

Beginnergarten

Lakeview Elementary



Beginnergarten is our school's alternate kindergarten program. This program is an option for children who are chronologically "old enough" to attend kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 15), but from a developmental standpoint, may be too "young" for a structured kindergarten curriculum. Students enrolled in Beginnergarten will work on academic skills, but the main focus will be social and emotional development.

Reasons for recommending a child for Beginnergarten:

- To meet specific needs of children age appropriate for kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 15), but lacking in one or more of the following major areas: social, emotional, academic, physical, or intellectual.
- To create a positive self-image in a safe learning environment
- To develop socially to a level that demonstrates age appropriate behaviors

It will be assumed that a year of Beginnergarten is always followed by a year of full day regular kindergarten.

Please note: *The Beginnergarten class roster will be established by school personnel following the annual Kindergarten Round-Up and after all placement factors have been examined for registered students.*

Placement may be determined by the following factors:

- Preschool instructor's recommendation
- Parent request
- Little or no participation in preschool
- Lakeview staff recommendation
- 5 years old on or before Sept. 15

Students enrolling in Beginnergarten must meet all of the criteria of students entering kindergarten including proper certification of birth, immunization record, and a physical exam. Students will attend the program daily, Monday through Friday, 8:10 a.m. to 3:05 p.m., following the Solon Community School District calendar.

Families applying for open enrollment consideration from another district will be notified of their acceptance once all Solon resident students have been considered for Beginnergarten.

Parents considering Beginnergarten for their child should ask themselves the following questions:

- Does my child like to play with others?
- Does my child initiate conversations with others?
- Is my child willing to share materials?
- Is my child comfortable in new situations and environments?
- Can my child easily accept “no” for an answer?
- Can my child keep his or her hands to self?
- Does my child show an interest in learning letters and numbers?
- Can my child sit attentively when being read to?
- Does my child show good self-control?
- Does my child have preschool experience?

An answer “no” to more than a few of the questions above could be an indication that a child would benefit from Lakeview Elementary’s Beginnergarten.

Parents who are interested in Beginnergarten should contact the Lakeview Elementary principal* to determine if this is an appropriate option for their child. Parents should also plan to attend Lakeview’s Kindergarten Round-Up. Additional information and an application form for Beginnergarten will be available at that time.

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