

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Circle we have what are called Essential Learnings. They tell us what USD 375 is expecting students to have learned at the end of each year. Basically, when they leave kindergarten, these are the fundamentals we are expecting them to leave with.



English Language Arts

- I can print uppercase and lowercase letters.
- I can spell simple words phonetically.
- I can read common high frequency words by sight.
- I can identify letters.
- I can produce letter sounds.
- I can identify beginning sounds in words.
- I can identify ending sounds in words.

Math

- I know the number names 0-20.
- I can count and tell the number of objects 0-20.
- I can count in sequence to 100.
- I can compare numbers using greater than, less than or equal to.
- I can understand addition as putting together and adding to.
- I can understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.
- I can classify objects in categories.
- I can compare measurable attributes.
- I can identify 2D shapes (square, circle, rectangle, triangle, hexagon).
- I can identify 3D shapes (cube, cone, cylinder, sphere, rectangular prism).

Science

- Weather: I can use and share observations of local weather conditions and patterns over time.
- Ecosystem: I can state the life cycle of a butterfly.
- Pushes & Pulls: I can compare/contrast the effects of pushes and pulls of an object.

Social Studies

- Cultural: I can speak up if someone is being hurtful.
- Government: I can follow classroom rules.
- Economics: I can work and play well with others.
- Social Emotional: I can ask for help when needed.
- History: I can compare and contrast experiences and traditions.
- Geography: I can draw a map and give directions of the classroom and school.

We are so excited to learn and grow with you this year! There are many more standards taught; however we will strive to have your child leaving kindergarten knowing these Essential Learnings!

Sincerely,
USD 375 Kindergarten Team