Kinder Orientation 2021

Reading And Writing Expectations:

* Recognize his/her written name and write it independently
* Can draw a picture and talk about what is happening
* Can hold a pencil correctly
* Write some letters with correct formation (top to bottom)
* Identify some capital and lowercase letters

Math Expectations:

* Recognize basic colors and shapes
* Count orally with objects to 10
* Count a group of objects and identify how many
* Sort similar objects by color, size, or shape.
* Recognize some numbers 0-10 and write some numbers with correct formation (top to bottom)

Ways To Prepare Your Child With

Fine Motor Skills:

* Have your child practice cutting with scissors (cut straight, curvy, and zig-zag lines) and using glue sticks
* Have your child snap, zip, and button his/her own clothes independently (put on their own jackets)
* Have your child use crayons or markers to color

 (both lightly and firmly)

Social And Behavioral Skills:

* Sit with legs crossed and eyes focused on the teacher
* Sit and listen to a story for 15 minutes
* Speak in complete sentences
* Interact well with other children (vs parallel play)
* Listen and share ideas with teacher/peers during lessons
* Use bathroom independently

Growth Mindset

“I can change my MINDSET with my WORDS!”

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| Instead of:   1. I am not good at this. 2. This is too hard. 3. This is too easy. 4. I might make a mistake. 5. I can’t do this. 6. I am great at this. 7. I give up. | I can say:   1. I am not good at this YET, but I can keep trying. 2. This will take some   effort, but I can do it.   1. How can we make this more challenging? 2. When I make mistakes, I can learn and get better. 3. I can ask for help. 4. I practiced hard and learned how to do this. 5. I will keep on trying and think about a new strategy. |

Parent Support

* Help your child wake up, eat a healthy breakfast
* Make sure to drop off your child at your child’s classroom door between 7:45-7:55 am
* Have some supplies ready at home (paper, pencil, crayons, scissors, glue stick, etc.)
* Review and monitor your child’s work
* Read books daily to/with your child
* Use a growth a mind set with talking about school experiences

Pre-Assessments/Assessments

* We will assess your child one on one on: letters, numbers, rhyming words, etc.
* The first pre-assessment will be before school starts. Aug. 27-31. A sign-up will available at the “Kinder Welcome” at Glen Hall Park on Wednesday, August 25, 5:00-6:30 pm.
* We will also be doing one-one assessments several times throughout the year to monitor progress

Ways To Play and Learn at Home

* Match uppercase and lowercase letters
* Put letters in ABC order, put numbers in order
* Play card games (go fish, memory, Crazy 8, etc.)
* Play board games (Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Dominos, Yahtzee, Guess Who, Sorry)
* Let your child lose some games
* Practice the number poems for each number
* Try skipping, hopping, sliding, jumping with a rope, dribbling/bouncing/catching a ball
* Riding a bike/scooter/roller skating
* Read, Read, Read