

2022-2023
First Day of
school

August 10, 2022

We can't wait to have
your child in
Kindergarten

#CLASSOF2035



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for choosing an Osceola
County public school

We provide:

- School Safety as a top priority
- iPads for all Kindergarten students
- Certified and experienced teachers
- Award-winning parent and family involvement programs
- College and career guidance and support
- Mandated class sizes
- Recess for elementary students
- 21st Century technology
- Personalized support for every child
- Rigorous curriculum
- State-of-the-art career training programs
- Robust arts, athletic, and extracurricular programs
- College and career acceleration options
- Free breakfast for all students
- Virtual School option
- High-quality before and after-school care programs
- Model multicultural education and students with disabilities programs
- School uniforms



**Dr. Debra Pace,
Superintendent
Osceola School District**

Welcome to the Osceola School District family! Your child's first day of school will be here before you know it, and I am very thankful that you selected one of our district schools to provide his or her high-quality education. As not all education is equal, I truly believe that our school district offers more of everything you want for your child.

As a Choice District, we allow parents to select the campus they want their children to attend, whether it is just

down the street or across town. This means that you will have many opportunities to customize your child's educational experience based on their unique needs and interests, starting with this important first year all the way through Grade 12. For options, check out "awe-inspiring" website, www.myosceolachoice.school.

Your involvement in your child's education will be an important component in their success. We appreciate all of your participation, from communicating with your child's teacher about expectations and your child's progress to volunteering in one of the many capacities to help your teacher or school.

In the Osceola School District, we consider parents to be true partners in the education of children. I pledge to you that our team of over 9,000 employees will work alongside of you to provide your child and all children with not only outstanding academics, but also a safe and caring learning environment. Our unwavering dedication and commitment are centered around providing **every child, every chance, every day.**

Here's to a wonderful year ahead in Kindergarten!

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*and much,
much more!*

Kindergarten, here I come!

Kindergarten is a time to make friends and learn about the world through asking questions and exploring. While this can be a magical and exciting time for many parents and children, it can also create anxiety for others. Knowing what to expect and how to help prepare your child can assist with making the transition a little easier. Here are some ideas, though not all inclusive, for getting ready for kindergarten:

LANGUAGE ARTS

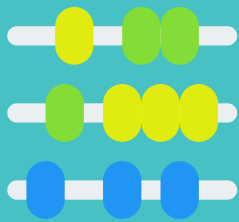
In Kindergarten, students will begin to develop important skills that will help them become successful readers and writers. They will read, write, speak, and solve about stories and informational text. In writing, they will learn how to put letters and sounds together to create words that convey their thinking. Activities in these areas include:

- Reading with your child daily and asking questions or talking about the book. Have them retell familiar stories, including characters, settings, and events
- Naming upper and lower case letters and identifying letter sounds
- Understanding basic print concepts, such as reading from top to bottom and left to right

You can help your child at home by:

- Looking for letters and words in the environment
- Exposing your child to everyday purposes for writing, like grocery lists, reminder notes, and thank-you notes
- Asking your child to provide evidence in everyday discussions





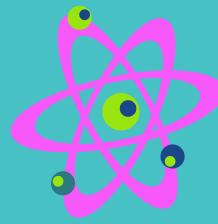
MATHEMATICS

Building mathematical mindsets is important to creating confident and competent early learners. Balancing fluency and concept development are both part of the daily routines in Kindergarten. Activities for your child include:

- Reading and writing numerals and counting objects to tell how many
- Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group has more; comparing two written numbers to tell which is greater
- Adding and subtracting to 10; and solving addition and subtraction word problems and drawing diagrams to represent them
- Correctly naming shapes
- Expressing the length of an object using everyday objects

You can help your child at home by:

- Asking your child questions that require counting as many as 20 things or that require comparing numbers
- Helping your child know and memorize basic math facts



SCIENCE

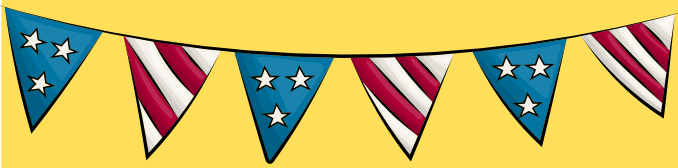
Kindergarten science encourages hands-on experiences and observation through Engagement, Exploration, Explanation, Elaboration, and Evaluation. This includes the following areas:

- Physical Science concepts include observations of things that make sound vibrate and how things move in different ways, such as fast and slow. Also how a push or pull can change the way an object is moving
- Earth Science concepts include Exploring the Law of Gravity and observations of the moon at night and the sun during the day
- Life Science concepts include recognizing the five senses and related body parts and observing how plants and animals are alike and how they are different

You can help your child at home by:

- Encouraging questions, curiosity, and exploring to find answers
- Providing time, space, and materials to explore the world safely
- Recording observations using drawings or taking pictures

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies ideas will prepare students to be knowledgeable, informed, and active citizens. Kindergarten students will begin to learn about themselves, their families, and the local community around them. Basic concepts are introduced related to history, patriotism, national symbols, good citizenship, geography, economics, and the importance of following rules and respecting the rights and property of others.

You can prepare your child by giving them first-hand experiences so they better grasp concepts and skills. Ideas include visiting local museums, the zoo, the library, or locations such as the beach, lakefronts, towns, or nature parks.

You can help your child at home by:

- Helping your child repeat their full name, address, phone number, and birthday
- Helping them learn how to play independently or focus on one activity for up to 10 minutes
- Encouraging them to express their thoughts and feelings



ART, MUSIC, & PE

All Kindergarten students also get to experience art, music, and physical education. During these classes, children are instructed and exposed to things like:

- Creating paintings or drawings that mix primary colors
- Creating artworks or sculptures using mixed media
- Playing simple accompaniments on classroom instruments
- Performing simple songs, finger plays, and rhymes to experience connections among music, language, and numbers
- Building fundamental motor skills for game play, physical activity, and fitness
- Learning about healthy lifestyle choices and activity levels

You can help your child at home by:

- Showing your child how to grip a pencil, a crayon, or marker correctly with thumb and forefinger supporting the tip
- Ensuring they know how to use scissors, glue, paint and other art materials safely and with relative ease

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Osceola School District

**More of everything
you want for
your child!**



Families in the Osceola County School District receive many opportunities to customize their educational experience. We believe in providing

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- STEM and Environmental-STEM
- International Baccalaureate (IB Program)
- Architecture and Engineering
- Biomedical
- Nursing
- Veterinary
- Coding and Robotics
- Cyber-STEAM
- Junior Business and Entrepreneurship
- Multicultural Arts
- Sports and Leadership
- Space and Weather Space Cowboys
- Innovation, Diversity and Opportunity (I DO)
- Environmental Management & Energy
- Performing and Fine Arts for the Gifted & Talented
- Gifted, Talented and Global Leadership
- Cultural and Linguistic
- Sports Medicine
- Agri- Animal Sciences
- Medical Science and Technology

*and much,
much more!*

Join us to see all the exciting choices we have for your student at

Osceola School District's

2022 CHOICE FAIR

November 17, 2022

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Osceola Heritage Park

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miss it ...*

**Free Admission, Free Parking, Free Refreshments,
Free Health Screenings, and Free Giveaways**

- Booths from every Osceola County Public School - see what every school has to offer!
- Complete the Choice Application on-site
- Enjoy student performances and art exhibits

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