



Hembree Springs Elementary School

Kindergarten Sneak A Peek

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Philosophy

The philosophy of the Hembree Springs kindergarten program is based on meeting the needs of the total child. We are concerned with all areas of development: academic, social, physical, and emotional development.



Georgia Standards

These standards serve as a guideline for language arts and math instruction in Fulton County and Georgia. Georgia Standards provide clear expectations for science and social studies instruction. In addition to teaching the skills, emphasis is placed on reasoning and making connections to real life situations.



Georgia Standards of Excellence

- **Foundational Reading** includes print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, word recognition, and fluency.
- **Language** consists of the conventions of standard English and vocabulary acquisition and knowledge.
- In **writing**, students use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose narrative, informative, and opinion (persuasive) pieces of writing.
- **Speaking and Listening** – Students will participate in conversations, discussions, ask and answer questions, and express ideas and feelings clearly and audibly.



GSE Math

Instructional time is focused on two critical areas:

1. Representing, relating, and operating on whole numbers
2. Describing shapes and space

Content standards are arranged within the following domains:

1. Counting and Ordering of Numbers, Operations (+, -)
2. Place Value and Operations
3. Measurement and Data
4. Geometry



8 Standards for Math Practice

- Make sense and persevere in solving problems.
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- Model with mathematics.
- Use appropriate tools strategically.
- Attend to precision.
- Look for and make use of structure.
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.
- These standards are expected to be integrated into math lessons for all students in K – 12.

Curriculum Materials



Language Arts/Reading

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys

SRA Reading Books

Leveled Reading Library (A - Z)

Math

McGraw Hill My Math.

Science

Harcourt Science

Social Studies

Houghton Mifflin

Health

Harcourt: Your Health

Technology



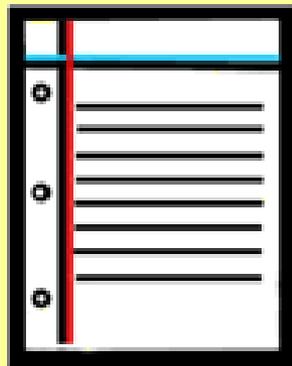
- Computer lab with desktop computers
- Every classroom has 3 desktop computers.
- Every classroom in grades K - 5 has

Interactive White Boards

We have devices to support personalized learning.

Assessment

- Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) - ongoing throughout the year
- DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) – 3 times per year
- STAR Early Literacy – 2 times per year



GKIDS



- State-Mandated testing
- Begins first two weeks of school
- Administered throughout the year
- Administered individually
- Measures growth in the areas of literacy, math, and social/emotional development
- Parents receive progress reports 3 times per year.

Diagnostic Assessments

- **DIBELS:** Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills (3 x per yr.)
- **Letter Naming Fluency (LNF)** – students identify as many letters as possible in one minute.
- **Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF)** - Given a 3 letter nonsense word, students produce the sounds of each letter or read the word in one minute.
- **STAR Early Literacy Test**
- Given twice per year in the winter and spring
- Students take the assessment on the computer.
- It tests phonemic awareness and basic reading skills.

Reporting Progress to Parents

- Parent/teacher conferences are held twice a year (October & February) to discuss your child's progress.
- Parents may request a conference by writing a note to or calling the teacher at any time.
- Report cards are sent home four times throughout the year. Each report card reflects achievement for a nine week period.
- Friday Folders (papers to be signed and returned) are sent home on a weekly basis.
- Classroom newsletters are sent home regularly.



Continuum Of Services

- Talented And Gifted (TAG)
- Early Intervention Program (EIP)
- Special Education: Students have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



Academic Enrichment Activities

Science Day

Book Publishing

Curriculum Showcase - Science, Art,
Writing

PTA Reflections Contest

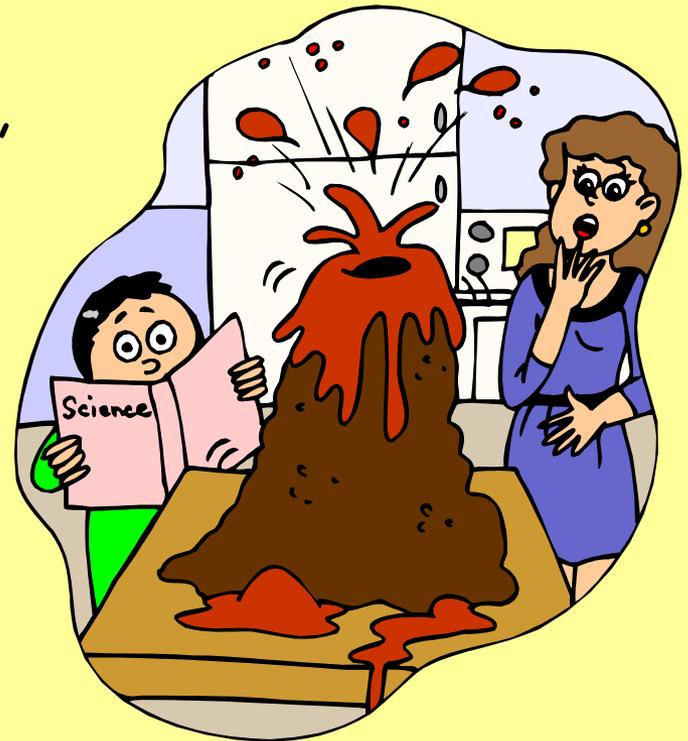
Hands on Minds on Lab

100th Day of School

Mystery Readers

Field Trips

Red Ribbon Week



Sample Kindergarten Schedule

7:15 - 7:40	Students unpack bookbags and prepare for day
7:40 - 8:00	Patriotic Song, Pledge, Moment of Silence, Announcements
7:50 - 9:20	Reading and Language Arts
9:20 - 10:05	Specials: Art, Music, P.E. or Computer Lab (Keyboarding)
10:05 - 10:50	Handwriting and/or Written Expression
10:50 - 11:20	Lunch
11:25 - 11:55	Recess/Bathroom
12:00 - 1:15	Math
1:15 - 2:00	Science/Social Studies/Health
2:00 - 2:15	DEAR (Mystery Readers)
2:15	Pack belongings
2:20	Dismissal begins



Current Student-Teacher Ratios

Kindergarten

22:2 Student to Teacher Ratio

There is one teacher and one assistant in each kindergarten classroom.



Cafeteria Information



Students may bring lunch from home or purchase a well-balanced, nutritious lunch in the cafeteria. A menu is provided monthly listing lunch choices. Choices may include two entrees or a salad.

- Breakfast costs \$1.05 per day
- Lunch costs \$2.35 per day
- The cafeteria serves breakfast daily from 7:15 until 7:40 a.m.
- Meals can be paid daily, weekly or monthly online or at the register.

Transportation Information

- We encourage students to take the bus. Buses pick up students in their neighborhoods and drop off students outside the cafeteria. Parents must meet their child at the bus stop in the afternoon or they will be returned to school. Your student is never marked tardy if he/she rides the bus to school in the A.M.



- Carpool: If you choose to drive your child to school, you must get into the carpool lane in front of the school between 7:15 – 7:35. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 7:40 A.M.

Childcare Centers

Child Care Network

11275 Elkins Road

Crabapple Academy

285 Rucker Road

DOJO

645 West Crossville Road

Goddard

12665 Crabapple Road

Kids R Kids

12496 Crabapple Road

Primary Prep

1520 Warsaw Road

Primetime –YMCA

Hembree Springs Elementary

770-664-1220

Primrose – Mansell

1015 Kingswood Place

Primrose – Roswell

11160 Crabapple Road

Sunshine House

1255 Upper Hembree Road

Windward Academy

3200 N. Point Parkway

World Language Daycare

595 E Crossville Road

Younglife

90 Woodstock Road



Important Dates

Fall Open House

Thursday, August 3 (tentative)

Time: 5:30 - 7:30

Receive bus information

Meet your child's teacher

Visit your child's classroom

Sign up for after-school care

Join P.T.A.

First Day of School

Monday, August 7



Thank you for coming!

