

# A Typical Parke Lane Kindergarten Day

School days in Kindergarten are the best! We build a classroom community and bring excitement to our learning.



## Components of our Day:

**Arrival Time** - First thing in the morning you will see arrival time. Students unpack, select lunch, and engage in a morning activity. During this time teachers may be greeting students and families, switching homework readers, answering questions, or taking attendance.

**Morning Meeting/Circle Time** - During this time students meet as a group and begin their day. Teachers integrate many areas of the curriculum including math, reading, and writing. Students are learning to be good listeners and speakers.

**Independent and Guided Work** - Teachers offer center time, small group time, and whole group time. Parent volunteers are often seen during this time to help and guide students in their work. This time may include, word work, Guided Reading, Literacy/Writing activities, Math, Science, or Social Studies.

**Writing** - Students will work on pencil grip and build fine motor skills in the beginning of the year. Beginning writing may consist of pictures, letters, and build to making words and sentences. At Parke Lane we use the Being a Writer program from the Developmental Studies Center. This program focuses on building writers who are comfortable sharing and collaborating with peers.

**Guided Reading** - Guided Reading is the teacher's time to work with small groups of students on targeted, specific skills. In the beginning of the year it may consist of letter recognition and letter sounds. As the year progresses students will be reading small books at their level, increasing their vocabulary, learning reading strategies, and participating in mini-lessons appropriate to their level.

**Read Aloud** - In Kindergarten, you will see many read alouds throughout the day. These are key for building students' concepts about print, fluency, vocabulary, and love of reading. You may see fiction, non-fiction, and poetry all used as read alouds during different points of the day.

**Math** - Kindergarten math is built on the idea of students exploring and constructing their own mathematical knowledge. We use the Everyday Math program in all K-5 Math classrooms. Students use many manipulatives as they learn math concepts. It is a time to problem-solve and learn a variety of ways to arrive at answers to math problems.

**Recess** - Recess is an important time for students to build gross motor skills. They will be exploring with their new peers in a stimulating playground environment. Teachers encourage the use of balls, chalk, jump ropes, and other playground toys to continue this development. Remember to dress your child in layered, comfortable play clothes that are appropriate for weather conditions.

**Lunch** - The students will eat in the cafeteria with para- professionals helping and guiding them. They will have the option of bringing their own lunch from home or eating the school's lunch. The school lunch menu can always be found on the Grosse Ile website.