

Welcome to Kindergarten

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families:

Welcome to the School District of Osceola County community! As you get ready to enroll your child in kindergarten, please consider the School District of Osceola County your top choice to keep them thriving throughout their educational journey. Our school district offers every child an enriching learning experience while also providing a nurturing environment for your children to grow to their fullest potential. All elementary schools in our county offer unique extracurricular programming that aligns to the mission of each school. Additionally, our district offers an outstanding after and before school program at each of our schools.

Every school in the district is an AVID school. AVID Elementary is designed to be embedded into the daily instruction of all elementary classrooms. Children learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes and answer high-level questions that accelerate learning.

Schools will host “Kick Off to Kindergarten” events the week of March 25th, 2024. Each school will offer their own unique experience, so families are encouraged to contact schools for more information. We hope you and your child (ren) will be able to meet with us during the week of March 25th to sign up for kindergarten. While you learn about our school, your child will have the opportunity to live the kindergarten experience. You can also register your child online. Our data-entry clerk, Vicky Baro, can be reached at **407-870-4862** if you have any questions regarding registration.

As you consider kindergarten options for your child, look below for what is special about **Chestnut Elementary School for Science and Engineering.**

Our students are provided an academically rich curriculum that fosters educational excellence through an enhanced focus on Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, also known as STEaM. Chestnut Elementary School for Science and Engineering is also proud to be an AVID school in grades k-5 where students are provided the tools and instructional practices to ensure their success and readiness for middle, high school, and post-secondary education - a pathway to success! In addition, our students have the opportunity to exit elementary school as bilingual, bi-literate, and bicultural, through the Dual Language program in grades Prek-5th. Dual language programs foster bilingualism, biliteracy, enhanced awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity, and high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages.

More information for new families will be posted on our website www.oscealschools.net/cnes. Please check it often to look for updates. We are excited for your children to begin their kindergarten journey with us, and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Gary Bressler

Principal

Chestnut Elementary School for Science and Engineering