

Sawtooth Mountain

Elementary



Kindergarten

An embedded program for 5 year olds

Description:

- Children must be five years old by September 1st of the school year you wish to attend. Children in this classroom are old enough to attend state mandated Kindergarten, however, this gives them an additional year to grow academic, social, or emotional skills prior to entering Kindergarten. At the end of the academic year the child will advance to kindergarten.

Children who may benefit from Junior Kindergarten:

- A child who has a spring or summer birthday
- A child who needs support in separating from caregivers
- A child who is developing self-control
- A child who is academically or socially immature
- A child who might simply benefit from one more year to mature before beginning Kindergarten

Overview and Daily Schedule:

- The classrooms have small student numbers, a lead teacher and an assistant teacher.
- Classroom hours follow the Sawtooth K-5 calendar and schedule.
- All Stars Program is available for children who need care after the classroom hours until 5:00.
- Jr. Kindergarten uses teacher-led and child-led learning experiences to guide academics. Classrooms use :
 - the Minnesota State Standards for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.
 - Second Step curriculum to develop social and emotional skills
- Daily small group instruction allows for structured learning with a teacher to practice curriculum skills and concepts.
- Students attend enrichment classes which include Physical Education, Art, Spanish, Music, and Library.
- Daily child directed play time that utilizes our indoor centers or outdoor playground.

Classroom Set-up:

- The classroom teacher utilizes small groups to support and facilitate learning. The following center activities allow for independent exploration and play:
 - Art
 - Books/Quiet Area
 - Fine Motor/Manipulatives
 - Science - Engineering and building
 - Blocks/Community
 - Kitchen/Dress up

Junior Kindergarten Enrollment

I _____, am enrolling my 5 year old child _____ into the Sawtooth Mountain Junior Kindergarten. I understand that this will allow my child the option to attend Kindergarten following his/her Junior Kindergarten year.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

*The district blue enrollment form also needs to be filled out and turned into the office.

