SLE Transitional Kindergarten Information 2023-24

Children who will be five years of age between September 2, 2023, and June 1, 2024 The TK program follows a minimum day schedule. The hours are 8:20 - 12:25 Monday through Friday.

The TK program is play-based while also focusing on academics in a fun, engaging, hands-on learning environment. Students will have two designated times set aside for free play: outdoor recess and choice time. During these times, students will be exploring during play allowing them to building skills in fine and gross motor, communication, social-emotional, and friendships with the support of the classroom teacher. Students will also be learning in an engaging, hands-on environment encompassing all academics. Exploration includes areas in math, literacy, science, social studies, and art.

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8:20	Welcome/Attendance/Morning Meeting/Music
8:40	Centers
9:20	Read Aloud
9:30	Writers Workshop/Art/Art Masterpiece
9:50	Restroom/Hand washing Break and Snack
10:15	Recess
10:45	Readers Workshop/Social Studies
11:10	Read Aloud
11:20	Math Workshop/Science/Centers
11:40	Choice Time
12:10	Closing Circle
12:25	Dismissal

Transitional Kindergarten - Vine Hill

- Approx. 24 students with 1 teacher and
- 1 aide or 2 teachers
- Taught by credentialed teacher
- Shortened day
- No fees
- For students who turn five between
- Sept. 2nd Feb. 28th
- Before/After school care available at school
- site (fee based and subsidized options)
- Social-Emotional Emphasis
- Explicit instruction in social-emotional skills
- Balance of choice and structured time
- Academic Emphasis
- Balance of play-based and academic centers
- Students learn the building blocks they

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<u>8:25-2:25</u>

If your child turns 5 between September 2 2022 & February 2, 2023, they qualify for **Transitional Kindergarten**. Transitional Kindergarten is the bridge between preschool and kindergarten. It is year one of a two year kindergarten program. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, with a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Gault transitional kindergarten follows the Kindergarten daily schedule Monday-Friday.

Kindergarten

During the child's year in kindergarten he/she will be learning many things in the areas of academics, physical development, socialization, and emotional development. Academic areas will include math, reading, science, and social studies.

Math skills to be covered include grouping, sorting, patterning, numbers, shapes, measurement, and composing/decomposing numbers to ten.

Reading activities involve learning the letter names and sounds, writing on a daily basis, and having exposure to a wide range of literature.

Science concepts will be covered through a variety of units and might include areas such as animals, plants, weather, and include experiments and activities.

Social studies curriculum will include concepts about community helpers and neighborhoods, and try to give value to all cultures and people.

Children will develop physically through recess and physical education classes where they develop large motor control and through manipulative activities to develop fine motor control.

A large part of kindergarten is socialization where we learn to take turns, share, use polite manners and understand how to work as a part of a group. Finally, your child will develop emotionally by displaying self–confidence and control.