

4K PROGRAM FAQ

LOCATIONS:

Kewaskum Elementary, 1415 Bilgo Lane, Kewaskum
Farmington Elementary, 8736 Boltonville Road, Kewaskum
i4Learning Community School, 5760 Mohawk Road, Campbellsport

HOURS:

AM Program 8:40 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
PM Program 12:35 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.



Studies have shown that reading with your child 20 minutes per day has positive long-term effects.

1 HOW DO I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR 4K?

You can help prepare your child for the 4K Program by teaching them to become more independent. Basic skills such as dressing, running, jumping, holding a pencil and using a scissors are important. Although there are no skill requirements for enrolling in 4K, studies have shown that reading with your child has positive long-term effects.

2 WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE 4K CURRICULUM?

Bridges Math, Literacy Links and Second Step are the three main curriculum categories. Bridges Math is interactive and works on math concepts such as graphs, patterns, and counting. Literacy Links entails learning letters and their sounds. Second Step is a way for students to learn about social skills and how to interact with others, as well as manage one's own behaviors, emotions and actions. Students can be seen learning these concepts in all areas of the classroom.

3 WHICH SCHOOL WILL MY CHILD ATTEND?

When enrolling into 4K, you are enrolling into the Kewaskum School District 4K Program. We use board policy to assign schools. One of the major factors is geographic location.

4 IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Every student in our district has the opportunity to be bussed to an assigned 4K Program location through Johnson School Bus Service. Parents are welcome to provide their own transportation.

5 WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

A typical day in our 4K program consists of Morning Work, Number Corner, Story Time, Centers, Free Choice, Snack, Gym/Library, Writing, Phonics, Second Step, and Math. Understanding the need for movement, our students participate in a variety of active learning opportunities throughout the day.

6 IS RECESS INCLUDED?

4K students participate in recess, as play is an integral part of learning. As students play side by side they develop social skills, as well as working on concepts learned during the school day. Every moment of their day is a moment to put into practice the academic and social skills being taught.

7 IS DAYCARE AVAILABLE?

Daycare plays an integral role in a family's decisions for 4K enrollment. There are two daycares in the Kewaskum School District for before and after school care.

8 WHAT IS SOCIAL LEARNING?

Learning is more than academics. Emphasis is also placed on social interactions, establishing routines, following directions, using good manners, and taking turns/sharing. Academic achievement is born out of proper social interactions. Our 4K Program aims to give students experiences in play, using fine (holding a pencil, coloring and drawing, scissor use) and gross motor skills (simple games, ball skills) and teaching independence.

9 WHAT DOES LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

Within our program students will learn in various settings. They may work in large groups, small groups, with a partner or one-on-one with a staff member.

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WILL MY CHILD HAVE HOMEWORK?

Each month a literacy activity is sent home to be completed by the child with parent help if needed, as well as weekly math home links.

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WHAT IS A HOME VISIT?

Home visit is a term we use when the teacher meets with the parent and child. Visits can take place at the child's home or in the school and typically occur twice per year. During the visit, students are asked academic questions to assess their skills in the presence of the parent. This a great time for questions to be asked between parent and teacher.

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HOW DO YOU HELP, WHEN MY CHILD IS HAVING A BAD DAY?

Second Step and Zones of Regulation are taught in group settings to teach the children about counting to ten, taking deep breaths, and using words to express their feelings. Each classroom has a small calming area where the child can use these methods or use a tool like Play-Doh to squeeze. We strive to turn around the students' day with an individualized approach.

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IS THERE SNACK TIME?

Daily snack time takes place within our program. Parents have the option to purchase milk for their child to drink during snack time.

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WHAT SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED?

A supply list is sent to all parents with school assignment information in early to mid-summer. A sample list of last year's needs is located on the district website under the parent tab.

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WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE TEACHER?

4K teachers are readily accessible through phone, email and Skyward communications. Parents are encouraged to schedule additional time with teachers for conferencing if needed.

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WILL WE RECEIVE REPORT CARDS?

Report cards are posted in a program called Skyward Family Access. Access information will be provided to parents at enrollment time. Report cards are issued 3 times per year. Questions about a child's progress can always be asked to the child's teacher at any time.

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WHAT IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF 4K?

There are many foundational skills students will be expected to know at the end of 4K, including upper and lower case letters/sounds and being able to count to thirty. These skills and more will help them be prepared for success in 5K.

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CAN I VOLUNTEER IN CLASS?

Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's learning experience. There are many opportunities to volunteer in the classroom, chaperone field trips, attend Make & Take events and concerts. Parents can volunteer based on individual availability. Some parents volunteer weekly, others monthly and others as it fits into their schedule.

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HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR 4K?

For many parents, 4K is the first time their child is outside of their "care". Preparing yourself and your child for this is part of the process. Things to work on during the summer months include teaching independence skills such as getting dressed, holding a pencil, and using scissors. Helping your child create a love for learning and excitement about going to school to learn, play, and meet new friends is a great way to prepare your child for 4K.

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CAN WE OPEN ENROLL IN?

Open enrollment is available for those living outside of the Kewaskum School District. Open enrollment applications are accepted during the open enrollment period, February - April.

