4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

WELCOME TO
TANNER EARLY LEARNING CENTER
2500 Fieldcrest Drive
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(920)766-6150

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What does our Curriculum Include?

Four-year-old kindergarten is based on the fact that children learn at different rates, in different ways and at different times. It is our responsibility to view each child as a capable and unique individual.

- Fine Motor: manipulatives, scissors, crayons, pencils
- Gross Motor: walking, running, jumping, skipping, gym class
- Literacy: shared reading, interactive read-alouds, letter & sounds recognition, rhyming, writing, classroom library
- Math: numbers, sorting, sequencing, vocabulary, counting
- Language: answer/ask questions, articulating needs, singing, following directions
- Free Play: creativity, organizing, investigating, language practice
- Social/Emotional: sharing, taking turns, being respectful, problem solving, cooperative play
- Independent Skills: pack/unpack backpack, dress and undress themselves, being responsible, cleaning up
- Technology: computer lab, interactive tablets, interactive touch screen
- Physical Education
- Library
- 4K Exploration - Recess, PE, Technology, Science, Guidance, Legos

Assessments

- Literacy Assessment: Parts of this assessment may be given throughout the year.
  - District designed assessment to measure student growth in the following areas:
    - Upper & lower case letter recognition
    - Letter sounds
    - Beginning sound awareness
    - Print & word awareness
- Math Assessment:
  - District designed assessment is used to measure student growth on the beginning of Kindergarten math concepts.

When will students attend?

- 5 days a week – Monday thru Friday
- A.M. Session – 7:50-10:40
- P.M. Session – 12:20-3:10
- AM & PM 4K will NOT have classes on district scheduled $\frac{1}{2}$ days

Snack

- Send a daily individual drink and snack
- No shared snacks

KASD Nutrition Policy:
"All foods available on school grounds should meet or exceed the District Nutrition Standards. This includes any specific food item which does NOT have sugar listed as one of the first two ingredients including, but not limited to: brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, fructose, glucose, dextrose, high-fructose, honey, invert sugars, lactose, maltose, molasses, raw sugar, table sugar, sucrose or syrup."

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

- Bussing is available for children living within the Kaukauna School District if they live more than 1 mile away from school.
- **AM** students should not arrive before 7:35 a.m.
    - Students will enter Door #5 and transition to the classroom after the 7:45 bell.
    - Students arriving after 7:50 need to use Door #1.
- **PM** children should not arrive before 12:15 p.m.
    - Bus students will wait on the bus until a staff member arrives to escort them into the building through door #2.
    - Students being dropped off by parent/guardian will need to stay with them until a staff member greets them at door #2/A (near flagpole).
    - Students will go directly to their classroom.
    - Please note PM 4K students are not to play on the playground upon arrival at 12:15 p.m.
    - Students arriving after 12:20 need to use Door #1.
- Please say 'good-bye' at the outside door to encourage independent skills as well as classroom community starting the first day of school.

Wrap Around Care

- This YMCA program is a great option for families to utilize for the other half of the student's day. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Locy at the Heart of the Valley YMCA, (920)830-5709.
- 6:30am – 6:00pm (your hours of use should be set up through the YMCA)
- Utilize door #2/A

Sickness
In order to protect the health of students and staff, we ask that a child who appears ill, has vomited or has had diarrhea in the past 24 hours remain home from school. Additionally your child should remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100*) without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- Call the school office at 920-766-6150 to report the absence.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Twice a year
    - November
    - March

Report Cards

- Twice a year
    - January
    - June

Family Involvement

- Chaperone a field trip
- Volunteer in the classroom
- Library volunteer
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
- School events
- District events

Volunteers

- All volunteers must have a cleared background check
- Instructions on this can be provided by your teacher or found in the Main Office

Character Development

We focus on teaching students positive behaviors. Our school finds great value in teaching manners and character traits. We have school-wide celebrations and monthly assemblies to acknowledge the great behavior we see in the school. We will continue to help students be aware of their emotions using the **Character Strong Curriculum**. These are the character traits we focus on throughout the year:

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Kindness
- Honesty
- Courage
- Cooperation
- Gratitude
- Empathy
- Perseverance
- Creativity

We also practice using "Body Basics" when we are traveling throughout the hallways and getting ready to learn.

- Hands and feet to yourself
- Eyes forward
- Listening ears
- Level '0' voices
- Walking feet

Parents can help us by:

- Emptying the school folder **daily** and responding to teacher notes, returning permission slips/fees and correspondence by the requested time in a sealed envelope with your child's name and placing it in their folder.
- Helping your child dress for the weather, pick out appropriate indoor and outdoor clothing (Ex: hats, mittens, etc.) as well as develop a dressing routine that will increase your child's success in being independent.
- Following district recommendations on illness.
- Following the Arrival & Dismissal Procedures.
- Letting us know about contact changes and major changes in your child's life such as: divorce, death, move or any other household changes.
- Reading to your child each night.
- Interacting with your child each day to create intentional dialogue.

Teachers will help parents and students by:

- Providing activities and experiences that promote growth in all areas of development.
- Responding to your notes/messages in a timely fashion.
- Communicating what we are working on in the classroom, as well as keeping you up to date with classroom and school activities.
- Fostering a positive environment where children feel safe, comfortable and are loved.
- And much more!

Contact Information

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