



Children will enter Kindergarten with:

- Physical Exam (copy of most recent)
- Dental Exam (copy of most recent)
- Immunization record which shows receipt of immunizations required for age
- Hearing/Vision Exam (results of most current)
- Results of Lead test

Approaches to Learning

- Children will express curiosity, interest, and initiative in exploring the environment, engaging in experiences, and learning new skills
- Children will be able to purposefully choose and sustain work on age appropriate, interesting tasks

Social and Emotional Development

- Children will follow simple classroom rules and teacher directions
- Children will be able to function as part of the classroom community by using socially appropriate behaviors with peers and adults
- Children will regulate behavior and express emotions, wants and needs in appropriate ways

Language and Communication

- Children will use a variety of vocabulary to communicate ideas, wants, and needs using 6-8 word sentences and clear articulation and are easily understood by others
- Children will follow detailed directions with 3 or more steps
- Children who are Dual Language Learners will be able to follow directions in English with minimal cues or assistance

Literacy

- Children will use and understand print as a meaningful and organized symbolic system of communication.
- Children will be able to hear sounds of language, including beginning, ending, rhyming and syllables

Mathematics Development

- Children will use math in everyday routines to count, compare, classify and problem solve.
- Children will be able to create, identify and extend simple repeating patterns

Scientific Reasoning

- Children will observe, manipulate items, ask questions, and make predictions to better understand their environment

Perceptual, Motor and Physical Development

- Children will enter Kindergarten able to complete personal care tasks such as dressing, toileting, and washing hands independently
- Children will coordinate body movements to manipulate objects, to navigate and to balance
- Children will use refined wrist and finger movements to independently manipulate writing, drawing & art tools

*Head Start: A program where children and families are educated, challenged, and empowered to embrace their potential for success in life - one child, one family at a time.*