

# ♥ 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 407-943-8450 if you have any questions regarding registration.

East Lake Elementary strives to create a warm and welcoming environment for anyone who may walk through its doors. East Lake Elementary works hard to connect with its community, values the importance of engagement in the classroom, and fosters a lifelong love of learning. Students are inspired by its dual language program and cultural arts focus which encourages all to be a part of an ever-changing world as bilingual, bi-literate, and bicultural individuals. Learner’s research other cultures and languages to learn about their roots, ways of living, customs, and arts. Using a variety of academic and enrichment activities, these programs promote a high level of academic achievement, cultivate talents and interests, develop the creativity of the mind and body, refine feelings and reflect and represent the customs and values of its diverse community.

We offer: Dual Language, Dance, Music, Art, and a variety of clubs such as Global Garden Club, Chess Club, Cross Country, Track & Field, and much more!

More information for new families will be posted on our website <https://www.osceolaschools.net/eles>. 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,

*Beth Telemko*

East Lake Elementary School