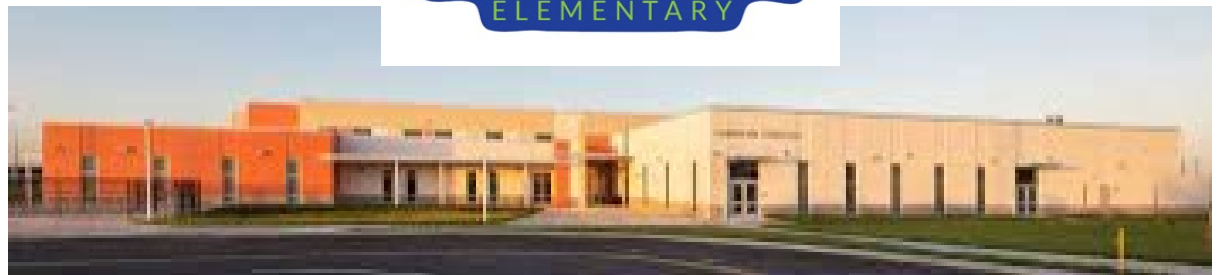


# Welcome to a New School Year!

Kindergarten Round Up  
2024

Summerlake Elementary School



# OUR Schedule



8:40	School starts, Attendance
8:45 – 9:00	Morning Meeting
9:00-10:15	Reading and Reading Centers
10:15-11:00	Lunch and Recess
11:00-12:00	FBS
12:00-12:45	Specials: Art, Music, and P.E.
12:45-1:45	Snack and Math
1:45-2:15	Writing
2:15-2:30	Social Studies
2:30-3:00	Science
3:00	Dismissal

# Specials



**Music**

**Art**

**PE**

# S n e a k P e e k O f O u r S c h o o l



# W e l c o m e t o K i n d e r g a r t e n !



Starting school can be an exciting and anxious time for families. There are many factors to consider when deciding if your child is ready for kindergarten. These factors may include maturity, motor skills, attention span, and age.

Kindergarten expectations have changed a lot over the years and a key factor to your child's success is his or her readiness for school.

By the end of kindergarten, students will be reading, writing sentences and computing addition and subtraction.



# K i n d e r g a r t e n

## R e a d i n e s s S k i l l s



### Natural Curiosity

Most children are curious by nature, albeit in different ways. Some kiddos ask “why?” on repeat, while others quietly observe and collate. As long as a child is interested in learning (in any form), he/she’ll be much more open to new experiences in kindergarten. A love of learning takes children to so many new places and will help them start elementary school on the right foot!

### Fine Motor Skills

Children need to practice small movements of their hands and fingers. Strengthening their fingers and hands helps with writing throughout elementary school. Building with Legos, playing with playdough, holding a pencil correctly, writing their first name, using scissors to cut basic shapes, tracing lines and shapes, and coloring or drawing a picture are some ways to strengthen children’s fine motor skills.

# K i n d e r g a r t e n

## R e a d i n e s s S k i l l s

### Social Skills

Young children are still developing their social skills in preschool and elementary school. However, they do need to be able to sit and listen to a story. They also need to be able to quell some of their impulses (for example, the impulse to hit or push when mad). Getting along, or at least trying to get along, with other children is important.

### Independence

Going into kindergarten, children need to be interested and active in becoming independent. It's important that they are willing to try new things, and they also need to do certain things on their own. Some examples are zipping up backpacks, carrying their own lunchbox, opening and eating lunch independently, and separating from their families. Parents can help this by giving children more and more simple tasks to do on their own. Giving children some time away from home (even in small increments) will also help with independence.

# K i n d e r g a r t e n

## R e a d i n e s s S k i l l s



### Self-Care Skills

Upcoming kindergartners should be well on their way to caring for their own bodies. They should be able to dress and undress themselves, and they should be able to independently deal with the clothes they wear to school. Bathroom skills are of the utmost importance! Kindergarten kiddos must be able to use the restroom themselves, wipe themselves, and wash their hands. We cannot stress how important these skills are!

### Confidence

We are not referring to how outgoing a child is when we refer to confidence. Shyer, quieter children who are confident in their abilities are just as ready for kindergarten as more extroverted children. No matter their temperament, children going into kindergarten should know that they can try new things on their own. They should understand that they can do their best while away from their parents.



# Academic Skills



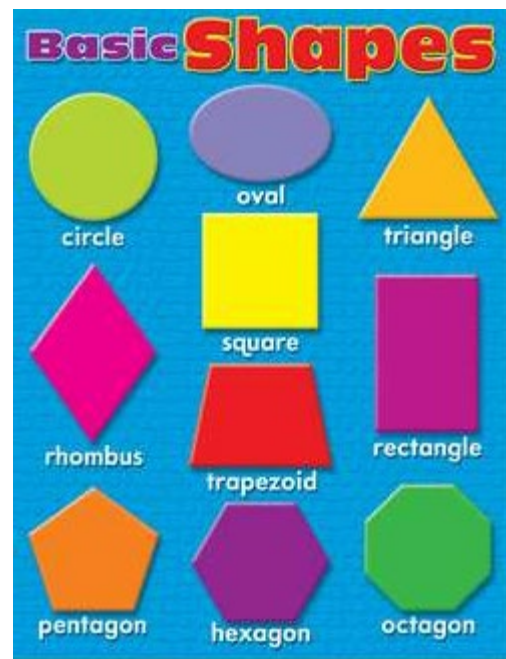
- Be able to recognize their name (and letters in their name) and write it properly (first letter uppercase, rest lower case).
- Sing and say ABCs.
- Identify letter names (out of order).
- Read sight words.
- Read to your child everyday.



# Academic Skills



- Recognize colors and read color words.
- Recognize basic 2D shapes: circle, rectangle, triangle, oval, square, rhombus, hexagon and trapezoid.
- Recognize numbers to 10 and count objects to 10.



# Questions

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Thank You!

We'll see you in August

