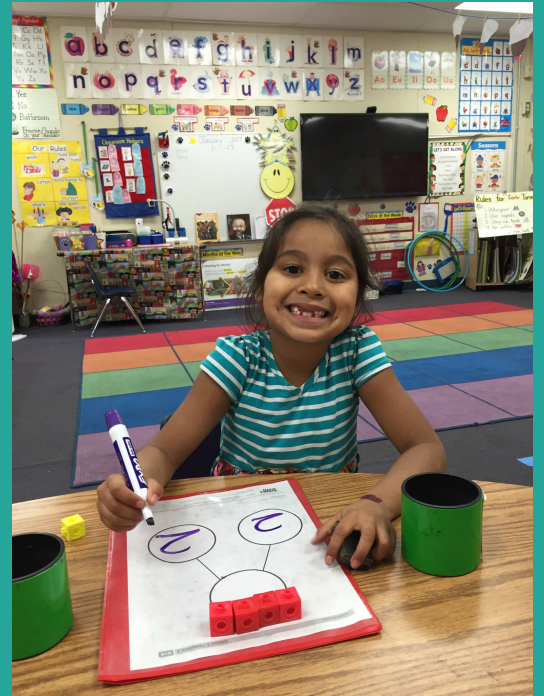


Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Information Night

March 9, 2017



What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)



- It is the first phase of a two-year Kindergarten program that uses age-appropriate curricula based on the Preschool Learning Foundations aligned to the Common Core State Standards.
- Provides school readiness, writing, mathematics and social development
- Integrates technology-based learning
- Gives young learners the gift of time to develop and grow in an appropriate educational setting
- A transitional program designed to prepare young students for school success

Traditional Kinder vs. Transitional Kinder

Mastery of content standards is expected



Content standards are introduced with repeated exposure

Curriculum based



Developmentally needs based

Majority of students move on to first grade



Students continue on to traditional kindergarten

Lessons and activities are differentiated depending on student level and needs

Parents are encouraged to participate

TK & Kindergarten Age Qualifications

Who Qualifies for TK?

Any child whose 5th birthday falls between September 2nd, 2017 and March 1st, 2018

Who Qualifies for Kindergarten?

Any child whose 5th birthday is on or before September 1, 2017

Complete Immunization Record: Vaccinations are the same for both: Polio, DTap, MMR, Hep B, & Varicella

How Can I Register My Child For TK?

- Please take a Registration Packet (available on the table)
- Fill out Registration Packet
- Return Registration Packet with required paperwork to your home school
 - Driver's License/ID
 - Birth Certificate
 - Proof of Address
 - Immunization Record (must completed by the 1st day of school)
- You will receive a Welcome Letter in the Summer with school site specific information

What is School Readiness?

School Readiness



School Readiness...

- is a measure of how prepared a child is to succeed in school cognitively, socially and emotionally.
- refers to a stage in a child's development when he/she is ready to learn in a formal learning environment and can do so effectively and without emotional disturbance.

Components of School Readiness

- **Social and Emotional**
- **Language and Communication**
- **Cognitive Abilities**
- **Movement and Physical Development**



Social and Emotional

TK Readiness

- Enjoys doing new things
- Is more and more creative with make-believe play
- Would rather play with other children than by himself/herself
- Cooperates with other children
- Often can't tell what's real and what's make-believe
- Talks about what he/she likes and what he/she is interested in

Kindergarten Readiness

- Separates from caregiver without excessive upset
- Plays and shares with others/Waits turn
- Attends to adult directed tasks for at least five minutes



Language and Communication Skills

TK Readiness

- Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using “he” and “she”
- Sings a song or says a poem from memory such as the “Itsy Bitsy Spider” or the “Wheels on the Bus”
- Tells stories
- Can say first and last name



Kindergarten Readiness

- Expresses needs and wants/ speaks in complete sentences
- Uses words not physical actions to express anger
- Follows one or two step directions



TK Cognitive Skills (Learning, thinking, problem-solving)

- Names some colors and numbers
- Understands the idea of counting
- Starts to understand time
- Remembers parts of a story
- Recognizes name in print
- Uses safety scissors
- Uses crayons and pencil
- Starts to copy some capital letters
- Plays simple board games
- Understands the idea of “same” and “different”



Kindergarten Cognitive Skills (Learning, thinking, problem-solving)

- Counts from one to ten
- Recognizes basic shapes
- Begins to count one to one correspondence
- Identifies colors (8 count crayon)
- Able to write name
- Recites alphabet
- Enjoys being read to
- Environmental print
- Identifies some letters and sounds
- Recognizes Rhyming
- Tells you what he thinks is going to happen next in a book



TK Movement and Physical Development

- Swings and climbs
- Can walk up and down stairs
- Hops
- Can dress self
- Can use restroom independently



K Movement and Physical Development

- Hops and stands on one foot up to 2 seconds
- Catches a bounced ball most of the time
- Pours, cuts with supervision, and mashes own food
- Ties shoelaces
- Walk up and down stairs without help



What You Can Do To Help Your Child



- Read to your child. Nurture her love for books by taking her to the library or bookstore.
- Let your child help with simple chores.
- Encourage your child to play with other children. This helps him to learn the value of sharing and friendship.
- Be clear and consistent when disciplining your child. Explain and show the behavior that you expect from her. Whenever you tell her no, follow up with what he should be doing instead.

What You Can Do To Help Your Child



- Help your child develop good language skills by speaking to him/her in complete sentences and using "grown up" words. Help him to use the correct words and phrases.
- Teach your child to use the bathroom independently.
- Help your child through the steps to solve problems when she is upset.
- Give your child a limited number of simple choices (for example, deciding what to wear, when to play, and what to eat for snack).

Will All WCSD Sites Have TK?

- Students from all school sites are welcome in TK if they meet the eligibility requirements. However, not all school sites have TK at their site due to limited space at various campuses.
- TK students may attend **TK at a site other than their home school site** and then they **will return to their home school site for Kindergarten** and beyond.



Which WCSD School Sites Will House TK?

- Jackson Elementary School
- Longfellow Elementary School
- Orange Grove Elementary School
- Phelan Language Academy
- West Whittier Elementary School



Before and/or After School Care

Jump Start Before School Program

- Opens at 6:30 daily
- Attendance Policy Requirements
- Enrollment is limited (we have applications)
- Non-refundable registration fee for the school year: \$30/child

Reach for the Stars After School Program

- Provided after school until 6pm daily
- Academic and enrichment activities
- Attendance Policy Requirements
- Enrollment is limited
- Non-refundable registration fee for the school year: \$40/child



Next Steps



- Please pick up a registration packet for school attendance
- Please pick up a registration packet for before or after school care
- Turn in your registration packet to your home school site as soon as possible
- Practice Readiness Skills with your child

Questions?

