

Welcome to D25 Kindergarten!

We realize this may be the first time many of our incoming kindergarten students and parents enter our school doors, and we hope it will be a wonderful experience for all of you.

Regardless of whether or not you have had a child in kindergarten in District 25 schools, the experience is different for every incoming kindergartner. We hope this brochure is helpful in answering some of your questions as you begin preparing for this exciting new adventure!

Please contact your school's principal if you have further questions or concerns.

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11 THINGS...

your incoming kindergartner can do this summer to get ready!

- 1) Play with other children at parties, at the park, and on play dates.
- 2) Write letters and numbers with chalk, crayons, and markers.
- 3) Sing the ABCs and rhyming songs in the car.
- 4) Count small and large collections of objects (up to at least 30) around the house.
- 5) Visit the library to listen to stories and to check out books.
- 6) Bounce, throw, and kick a ball.
- 7) Hop, skip, and jump at the park.
- 8) Read and retell books and stories, and answer questions about them.
- 9) Act/pretend through dramatic play with others.
- 10) Practice following multi-step directions while engaging in "Simon Says", board games, and projects.
- 11) Color, draw, and build using a variety of materials.

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Kindergarten

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Kindergarten screenings

WHAT IS A SCREENER?

First, your child will listen to a staff member read a story aloud to a small group of children. Next, your child will engage in some fine motor activities involving name writing, drawing, and cutting. A staff member will then work one-on-one with your child to assess skills such as counting, identifying letters and numbers, and following directions. Time permitting, your child may also have the opportunity to play with other children.

PURPOSE

The kindergarten screener provides an opportunity for your child to meet some school staff members. The screener provides us with an opportunity to become familiar with your child's prior knowledge and learning experiences. Our staff members use this opportunity to assess some of the skills that your child brings with him/her to kindergarten.

SHOULD MY CHILD STUDY?

You do not need to study or practice for the screener with your child. This is just one opportunity for us to become familiar with your child as a learner. We'd like this to be a pleasant and non-stressful experience!

WILL THE SCREENER QUALIFY MY CHILD FOR ANY SERVICES?

The kindergarten screener will not qualify your child for English Learner (EL), advanced, or special education services. All students who have another language spoken in the home will need to participate in EL screener in addition to the kindergarten screener. Families whose child requires an EL screener will be contacted separately.



Kindergarten Specials

Language Development

ART	30 Mins/Week
MUSIC	30 Mins/Week
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	30 Mins/Week
LEARNING MEDIA CENTER	Book checkout Technology Lessons

You can help!

- Talk with your children.
- Demonstrate active listening/caring by asking questions about what your child is sharing with you.
- Respond to and expand upon your child's comments to promote conversation.
- Expand vocabulary by talking to your child about what you are doing. Tell your child stories- real or imagined.