

Extended Day Kindergarten

We are currently in the first year of offering a full day kindergarten program for students that need additional time to develop literacy and math readiness skills. This program will continue into the 09-10 school year. Twelve to fourteen students are selected based on results of initial assessments. You will be contacted in early September if your child is recommended for the full day program.

This extended opportunity, which will begin on Monday, September 21, 2009 will take place Mondays through Thursdays from noon until school dismissal time at 2:40 p.m. Children will be in a full group setting for lunch and play activities, and in small groups for the academic activities.

Following are program components described in greater detail:

Lunch: Lunch will begin at noon. The children may get hot lunch, or milk to go with cold lunch. The children will eat together in one of the kindergarten rooms.

Constructive Play: After lunch the children will have a 30 minute period of constructive play, exploring a variety of options. This will be a time for some 1:1 experiences with the teachers.

Academic Activities: After pick up time, students will break into two groups and transition to another kindergarten room for instruction. For the next 75 minutes, the children will extend and expand their literacy and math knowledge with a variety of activities. For many of our activities we will be using the Foundations Spelling and Bridges in Mathematics programs. Literacy will be the primary focus and mathematics will be secondary. Concepts we will be reinforcing will include: letter knowledge, formation and sounds, rhyming, patterns, and numeral exploration and formation.

Playground and Dismissal: At 2:15 children will get ready to go outside for recess and then board the buses to go home from there.