LAUNCHING INTO KINDERGARTEN

10:00 AM (Virtual)*Recorded
7:00 PM (Carson Middle)
January 24, 2023

“Blasting off to a new beginning”
WELCOME
AGENDA

PowerPoint Presentation
● A Day in the Life of Kindergartener
● Math, Centers, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies
● Kindergarten Readiness
● Transition Process
● Registration Information
● Important Dates & Information
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

AM Kindergarten
• Arrive at school by assigned bus or car
• Dismissed to car/childcare van

PM Kindergarten
• Arrive at school by car/child care van
• Dismissed to assigned bus, car, or child care van
CUBBIES/BOOK BAG STATIONS
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Go Math Curriculum
Go Math

Student workbooks & interactive lessons
TECHNOLOGY
CENTERS/SMALL GROUPS
Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Into Reading:

- Interactive Read-Aloud Stories
  Alphafriends
- High Frequency Words/Sight Words/Popcorn Words
- Vocabulary/ Big Idea Words
- Guided Reading Opportunities
  Decodable Texts/Leveled Readers
### Kindergarten Sight Words

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WORD BUILDING

Research-Based Instruction:
Introduce Letters and Sounds
-Letter Sequence (Mm, Ss, Tt, Bb, Aa)
upper & lower case together

Teacher Models
Guided Practice
“Speed Round”-Independent Practice
Silly Sentences
Dictation-Encoding
Decodable Text & Leveled Readers
WIN- “What I Need” time weekly- continually check student progress
**Phonemic Awareness Skills - “lights out” activities**

- Hear words in a sentence
- Onsets/Rimes (c-at)
- Initial, medial, final sounds in words
- Blending - Word Detective: /f/ /u/ /n/ = fun
- Segmenting - “Give me the sounds in the word ____”
- Delete sounds (Say bear, take away /b/)
- Substitute sounds (Say met, change /m/ to /s/)
Pencil Grasp

Developmental Stages of Writing:
Drawing, Scribbling, Random letter and number strings, Using Sounds (Inventive Spelling), Writing fluently (Conventional Spelling)

Writing in kindergarten:
- Dictation
- Special Events/Project
- Journaling
- Introduction to letter formations

Block Alphabet
Content Areas

- Defined Units: Life Cycles, Weather/Seasons and The Five Senses
- Opportunities are often integrated into the Curriculum

Process Skills

- Predict/Observe
- Communicate
- Compare/Classify
- Measure
- Organize
SOCIAL STUDIES

Integrated into the Curriculum

- Communities (Home, School, Local, National)
- Self, Families, Friends
- Holidays and Historical Figures
- Maps and Globes
SPECIALS

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- Recess
IS YOUR CHILD READY?

- Enthusiasm toward learning
- Language skills
- Ability to listen
- Desire to be independent
- Ability to interact with children and adults
- Fine motor skills
- Basic letter and number awareness

If unsure, speak with your child’s preschool teacher and/or pediatrician; observe your child interacting with peers.
PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

How can I help prepare my child for Kindergarten?

- Encourage independence and self-advocacy (build self esteem!)
- Foster responsibility and following directions (multi-step)
- Allow space and encourage problem solving!
- Model empathy, rule following, and taking turns
- Exploration and Discovery
- Math/Number Sense/Board Games
- Read to them! Word and Sound Play
- Fine Motor Skills - using scissors, glue, paint
- Experiences - enjoy this time with your children!
REGISTRATION

- Online Registration process
- Central Administration Office appointments to finish Registration process - in person OR Virtual if pre-approved.

Please be prepared

- Items to upload and bring:
  - Photo ID/Driver’s License- (must be in color)
  - Original birth certificate or passport (must be in color)
  - Up to date immunization records
  - Two forms of proof of residence
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*Visit the Registration Handbook to learn more.
Welcome & Let's Get Started!

Click HERE

https://www.northallegheny.org/Page/1922
AM/PM Preferences and Lottery System

- Parents will indicate AM/PM preference during the registration appointment
- If preferences exceed available space, a lottery will be held
- All registrations received by March 3, 2023 will be eligible to be included in the lottery
- Actual class assignments will be communicated to parents in August

North Allegheny website for additional information:

https://www.northallegheny.org/Page/1922

(Kindergarten Handbook, Early Admission Policy, Countdown to Kindergarten Packet, Phonemic Awareness Activities)
TRANSITION Activities!
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION &
Open House

- August Orientation date - will be announced
  - Tour, Activities, Story, Bus Ride

- Open House
  - Parent evening
  - Traditionally held prior to the first day of Kindergarten
Thank You!

Aim for... THE STARS