

Starting Off On The Right Foot

4K Play-Based Curriculum Builds Learning Foundation

Since 2010, Kettle Moraine has been offering a 4-year-old kindergarten (4K) program across the district. In addition to 4K classes at each elementary campus, we also work alongside six community partner sites, providing choices to meet the needs of families at: All God's Children (Delafield), Bethlehem Church (Wales), Kettle Moraine Preschool (Dousman), St. Bruno's Parish School (Dousman) and WeeKnow School (Hartland).

"As a community provider of four-year-old kindergarten, the relationship with the Kettle Moraine School District has been very positive," said Lori Wilson, Administrator at All God's Children in Delafield. "We are very grateful for the collaboration, engagement, and partnership with the school district."

The heart of KM's 4K program is centered on the idea of building a partnership between families and school.

"Four-year-old kindergarten is oftentimes a family's first experience with formal education," said Laura Dahm, KM's Director of Elementary Education. "It is our privilege to welcome learners and families into the Kettle Moraine School District community. Energy and engagement are evident in all of our 4K classrooms, building the foundation of literacy, numeracy, social/emotional development and life skills. It makes 4K such an exciting stage of learning!"



WeLcOmE StUdEnTS & pArEnTS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine School District! The following is a list of readiness skills aligned with Kettle Moraine's 4 year-old kindergarten outcomes. Individual skills develop at different times and rates for each child. These readiness skills are intended to guide your interactions and play with your child(ren) in preparation for a successful transition to 4K. We believe in the power of authentic face-to-face interactions with your child. There is no need to purchase special materials because we believe opportunities for learning are all around you!



SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Plays cooperatively and shares with a small group of peers
- Uses words to communicate thoughts, feelings or needs
- Establishes respectful relationships with adults
- Begins to feel comfortable being separated from parents
- Attends to a story or game
- Exposure to board games (such as Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Hi Ho Cheery-O)



- Understands personal space boundaries

MATH:

- Knows basic colors
- Exposure to shapes (books, puzzles)
- Exposure to numbers (card games, books, puzzles, menus, grocery shopping)
- Rote counts to 10

LIFE SKILLS:

- Follows routines and verbal directions
- Understands the rules of safety
- Develops age-appropriate self-help skills:
 - Buttons/snaps pants
 - Handles toileting needs
 - Uses a tissue
 - Washes hands
 - Puts shoes, clothes, and coat on independently

READING:

- Shows an interest in books (lap time vs. app time)
- Exposure to letters in print (alphabet books, alphabet puzzles, signs)
- Sings the ABCs
- Helpful questions to ask when reading with your child:
 - What do you think this story will be about?
 - What is the problem in the story?
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - How might this character be feeling based on the pictures?
 - When finished reading ask your child, "What happened in the story?"

MOTOR SKILLS:

- GROSS MOTOR:**
 - Runs, jumps, hops, walks in a line
 - Throws and bounces a ball
 - Coordinates movements to climb on playground equipment
 - Attempts to walk up and down stairs using alternate feet
- FINE MOTOR:**
 - Experience with age appropriate scissors
 - Grasps and picks up small objects (ex. buttons, raisins)
 - Writes and draws using a variety of instruments (pencil, crayon, marker, etc.)
 - Experience with Play-Doh/clay



APPLY TODAY

Interested in enrolling your young learner in KM's 4K program? Applications accepted beginning Jan. 25.

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