

Program Structure for Kindergarten

Areas of Kindergarten Development

Social Development

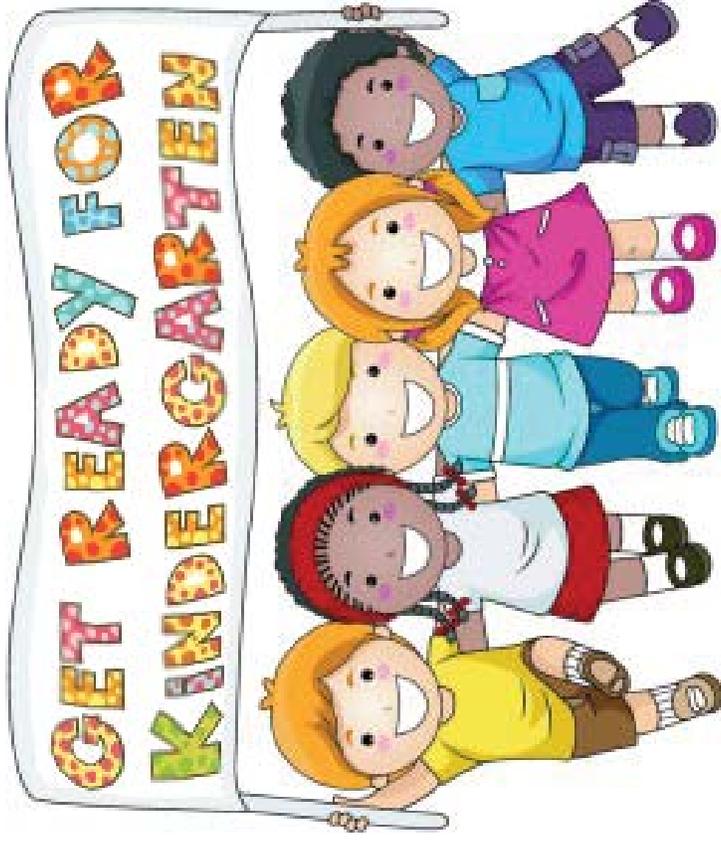
- ◆ Help the child to become a happy, helpful person
- ◆ Guide the child in ways of coping with problems
- ◆ Encourage the child to respect the rights and ideas of others
- ◆ Help the child to recognize his/her own talents and shortcomings

Physical Development

- ◆ Engage the child in physical activities to improve large muscle adeptness
- ◆ Provide the child with activities for small muscle skills and coordination
- ◆ Stress physical activity as a requisite of health

Mental Development

- ◆ Expose the child to concepts essential to learning
- ◆ Help the child to discover and develop his/her creative potential
- ◆ Encourage the child to solve simple problems
- ◆ Awaken the child to intellectual challenges

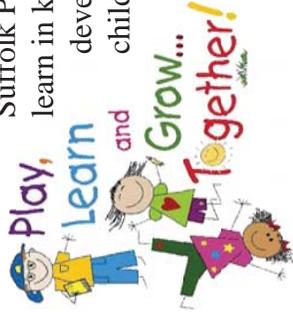


Kindergarten in Suffolk Public Schools



Philosophy

Suffolk Public Schools believes that what children learn in kindergarten should be appropriate for their developmental needs. We believe kindergarten children are unique and are developing at their own rates. This belief requires us to understand and accept the physical, social, intellectual and emotional qualities of 5-year-olds.



Kindergarten provides opportunity for enrichment and hands-on experiences which assist and guide children in their development. A positive approach is emphasized. Children work and play in an environment where they are comfortable to explore, discover, and engage in trial-and-error learning to achieve success. Children need an orderly environment with caring, competent adults to guide them. They also need the security and continuity provided by open communication between parents and teachers. The program structure for kindergarten in Suffolk Public Schools is outlined on the last page of this publication.

Who can attend Kindergarten?

Virginia School Law says that children may enter school if they are five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2017.

Compulsory School Age

Children who are 5 years old on or before September 30 should be enrolled unless the parents notify the school that they will wait a year.

Children who are 6 years old by September 30 must be enrolled in school. Children who reach their sixth birthday by September 30, 2017 and who were not enrolled in kindergarten previously may be placed in kindergarten or first grade.

When will Registration be held?

Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 8** and on **Wednesday, May 10** at the following elementary schools:

Booker T. Washington	Mack Benn, Jr.
Creekside	Nansemond Parkway
Driver	Northern Shores
Elephant's Fork	Oakland
Hillpoint	Pioneer
Kilby Shores	

How do I register my child?

1. Attend the registration scheduled at your school.
2. Bring the following information about your child:
 - A certified copy of State Birth Certificate
 - A certificate of physical examination from a physician or a health department;
 - An immunization certificate containing complete dates for Hepatitis B, DPT, polio, varicella and MMR immunizations;
 - Proof of residency in the city of Suffolk. (i.e. water bill, gas bill or electric bill. Driver's license not adequate).
3. Complete a registration form at the school and leave it with the principal.
4. Complete and return any additional information requested by the principal.

What features will be offered?

All teachers are certified and endorsed by the Virginia Department of Education to teach kindergarten. Health services are provided by the school nurse. Equipment and materials used in the classroom are designed for kindergarten. A special play area for kindergarten children is also provided. Kindergarten students have rest periods and snack time each day. Optional insurance is available.