year-long DK program, the child will then go to Kindergarten the following school year.

## DK Critical Objectives

### Language Arts:

- Recognizes first and last name
- Says the alphabet in sequence
- Identifies and names Uppercase and Lowercase letters
- Says 21 consonant sounds
- Says 5 vowel sounds
- Rhyme
- Blends Consonant Vowel Consonant Words
- Identifies Beginning sounds
- Sequencing
- Concepts of Print
- Vocabulary
- Introduce Sight Words

### Writing:

- Writes uppercase letters
- Writes first and last name
- Writes numbers 0-20

### Math:

- Identifies, counts, matches, and orders numbers 0-20
- Identifies 4 basic shapes

- Identifies 8 basic colors
- Compares numbers 0-20

### Science:

- Weather
- Seasons
- Senses
- Characteristics of animals, insects, people, and plants

### Social Studies:

- Understands 911
- Community Leaders
- Transportation
- People and Culture
- Birthday, address, and phone number

### Social-Emotional/Work Habits:

- Listens
- Follows Directions
- Participates
- Completes Tasks
- Works Independently
- Respects Others
- Shares and more

### **Benefits of DK**

- DK is a hands-on program with one-on-one instructional time to work on:
  - pre-reading
  - pre-math
  - social skills and more!
- DK is a way to give students an extra year of opportunities to work on readiness skills before entering kindergarten.
- DK is a way to ensure that students enter kindergarten with maturity, confidence, and skills they need to excel.
- DK improves social, emotional and academic development!
- Participating in DK may reduce the possibility of grade retention and special education placement in years to come.
- The school day will be the same as a traditional kindergarten schedule and will follow the school districts calendar.
- Students will have:
  - Recess, Art, Music, P.E., Library, Guidance, iPad/Technology
  - Participate in Kindergarten concerts, field trips, assemblies, and more!

### **How is DK different from Kindergarten?**

- DK is a bridge between preschool to kindergarten
- It DOES NOT replace kindergarten
- DK better prepares students for kindergarten
- DK provides age appropriate curriculum
- Parent Involvement is encouraged!

### **How does my child get into Developmental Kindergarten?**

Students will be selected by an application and testing process. If you are interested in the DK program, an application must be on file by April 9, 2021. Applying for DK does not guarantee a position to the program.

Parents will be notified, and allowed to accept or decline a DK placement. Overall, the developmental kindergarten program will offer a classroom environment that is a welcoming place for all children to learn and grow in all areas of development during their first experience at a full day of school!

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