



♥ 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 can be reached at **407-870-2400** if you have any questions regarding registration.

As you consider kindergarten options for your child, look below for what is special about **Deerwood Elementary:**

At Deerwood Elementary School of Innovation, young scholars will be exposed to future forward pathways through the lens of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). Scholars will use the critical thinking, literacy, technology, and collaboration skills acquired to become the next generation ready to choose their future pathway of Enrollment, Enlistment, Employment, or Exploration. DWES Innovation Scholars will be prepared to head to their next step of their education journey with background knowledge including but not limited to flight principles, manufacturing, electricity, nutrition, and ecology.

We offer:

Innovative Program Components

Career-Based STEAM Labs
Organic and Sustainable Gardening
Future Focused Coaching

Arts

Drum Ensemble
Instrumental Instruction
Art Exhibition
Chorus
Talent Show
Multicultural Night

Enrichment Offerings

21st Century Learning
Odyssey of the Mind
Battle of the Books
RISE Academy
AVID Ambassadors

Clubs

Safety Patrol
TV Production
Yearbook
Dance

Awards

Red Carpet
Golden School

Sporting Events

Cross Country
Track
Soccer
Color Run

More information for new families will be posted on our website

<https://www.osceolaschools.net/dwes>. 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!

Respectfully,

Dr. Millie Torres

Deerwood Elementary School