

TK Family Nights

It is our belief that children learn best when there is a working relationship, communication, and a positive rapport between families and the school. In order to help achieve this, TK offers monthly TK Family Nights. These nights are an opportunity for TK families to meet and engage with one another. It allows for school and home interaction and for families to engage in new activities together. TK Family Nights are open to all TK students and their families. These activities include:

Gym Night
Craft Night
Cookie Decorating Night
Moms & Muffins
Dads & Donuts
Grandparents' Day
Silly Song Night
TK Graduation

In addition to these special events, parents have the opportunity to volunteer during centers, special events or parties, and for field trips. We encourage and welcome parent involvement. We understand many parents work during the day and continue to offer TK Family Nights during evening hours to allow for working parents to participate.

Zoo-Phonics Adventures in Learning

Zoo-Phonics is a phonics-based program that believes ALL children are ready, willing, and able to learn the alphabet, letter names, and letters sounds while still keeping the TK curriculum playful and child-centered. We utilize Zoo-Phonics to introduce, learn, and master the alphabet and sounds in order to best prepare our kids for reading and writing success in Kindergarten and many years to come.

The Zoo-Phonics program focuses on the WHOLE alphabet, rather than a letter a week. Although we may focus on a letter, the other 25 letters will not be ignored. We will teach lowercase letters and their sounds first because both are needed 95% of the time in reading and writing.

Zoo-Phonics keeps the learning of letters and sounds fun and playful through a kinesthetic approach to learning. Students not only see and hear the letters and sounds, they also get to move.

We have found great success with this approach to learning. Our students are excited about their "friends" and confidently explore letters and sounds in both reading and writing.

In September of each year, we offer a parent education meeting to explain this approach and the program in greater detail.



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Four-Year Old Kindergarten



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Program Details

Who can come to 4K?

- Children MUST be four years of age on or before September 1 of the upcoming school year.
- Children need to be toilet-trained.
- If you are not a resident of the Silver Lake-Salem Jt. 1 school district, you will need to file open-enrollment paperwork to attend. You can obtain this paperwork through the district or online at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc.

How do I enroll my child?

- You will need to complete a registration packet for your child. Registration packets are mailed out in January for the upcoming school year. Please contact the office to let us know you are interested in an enrollment packet.
- In addition to the enrollment packet, you will need to have a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency.

What are the days and times of 4K?

- 4K runs Tuesday through Friday.
- We offer both morning (8:30-11:30 am) and afternoon (12:30-3:30 pm) sessions.
- Students' placement in sessions are based upon location within the district boundaries to assist with bussing needs. Session letters are mailed out in late May.

For more information, please contact
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4K Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to give every child the appropriate opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve. The development of a child and his/her individual needs play a key role in developing high expectations that encourage the development of a child not only academically, but also as an individual. We utilize each child's background, knowledge, experiences, and interests to design the best approach to learning. A balance between play and instruction is key in supporting all of our students' learning. Below are some of the skills and concepts we introduce and develop throughout the school year.

- Social & Emotional Development
 - Playing and working cooperatively with others
 - Participation in group activities
 - Development of school routines and rules
 - Self-Confidence
- Life Skills
 - Name, Age & Birthday
 - Dressing Self & Tying Shoes
 - Phone Number & Address
- Fine Motor Skills
 - Pencil Grip
 - Appropriate use of glue & scissors



4K Curriculum Continued

- Mathematical Development
 - Counting, Number Identification, & Number Writing 0 - 30
 - Color & Shape Identification
 - One-to-One Correspondence
 - Days of the Week
 - Patterns & Sorting
- Literacy Development
 - Letter & Sound Identification
 - Rhyming & Syllables
 - Sequencing & Story Telling
 - Reading of Predictable Text
 - Introduction to basic high-frequency words
- Writing Development
 - First and Last Name
 - Left to Right
 - Drawings to tell a story
 - Beginning sounds and utilizing beginning writing to "write" a story

