Country Isles Elementary Welcomes You To Kindergarten Round-Up!

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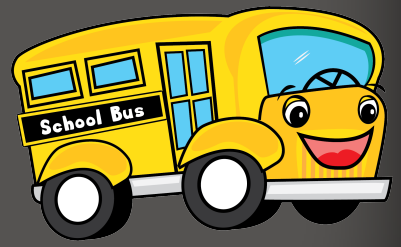
What is kindergarten like at Country Isles Elementary?

Kindergarten is exciting! Each day is filled with wonderful experiences that provide your child with opportunities to discover the world around them through active participation. These experiences guide students in developing the foundational skills necessary for success in school: **CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY.**

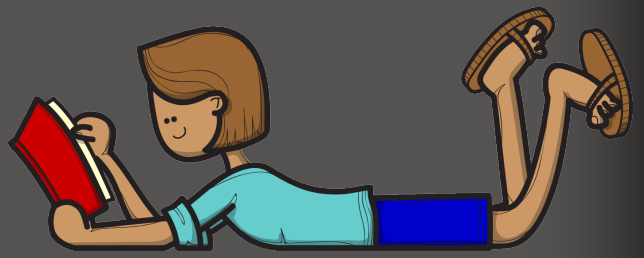
What will my day be like in kindergarten?

- 180 minutes-Language Arts block (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking)
- Science and Social Studies are part of the integrated curriculum
- 60 minutes-Math
- 30 minutes-Specials (Media, P.E., Art, Music, Computer)



Reading

- Read-Alouds
- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Independent Reading
- Literacy Centers

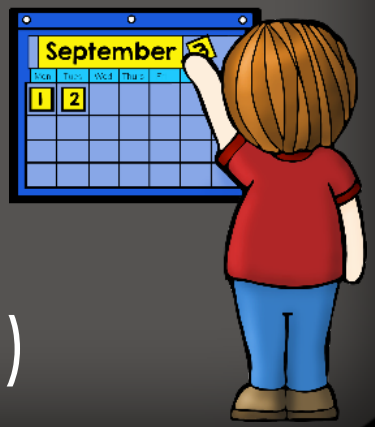


Writing

- Modeled Writing
- Shared Writing
- Independent Writing
- Literacy Centers

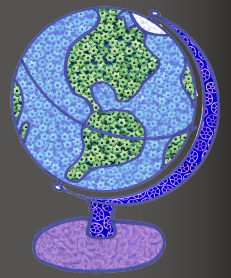
Math

- Large/small group instruction
- Independent Practice
- Math Centers
- iPads (Fluency Practice)



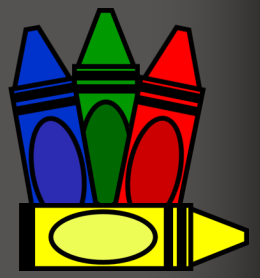
Social Studies/Science

- Social Studies and Science are integrated through Language Arts and Math lessons.
- Students participate in a hands-on approach to Science.
- The curriculum is aligned to the Florida State Standards.



What can I do to get ready for the first day of school?

- know how to hold a pencil
- know how to cut with scissors
- count objects
- write my name
- identify **BOTH** uppercase
- and lowercase letters
- identify letter sounds



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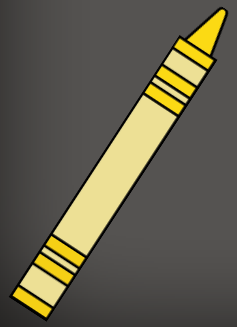
What does it mean to be INDEPENDENT?

Encourage your child
to do things on his/her own.

"I can do things by myself. I can…."

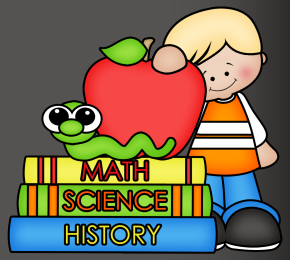


- tie my shoes
- walk to class
- unpack my backpack
- zip, button, snap
- eat lunch on my own

Start in a positive way!

Setting a good example from the beginning is key to a successful year!

- getting a good night's rest
- eating a healthy breakfast
- arriving to school on time
- reading to/with your child daily



Kindergarten Dual Language Program

Country Isles Elementary launched its Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program in the 2016-2017 school year. Students in the innovative program spend fifty percent of the day fully immersed in the Spanish language. Instruction is delivered in all content areas in both languages. The program is currently open to kindergarten students who live within the school's boundaries with plans to expand every year by adding an additional grade level through the fifth grade. Currently, the Dual Language program is in grades K-5. Each Dual Language class is comprised of Spanish speakers and non-Spanish speakers. The goals and vision of the Dual Language Program are to produce college and career ready students.

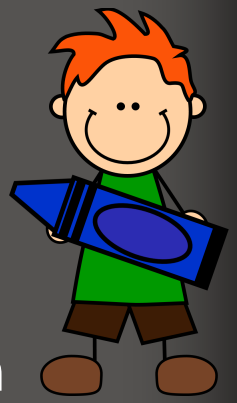
Criteria & Selection Process

- **Kindergarten Criteria**: 22/26 Letters and 18 Sounds
- **Kindergarten Screening:** June 30, July 14, & July 28 from 8:00-10:00 am.
- Lottery: TBA
- Notification: TBA

****Once registered, you will be given a date and time for the screening.***

Meet and Greet

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Where: Your child's classroom



- Parents can find the Kindergarten supply list online .
- You are encouraged to bring your child's supplies on Meet and Greet day or the first day of school.

School Safety and Volunteering

- Volunteers are required to complete an APPLICATION FORM annually and be approved to be a BCPS volunteer before helping in the school.
- Volunteers can apply on line by going to www.getinvolvedineducation.com/volunteers.
- Volunteers are required to sign in and out
- For identification, volunteers are required to wear a name badge when helping with school activities.

CIE Aftercare Program

Peter Sanchez-Supervisor

Hours: Based on school calendar
2:00-6:00 p.m. M-F
12:00-6:00 p.m. Early Release Days

How to register: CIE website (Aftercare registration)

***Cost:** $30 registration per child
Weekly $70 (subject to change)

***Group size:** 1:14

***Activities:** Homework time, board games, arts and crafts, sports, computers, science activities, cooking, early release day special activities

**Information may change based on COVID restrictions*