



ONOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Getting Ready for Kindergarten”

At Onoway Elementary School, we foster personal excellence, academic success and develop good citizenship in a caring environment.

Transitioning into Kindergarten

Kindergarten provides a vast array of opportunities for children to try new things and learn and grow. Kindergarten provides a safe and enjoyable space where children are involved in academic learning as well as emotional, social and physical learning. Through play, your child will explore their environment and experiment with letter sounds and numeracy concepts, as they build a foundation for reading, writing and math. As we focus on personal and social growth your child will grow and develop new skills that will help them become more independent and self-confident. Independence, decision making, creativity, relating to others and feelings of self-worth all have their beginnings in early childhood. Kindergarten is the beginning of a child's formal education and it's important that your child have a positive experience. Preparing your child for it early on will go a long way.

As you help your preschooler get ready for Kindergarten make learning fun, encourage curiosity and imagination, and answer those endless questions.



Success begins in Kindergarten!

Welcome to OES Kindergarten

OES recognizes that children entering Kindergarten have different skill levels, and teachers are prepared and ready to work with children who have a wide variety of skills and learning styles. There are many supports at OES that are structured to help all children learn and grow.

Is Your Child Ready?

While beginning Kindergarteners have different levels of readiness, the ability to do the following make the transition to Kindergarten easier. Refer to this inventory to see how ready your child is for Kindergarten. Does your child:

Emotional Development

- ___ Resolve conflicts in socially acceptable ways
- ___ Express empathy and caring for others
- ___ Use words to express feelings, wants and needs

Cognitive Skills

- ___ Gives first & last name, age & birthdate
- ___ Names all members of their family
- ___ Recognizes & names colors & common shapes
- ___ Knows difference between letters & numbers
- ___ Begins to recite numbers to 10 in order
- ___ Recites the alphabet
- ___ Recognizes & names letters in their name
- ___ Recalls information

Initiative and Curiosity

- ___ Shows curiosity / interest in a variety of activities
- ___ Is persistent (can work beyond what is easy)
- ___ Sees simple tasks to completion
- ___ Asks questions and seeks information
- ___ Take risks when approaching new situations

Attention/Self-Direction

- ___ Follows through on 1 and 2 step directions
- ___ Attends to orally read stories
- ___ Concentrates on tasks despite interruptions
- ___ Makes choices after considering alternatives



*Learning
every way,
everywhere,
everyday.*

Language Development

- ___ Recognizes own name in print
- ___ Copies or independently prints their name
- ___ Verbally shares ideas or asks for help
- ___ Speaks in at least 5 word sentences
- ___ Listens attentively to gather information
- ___ Engages in two way conversations
- ___ Has had many stories read to them
- ___ Takes an interest in looking at books
- ___ Pretends to read by looking at pictures

Social Development

- ___ Greet people and make eye contact
- ___ Play cooperatively with others
- ___ Easily changes activities upon request
- ___ Wait their turn, share, follow basic safety rules
- ___ Establish relationships with familiar adults
- ___ Seeks out & maintains friendships with others

Physical Well-Being

- ___ Completes daily routines independently (zips coat, opens food containers, etc)
- ___ Uses various objects appropriately (scissors, writing tools - with mature grasp)
- ___ Manages toilet needs efficiently

If your child is experiencing difficulties in any of the above, let your child's teachers know and continue to work with them on those areas.



See you in September!!

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