

Double Branch Elementary

2014/2015

Kindergarten Orientation



Introductions

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Registration Paperwork

- What's in your packet?
- Required documents
- Return paperwork Monday, May 4, 2015 from 9:30 - 12:30



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Math in Kindergarten

Common Core Math

- Higher expectations
- Problem solving skills and algebraic thinking
- Building numbers
- Fluency with addition of sums to 5 and subtraction within 5
- Using shapes to build larger shapes
- Skip counting
- Measurement



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Math in Kindergarten

Examples

Alex has 10 balloons. Johnny has 2 more balloons than Alex. How many balloons does Johnny have?

Jenny has some apples. She eats 2 apples. Now she has 0 apples. How many apples did Jenny start with?

What number is greater than 22 but less than 24?

If Ben skip counts by 10 starting at 30, what will be the next number he says?



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Science in Kindergarten

The Practice of Science

- How can I use my five senses to observe the world around me?

Properties of Matter

- How can I observe and sort different objects?

Force and Motion

- How do forces affect the motion of objects?

Energy-Sound

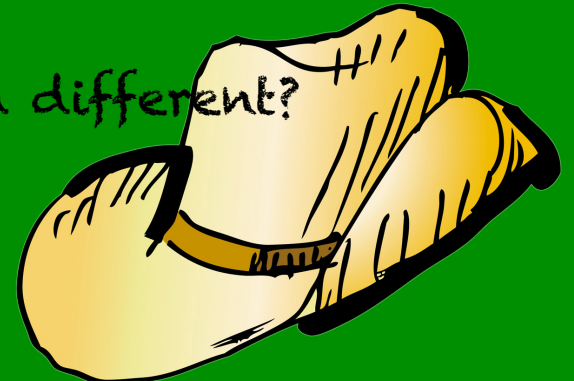
- Why do things that make sound vibrate?

Earth in Space and Time

- How does the interaction between the Earth and the Sun effect our lives everyday?

Living Things

- How are plants and animals alike and different?



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Math and Science in Kindergarten

Mega math games

Animated Math Lessons

Science Fusion

www-k6.thinkcentral.com



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Reading and Writing in Kindergarten

Reading

Whole group

Small groups

Conferencing

Independent reading

Centers

Practice

Power words



Independent Reading Level Assessment IRLA

- Independent Reading Level
- Power Goals
- Teacher-Student Conferencing
- At home practice (Power Goals and Reading)

What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Reading and Writing in Kindergarten

Whole Group Expectations

Sit on the carpet for whole group lesson (without disrupting)

Work in literacy centers independently.

Work collaboratively with other students.

Come to small group instruction prepared to learn.

Always do their Best.



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Student Literacy Centers



What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Writing in Kindergarten

Writing is a large part of our curriculum. Students are expected to write across the content areas.

Students will write:

- Narrative Pieces

- Opinion Pieces

- Informative Pieces

What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Writing in Kindergarten

- Support opinions in their writing.
- Compose informative/explanatory pieces with information about a topic.
- Narrate an event or several events in order and provide a reaction to what happened.
- Add details to strengthen writing
- Use digital tools to produce and publish writing

What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Speaking and Listening in Kindergarten

Each week students will work on a different writing piece and are expected to share out their writing to their peers.

Speaking and Listening play a large role in our new standards

What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

End of Year Expectations

- 3-5 Complete on topic sentences
- Correct conventions
- Phonetic spelling
- Power words spelled correctly
- Neat writing
- Detailed illustrations

What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Rules and Expectations

The school wide rules are as follows:

Do your best

Be prepared

Eagerly follow directions

Show respect

Each teacher also has their own set of rules that apply to their classroom & follow the general guidelines of the school wide rules.

What Do Kindergarteners Learn?

Expected Behaviors

- Students will be respectful & say "please" and "thank you"
- Students will follow directions the first time they are given.
- Students will keep their hands to themselves- this includes touching other students, the teacher & school property.
- Students will independently enter the classroom- please say your goodbyes outside of the classroom- this includes the first day of school.
- Students will bring their binder that includes their planner to school every day. Please be sure to sign it every night as this how we send day to day communication.

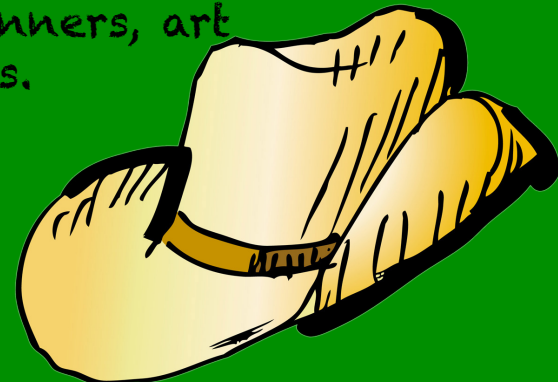
Kindergarten Camp

A great way for your child to learn the expectations & routines early is through Double Branch's Kindergarten camp. It will be held July 28-July 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. They will learn how to walk in line, eat in the lunchroom, get a tour of the school & so much more. They will also have the chance to work with all of the Kindergarten teachers & meet new friends so on the first day of school they will see some familiar faces. If you are interested, please look in the registration packet for the form.



Supply Expectations

- Supply lists will be posted online during the summer. It is expected that every student bring in the required materials no later than the first day of school. This helps to start our year smoothly when everyone is prepared.
- Registration day is a great day to bring in these supplies.
- Many of the supplies are used as community supplies, so please do not label anything. Any item that does need labeling, will be labeled by your child's teacher.
- Double Branch collects a supply fee on registration day. At this time, we do not know how much it is, but should not be more than \$12-\$14. This goes towards planners, art department & other consumable related items.



Summer Recommendations

- Practice independence!
- Practice counting numbers 1-100
- Practice recognizing and writing number 1-20
- Practice shapes
- Recognize letters and letter sounds
- Practice drawing detailed illustrations.
- Recognizing and write his/her name
- Basic sight words
- Read to your child daily and point out the different parts (cover, title, illustrations, beginning, middle, end, .etc)



Teacher Requests

- DBES does not accept teacher requests



Important Dates

Kindergarten Camp

July 28th, July 29th, July 30th

Back to School Orientation - Meet the Teacher

August 20th

First Day of School

August 24th

BooHoo/YeeHaw Breakfast

August 24th



Classroom Visits

Visit one of our Kg pods

Meet the Teachers

See examples of curriculum resources

PLACE available for information



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