

# **Argonne Child Development Center**

# Kindergarten



READY for SCHOOL

## **2019-2020**



**Kindergarten is a special time:  
the onset of school.**



The Bright Horizons' kindergarten program recognizes that children will soon be entering schools that have a range of expectations of child readiness for social and academic performance.

# Our Approach

- Comprehensive to challenge children and support all areas of development.
  - Cognitive development
  - School readiness and learning skills
  - Early reading and writing
  - Math and science concepts
  - Social and emotional development
  - Wellness and physical health

# A World Of Learning Opportunities...

## WORLD AT THEIR FINGERTIPS

- *Language Works*
- *Math Counts*
- *Science Rocks*
- *Art Smart*
- *Our World*
- *Well Aware*
- *Caring Matters*



# ***Language Works***



Kindergartners are ready to build essential skills in reading, writing, verbal communication, and listening. We offer experiences and environments that nurture and expand on your child's skills to continue to gain foundational knowledge in letter recognition, phonics, and sight words.

# We will learn to...



## Listening

- Identify and recall parts of a story
- Develop auditory memory
- Develop auditory discrimination

## Speaking

- Expand vocabulary and grammar
- Speak fluently in past, present and future tenses
- Ask inquisitive and complex questions
- Use words to communicate ideas

## Reading

- Read basic sight words and sound out others
- Identify sounds of letters
- Understand patterns of text
- Use context clues and illustrations to predict what's next

## Writing

- Write common words, use written communication purposefully
- Use upper and lower case appropriately
- Use invented, phonetic spelling
- Create simple stories

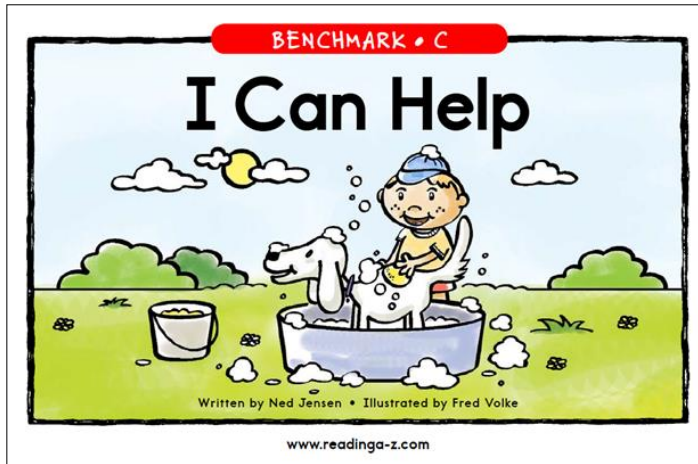
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# ***Reading A to Z***

- A leveled reading program that allows children to learn at their own pace.
- Books are used in small groups with the teachers working to teach skills:
  - left to right progression
  - sight word recognition
  - using picture and context clues
  - comprehension



# Leveled Readers





# Scholastic WiggleWorks®



- Provides instruction in the five key areas of reading:
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Phonics
  - Fluency
  - Vocabulary
  - Comprehension

# Journaling



Children learn important skills such as:

- sentence structure
- decoding
- capitalization
- phonetics
- spelling



# ***Math Counts***



*Math Counts* curriculum teaches the core mathematical concepts and helps kindergarteners expand their mathematical knowledge through daily opportunities for putting their know-how to work.

Math activities for kindergarten children are best facilitated when the materials offered are able to be manipulated and embedded in everyday experiences

# We will learn to...



## Time and Spatial Relations

- Use segments of time as we plan and discuss events
- Tell time
- Understand relative distance
- Consider multiple spatial properties simultaneously

## Numeration and Operation

- Use and understand numbers in sets or order
- Sequence and order items
- Understand the concept of zero
- Solve varied math problems and develop logical reasoning strategies

## Pattern, Sequencing and Early Algebra

- Complete complex patterns
- Use “rules” to extend patterns
- Classify items by multiple characteristics

## Geometry and Measurement

- Identify three dimensional shapes
- Visualize how things fit together
- Use different tools and units of measurement (including temperature)
- Understand simple fractions and the concepts of equal and unequal

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# *Everyday Mathematics* ®

- A comprehensive mathematics program used in many elementary schools
- Emphasizes the application of mathematics to real world situations
- Concepts, numbers and skills are linked to situations and contexts that are relevant to the daily lives of children.

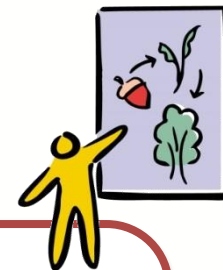


# ***Science Rocks***



*Science Rocks* provides a framework for teaching kindergarteners to apply scientific reasoning, develop hypothesis, record observations, and conduct experiments. We encourage children's natural curiosity while guiding them to develop an inquiry based approach to understanding their world.

# We will learn to...



## Scientific Inquiry and the Scientific Method

- Deepen our understanding by asking progressive questions
- Practice deductive and inductive reasoning
- Use the scientific method
- Develop and rely on our own problem-solving strategies

## Tools for investigational discovery

- Become familiar with scientific tools
- Independently use tools to research information
- Record findings or observations with increasingly complex phrases and pictures

## Beginning Chemistry

- Identify, differentiate and categorize by properties
- Experiment with the changing properties of materials
- Consider non-visible properties of materials

## Beginning Physics and Earth Science

- Experiment with motion and velocity
- Examine weather patterns and activity
- Explore the concept of energy
- Investigate forces of nature

## Beginning Biology and Life Science

- Understand the life cycle
- Identify and differentiate the characteristics of animals
- Explore human impact on the environment

## Geography

- Use a map and compass
- Become familiar with and differentiate between environmental features

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# STEM

Integrating...

- Science
  - Technology
  - Engineering
  - Mathematics
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- And the Arts too ...





# ***Our World***



We provide hands on opportunities for kindergarteners to expand their knowledge in beginning anthropology, sociology, geography, and civics. Kindergarten children will deepen their understanding of themselves and others as they build life skills such as emotional intelligence, compassion and acceptance, and personal responsibility.

# We will learn to...



## Identity Development

- Develop a strong sense of self and confidence in our skills and abilities
- Act with purpose
- Set personal goals and purposefully work toward them
- Identify, express and manage our feelings

## Emotional Intelligence

- Use negotiation and conflict resolution
- Understand the relationship between our words and actions and other people's feelings
- Demonstrate cooperative and moral development
- Show loyalty without excluding others

## Critical Thinking about the World

- Appreciate cultures
- Explore concepts of fairness, equality and justice
- Recognize inequality and injustice and take action against it
- Practice inclusion, acceptance and appreciation

## Care of the Environment

- Understand and take responsibility for our personal impact on the environment
- Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between living and non-living things
- Understand what it takes to nurture and sustain life

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# ***Art Smart***



Varied experiences in the arts contribute to overall intellectual development .

Kindergartners participate in open ended experiences such as music, sculpture, dance, drama and fine arts to develop skills and abilities to enhance their creativity and innovation while contributing to important learning in math science and literacy.

# We will learn to...



## Visual Art

- Appreciate great artists and their artistic perspective
- Evaluate varied artistic styles
- Explore complex mediums such as sculpture and photography

## Music

- Recognize, reproduce, and create rhythm patterns
- Use musical vocabulary
- Identify types of music and artists
- Create short pieces of music using instruments, our voices, or other sound sources

## Dance/Creative Movement

- Move to music of various tempos, meters and genres
- Move in time to a rhythm or beat
- Dance with partners or as a group
- Make up steps and teach to others

## Dramatic Art

- Develop storylines and characters
- Plan extended skits and dramatizations in collaboration with peers
- Explore a variety of roles and “scenes”

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# Well Aware



A focus on physical development and well-being in the early years contributes to a lifelong health and cognitive development. The *Well Aware* curriculum offers activities focused on movement, nutrition and safety.

# We will learn to...



## Motor and Fitness

- Advance our balance and coordination
- Enjoy and seek out physical activity
- Engage in a variety of vigorous and moderate activities
- Understand the link between health and physical activity

## Nutrition

- Categorize foods and beverages according to characteristics
- Make connections between healthy foods and healthy minds and bodies
- Select healthy foods and portions

## Health and Safety

- Create, follow, and enforce classroom safety rules
- Identify and practice health and safety measures
- Take initiative for personal care

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# ***Caring Matters***



Designed to support all aspects of social and emotional development. Caring Matters helps children to develop critical skills needed to cooperate, compromise, work through challenges, and approach their newfound independence with confidence.

# We will learn to:



## Emotional Literacy

- Look at situations differently and delay gratification
- Control strong emotions in an appropriate manner most of the time
- Manage classroom rules, routines, and transitions with occasional reminders
- Apply rules in new but similar situations

## Nurturing Relationships

- Trust adults as resources and share mutual interests
- Recognize that others' feelings about a situation might be different from our own
- Initiate, join in and sustain positive interactions with a small group of 2-3 children
- Interact cooperatively in groups of 4-5 children
- Maintain friendships for several months or more

## Positive interactions

- Cooperate and share ideas and materials in socially acceptable ways
- Suggest solutions to social problems
- Resolve social problems through negotiation and compromise



# State Kindergarten Standards

Kindergarten at Argonne Child Development Center follows the same learning standards as Illinois public schools

- [Illinois Early Learning Standards](#)
- [Common Core Standards in English, Language Arts, and Math](#)
- [KIDS: Kindergarten Individual Development Survey](#)

# Benefits

- Full day program means more time for learning
- More Individual Attention
- Less Stress
  - No Busing
  - No packing lunches and snacks
  - Convenient child care for before and after instruction time
  - Open except for 6 holidays
- Broader Program
- Inclusive Tuition



# Kindergarten Participation



- Children in public schools and most private schools have to be 5 years old by September 1, in order to participate in kindergarten programs.
- We will supply the school district with a report card, a recommendation letter from the Kindergarten teacher, a letter of recommendation from the teacher and director along with our NAEYC accreditation letter and other items that will show evidence of our Kindergarten curriculum.

# Schedules



- School year will run August 26, 2019 through May 22, 2020. Daily instruction time will occur between the hours of 9am and 4pm.
- Children enrolled in the kindergarten program will automatically transition to the school age summer camp program on May 26, unless the family has given their 30 day written notice of withdrawal.
- Summer camp activities, tuition and scheduling options will be available to parents in March 2020.

# Next Steps



- Commitment deadline: March 31, 2019
- The required Kindergarten Enrollment Form & program deposit of \$600 will be accepted in the center office through March 31. The program deposit will be held until September 2019 and then applied to the first part of September's tuition.

# Next Steps



- On March 31, if we have 8 or more kindergarteners for fall 2019 we will proceed with the program.
- If by March 31 we do not have enough kindergarteners enrolled, we will inform all interested parties so they can proceed with alternate plans.
- Your deposit will be refunded if your plans for fall 2019 change before March 31 or if there is not enough enrollment for the program. No refunds will be given after March 31, 2019 for any reason if the program is scheduled to begin in September.

# Next Steps



- Kindergarten in Illinois is not mandatory.  
*(Illinois compulsory age is 6 by September 1 to attend first grade.)*
- Your child can remain in Kindergarten Prep until First Grade (Fall 2020). Daily schedule will include time for Kindergarten aged children to complete Kindergarten specific tasks.



# Q & A



Please let us know if you have any questions about the kindergarten program.

We look forward to having your child spend their first year of formal school with us at

Argonne Child Development Center.

Thank you!

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## **Argonne Child Development Center Fall 2019-2020 Kindergarten Program**

- 🌐 The Kindergarten program will begin on Monday, August 26, 2019 and end Friday, May 22, 2020.
- 🌐 Kindergarten children will be automatically enrolled in the school age summer camp on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 unless the family gives their 30 day notice to the center prior to that date.
- 🌐 The monthly tuition will be \$1228 until the annual increase January 1, 2020.
- 🌐 Children must be five years old by September 1, 2018 to enroll in the kindergarten program.
- 🌐 A deposit of \$600 via check made payable to Bright Horizons will be made by March 31, 2019 in order to secure your place in the program. The deposit will be applied towards September 2019 tuition.
- 🌐 If we do not have enough children enroll in the program by March 31, 2019 deposits will be credited back to your account and used towards regular tuition charges.
- 🌐 If you withdraw your child from the kindergarten program prior to March 31, 2019, your deposit will be credited back to you. If you withdraw from the kindergarten program after March 31, 2019, your deposit will not be refunded.

### **PARENT INFORMATION**

Name of Argonne, DOE, U of C Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHILD'S INFORMATION**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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