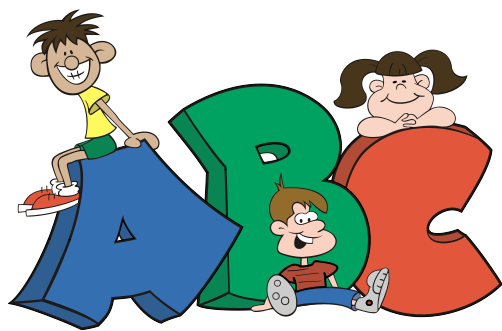


Keys To Dundee's Young Fives and Kindergarten



This first year of school lays the foundation stones for your child's later years of school life. We hope you will become acquainted with your school, the teachers and the principal. We are always glad to talk with you about the progress and welfare of your child.

Developmental Readiness

Children may attend Kdg. if they are five years old on or before September 1st. However, that does not always mean a child is developmentally ready. When a child is developmentally young and struggling, it shows in school performance, social relationships and attitude toward family and self. It is our responsibility as parents and teachers to identify the developmentally young child and provide an alternative learning environment where the child is able to build self esteem.

Young Fives

Our Young Fives program is a consideration for children who will be five years old on or before September 1st (December 1st if you sign an age waiver) and have a fall or summer birthday. The curriculum is fully integrated with the letter people program and child driven. Young Fives gives the children another year to grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically before kindergarten. Many things that are introduced in Young Fives are built upon the following year in kindergarten.



Before School Starts

The State of Michigan requires a completed immunization record, social security number, and proof of residency, vision screening and birth certificate to be submitted at the office before school starts.

Things Your Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten:

- Their whole name
- Their address
- Their telephone number
- Their birth date
- How to use the bathroom independently
- How to wash their hands
- How to use a tissue
- How to tie shoes and zip a coat
- How to put on and take off outer clothing
- How to sit down and listen
- How to follow one-,two-and three-step directions
- Print first and last name
- Recognizes most of the letters of the alphabet
- Recognize colors
- Recognize a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle
- Speak understandably
- Be away from parents without being upset
- How to use pencils, crayons, scissors and glue



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- Their whole name
- Their telephone number
- Their birth date
- How to use the bathroom independently
- How to wash their hands
- How to use a tissue
- How to zip their coat
- How to put on and take off outer clothing
- How to sit down and listen
- How to follow one and two step directions
- Prints first name
- Recognize a few letters of the alphabet
- Speak in complete sentences
- Be away from parents without being upset
- How to use pencils, crayons, scissors and glue

The Kindergarten Program Includes:

- All-day program
- Reviewing the letters of the alphabet
- Recognition of beginning, middle, and final sounds in a word, sight words, and rhyming words
- Decoding skills and beginning reading
- Balanced Literacy
- Whole language activities
- Recognition of numbers 0-20
- Counting to 100 by 1's and 10's
- Patterns, sorting, and graphing
- Addition and subtraction
- Michigan Health Model
- Science activities
- Zane Bloser handwriting
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Gym/Music
- Art/Computers

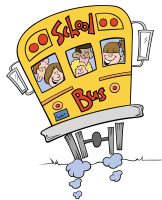


The Young Fives Program Includes:

- All-day program
- Daily time for learning centers
- Small group work
- Writing and Reading readiness skills
- Whole language activities with the Letter People Program
- Recognition of all the letter names
- Recognition of beginning sounds
- Recognition of some sight words and phonological awareness activities
- Zane Bloser handwriting
- Recognition of numbers 0-20
- Counting objects in a set
- Introduction to patterns, sorting, graphing
- Science and Social Studies integrated with the Letter People Program
- Gym/Music/Library/Computer/Art

How Parents Can Help the Teacher:

- Call the school if your child is absent
- Let the school know if your child has a communicable disease
- Be on time
- Regular attendance is important
- Label everything with your child's name including outer clothing
- If your child is not going home the regularly scheduled way, send a note to school
- If you have a positive attitude and look forward to school, your child will probably do the same



Points for Parents:

- Read all parent notes and letters sent home
- Provide a large backpack without wheels which your child should bring to school every day
- Provide indoor gym shoes
- Dress your child in proper clothing for the weather conditions
- Help your child with papers missed while absent and send papers to school when finished

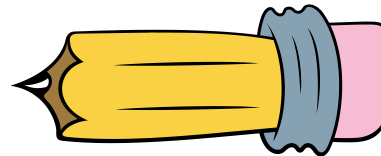


Reading Tips:

- Make sure you have books that your child can read in your home and car
- Give your child books for presents
- Read in front of your child, model reading for fun and information
- Talk to your child about books he/she has read
- Invite your child to read to you

Kids Are Neat People!!

- Read to your child every day
- Play games with your child
- Talk with your child
- Listen to your child
- Project a positive attitude and give lots of praise
- Give your child small household chores to develop a sense of responsibility
- Read and discuss your child's school work



Take an Active Part in School Life

Join your school's parent-teacher group and work together to improve the school for your child's sake and for the school's sake.

Attend scheduled programs and conferences. They are held regularly during the school year so you can get acquainted with the teachers and discuss any concerns.

Stay in touch. If you have any questions about school, contact the teacher or school principal for help.



Educators, parents, and community, together we provide a quality education for all children.

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