



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 help them thrive throughout their educational journey. Our school district offers every child an enriching learning experience while also providing a nurturing environment for 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 before and after 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.

Parents may contact the school of their choice for tour information and questions pertaining to kindergarten. Each school will offer prospective students a unique experience, so families are encouraged to contact schools for more information. We hope you and your child (ren) will be able to join us for kindergarten this coming school year! You can also register your child online and call our school if you have any questions. Our school team can be reached at 407-891-3120 if you have any questions regarding registration.

As you consider Kindergarten options for your child, continue reading to learn what makes **Hickory Tree Elementary** special:

At Hickory Tree Elementary, we believe in Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day! We are proud of our award-winning Sports and Leadership Program. Our school teams for cross country, golf, track and field and the Fitness Olympics consistently rise to the top and demonstrate superior abilities. We offer many extracurricular activities and clubs for our students to enrich their learning and expand their horizons. Additional opportunities for students include Battle of the Books, House of Science, National Elementary Honor Society, Odessey of the Mind, Young Authors Club, Newspaper Club and Student Safety Patrol.

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

Respectfully,

Alison Doe, Principal

Hickory Tree Elementary