

Welcome to Kindergarten!

JANUARY 24, 2024

We're glad you
are here!



Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- The Registration Process
- Our Kindergarten Inventory
- The Methacton Experience & Approach
- Supports for Students
- The Kindergarten Program
- Preparing for Kindergarten
- School & Home Partnership



Joining Us Tonight...

Mr. Robert Corcoran
Eagleville

Mrs. Joyce Amici
Worcester

Dr. Aaron Roberts
Arrowhead

Dr. Robert Milrod
Interim- Woodland

Dr. Matthew Walsh
Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Mrs. Tara Strouse
Supervisor of Elementary Education

*Many thanks to the staff members participating in tonight's event:

- Mrs. Sandy Fischer
- Mrs. Charane Juckniewitz
- Miss Steph Sawyer
- Mrs. Shannon Snyder



The Online Process



Student Registration



Step One: Online Pre-Registration

**CLICK HERE TO
BEGIN ONLINE
PRE-REGISTRATION**



Online Registration
opens February 1.

Children must turn 5
on, or before,
September 1, 2024.

Required for Registration for All Students

Photo ID for
parent/guardian



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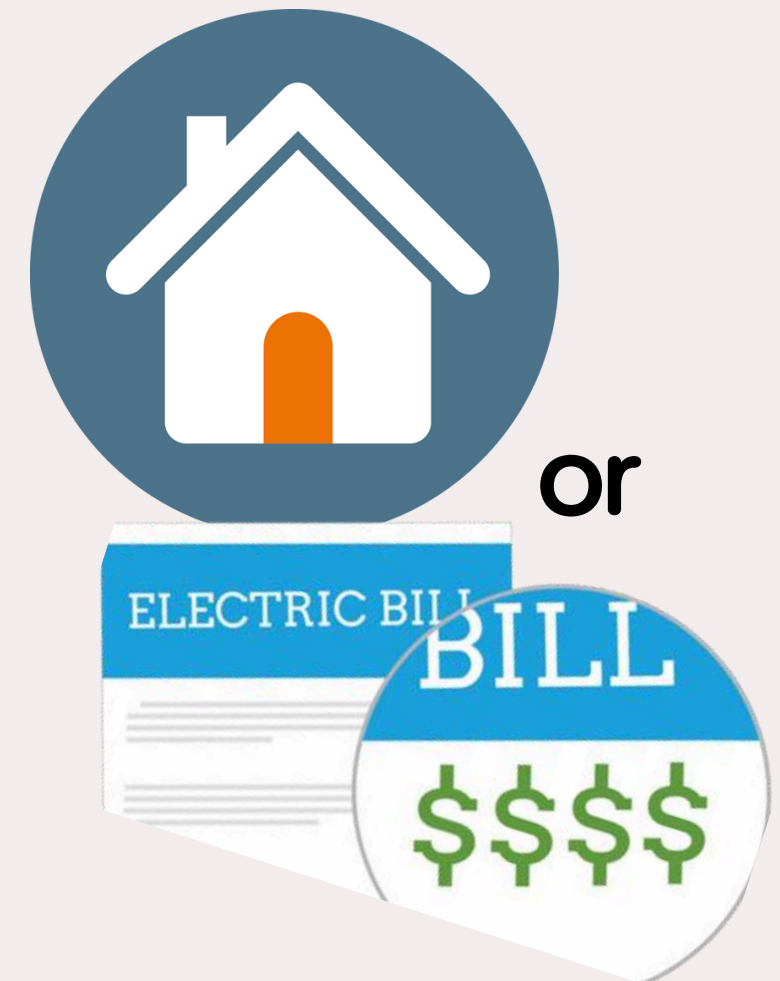
Birth Certificate &
Immunization Records
for Student



and

A form titled "PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION". It contains fields for Name, Address, Date of Birth, Sex, and a table for recording immunizations by date and type.

Proof of Residence
(Lease/electric bill)



Start gathering your documentation now, so you have it when you are ready to register.

Other Pieces: If Applicable

Child Custody
Agreement



Multiple
Occupancy
Form



Future Documentation Needed



Physical Form

Dental Form

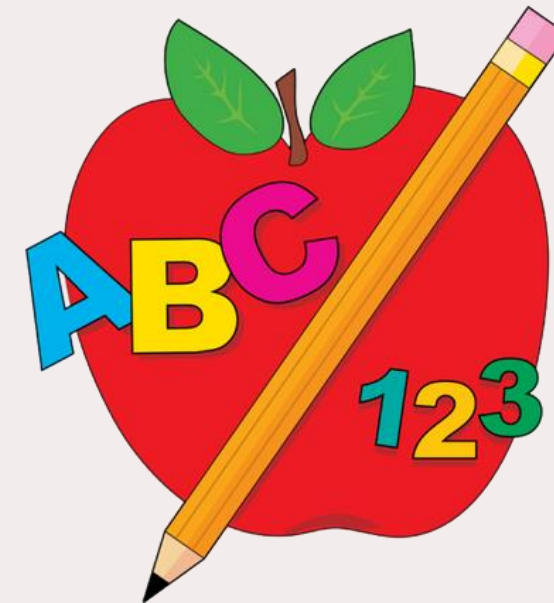
The physical and dental forms need to be dated after Jan 1, 2024 and provided to the school nurse once the school year begins.

Developmental Inventory

Once fully registered.
and verified...

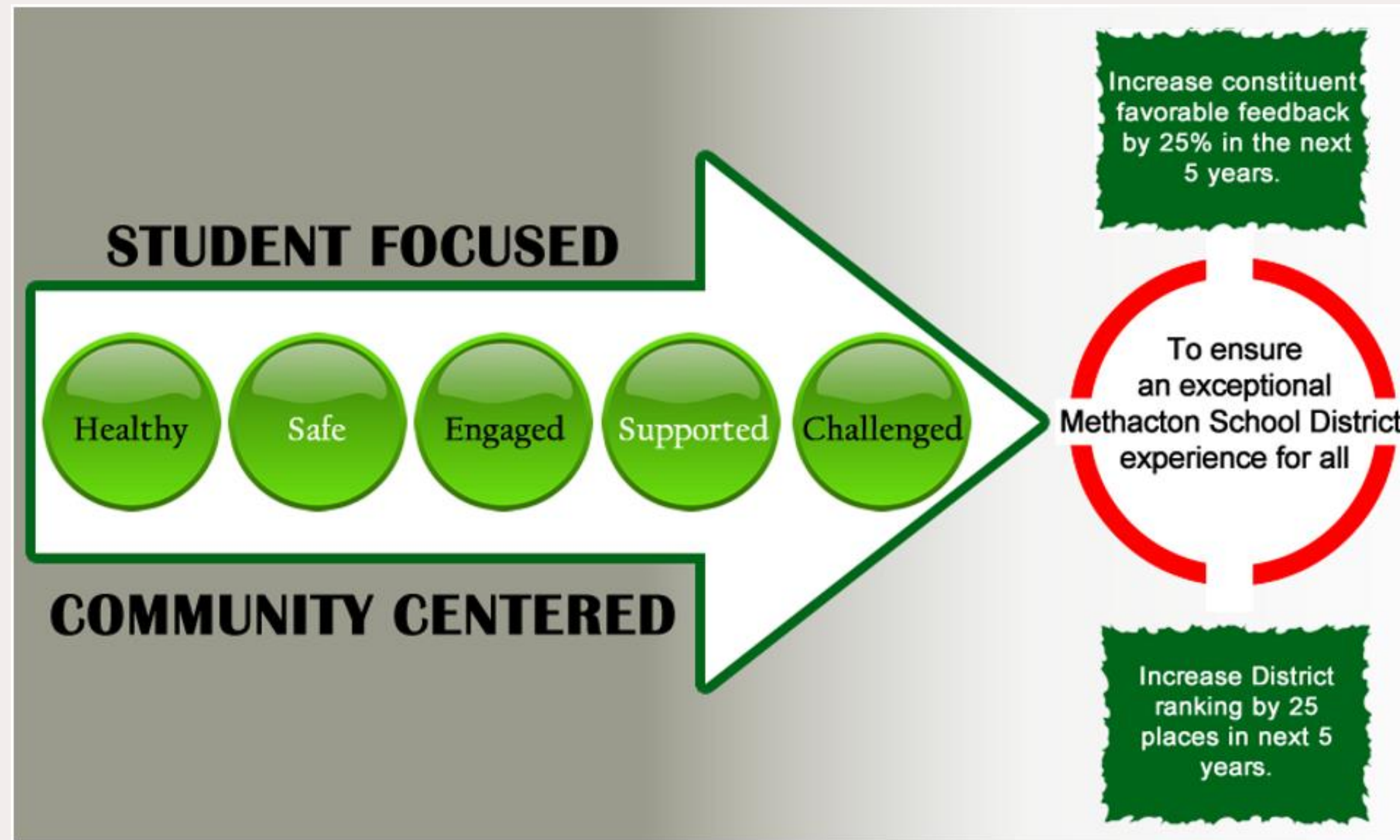


...a reading specialists will schedule a
time to meet at the school. It
typically takes about 20 minutes.

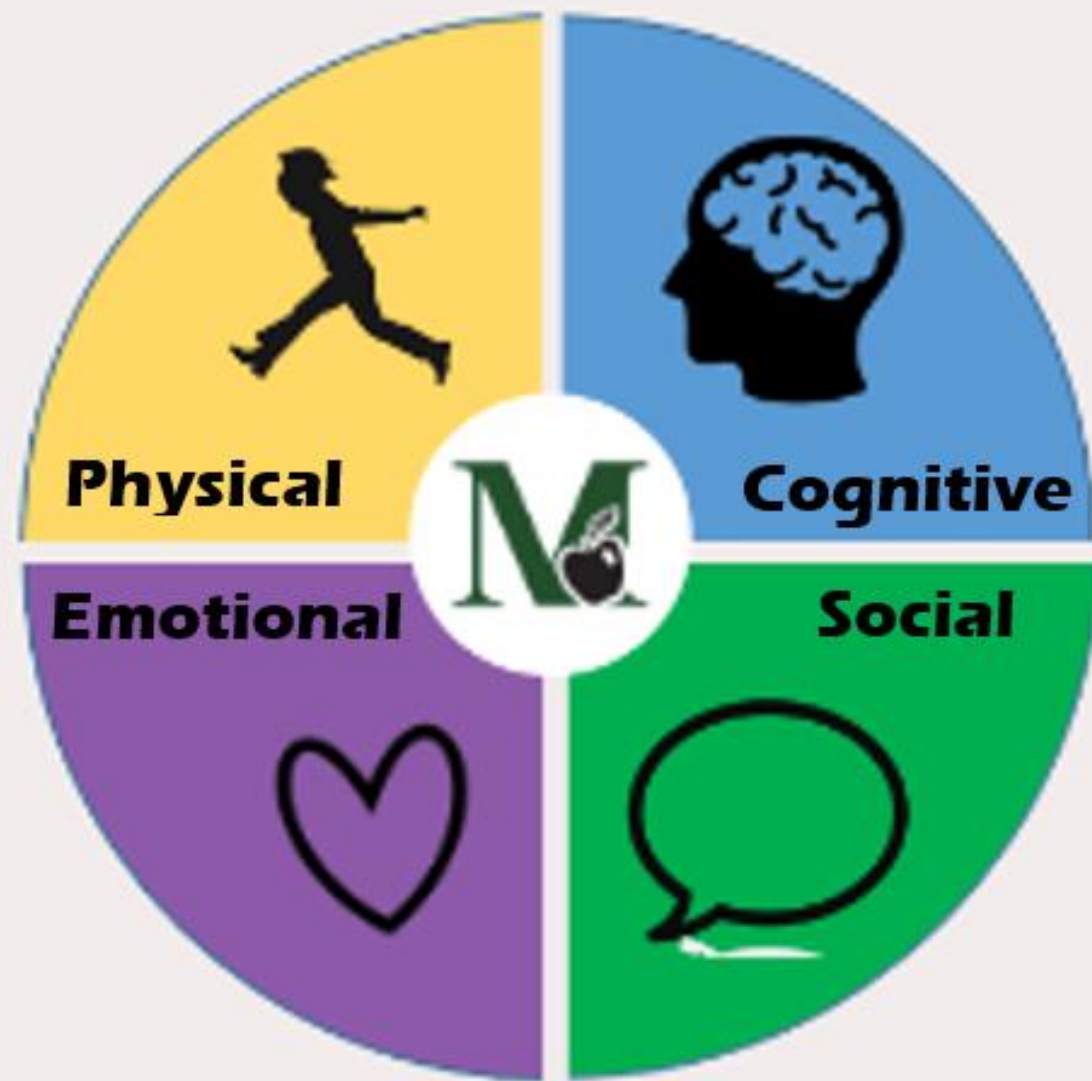


We'll get an
understanding
of your child's
letter and
number sense
to better prepare
us for the
upcoming
school year.

From Kindergarten and Beyond...



Methacton's Whole Child Approach



Social Skills

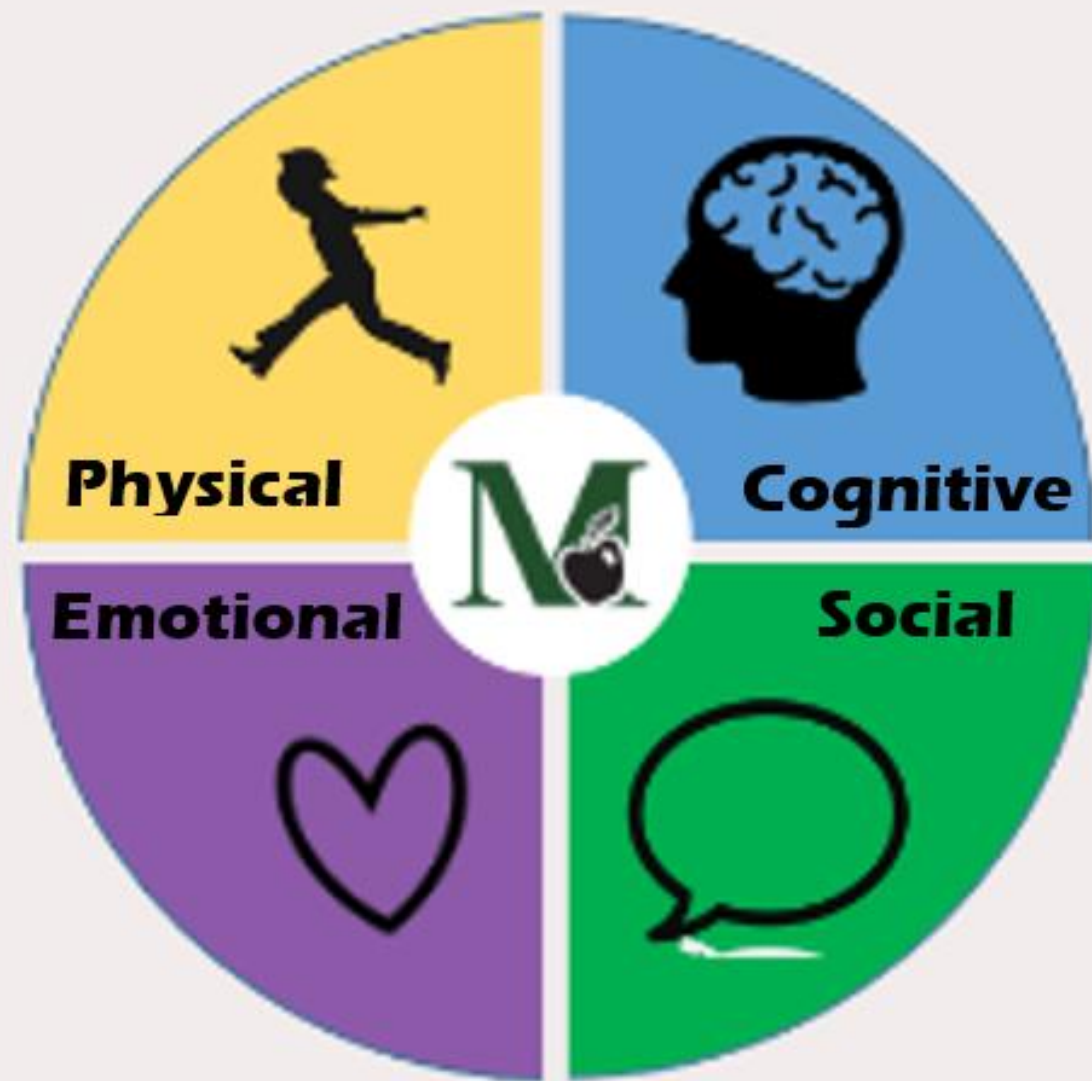
- Communication
- Managing Conflict
- Asking for help

Emotional Skills

- Managing Emotions
- Decision Making
- Goal Setting



Methacton's Whole Child Approach



Physical Skills

- Gaining Awareness
- Moving Safely
- Motor Development

Cognitive Skills

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science/Social Studies



Support in Kindergarten

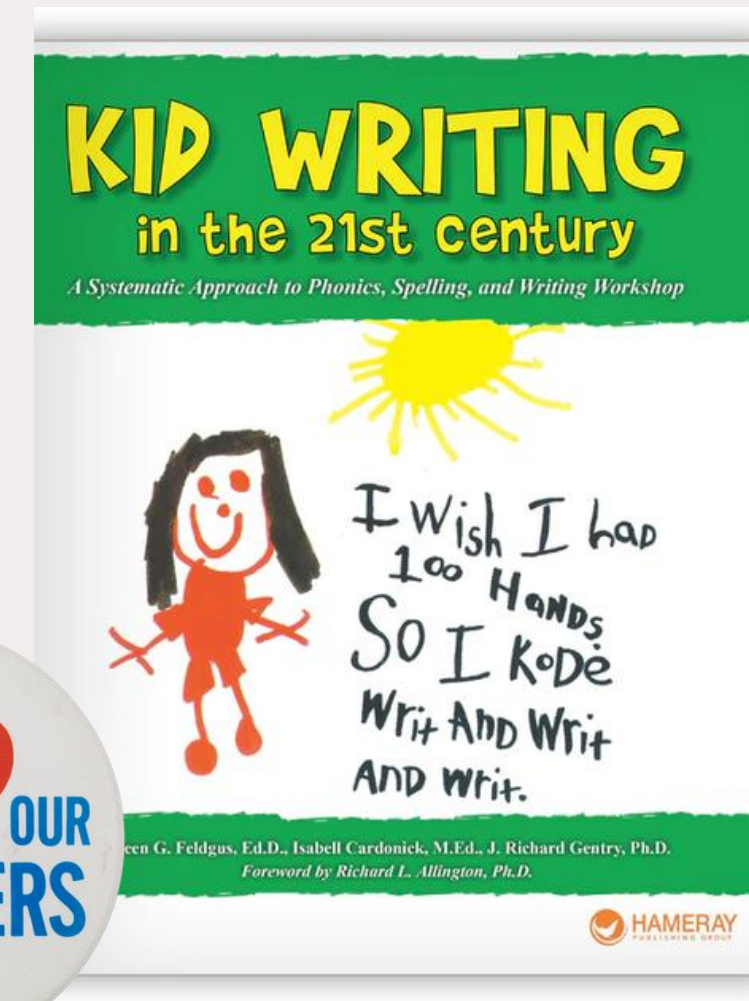
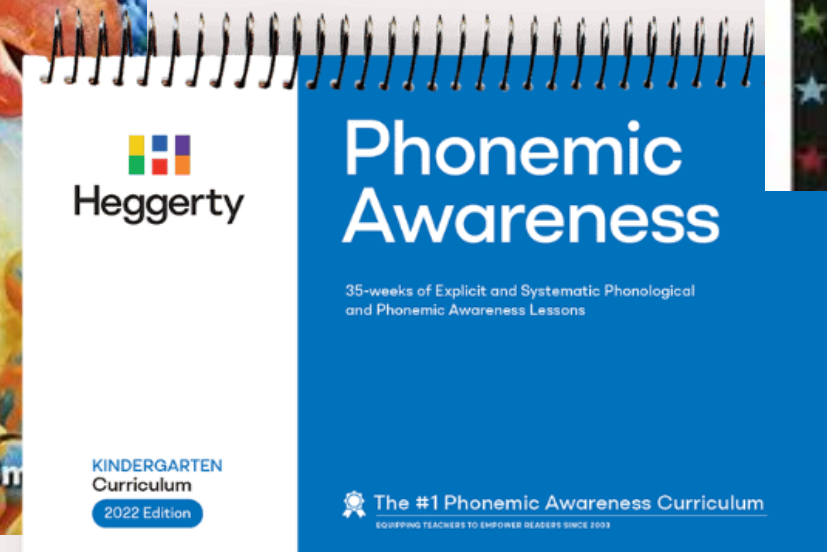
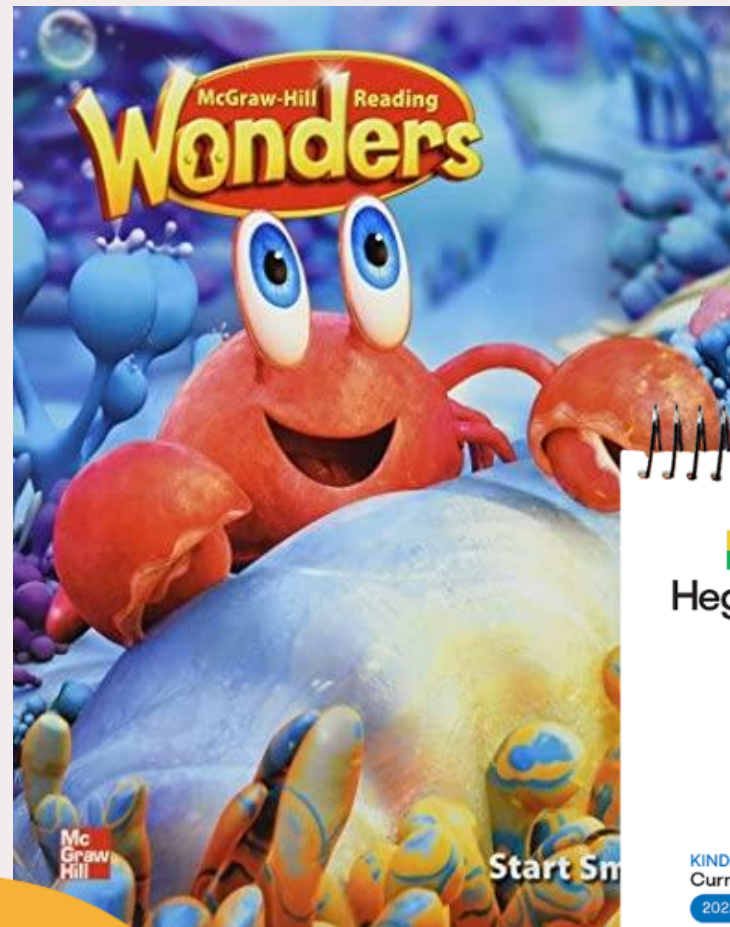
Our kindergarten program is inclusive.

- English Language Development
- Speech
- Reading Support
- Math Support
- Learning Support
- Social/Behavioral Support



**Practice -
Intervention &
Extension (PIE)**

Literacy *Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking*



90 minutes: Whole Group & Small Group Learning



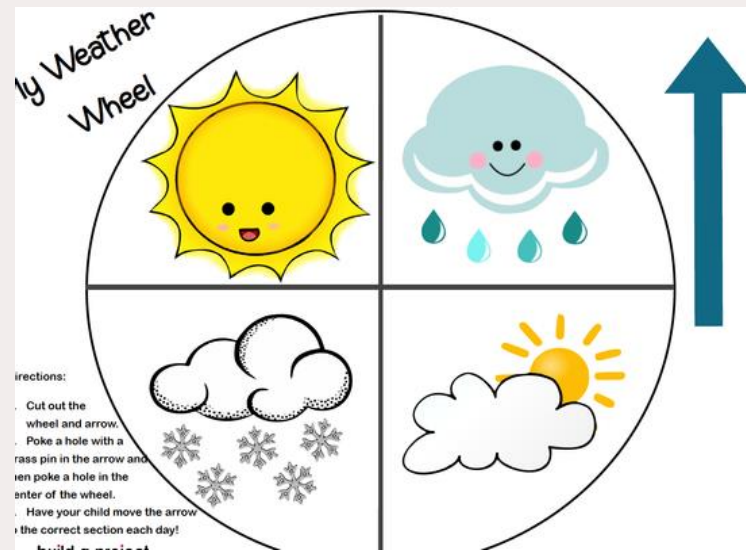
Math *Building Number Sense*



60 minutes: Whole Group, Small Group



Science & Social Studies



30- 40 minutes: Hands on & Integrated



Special Areas

ART



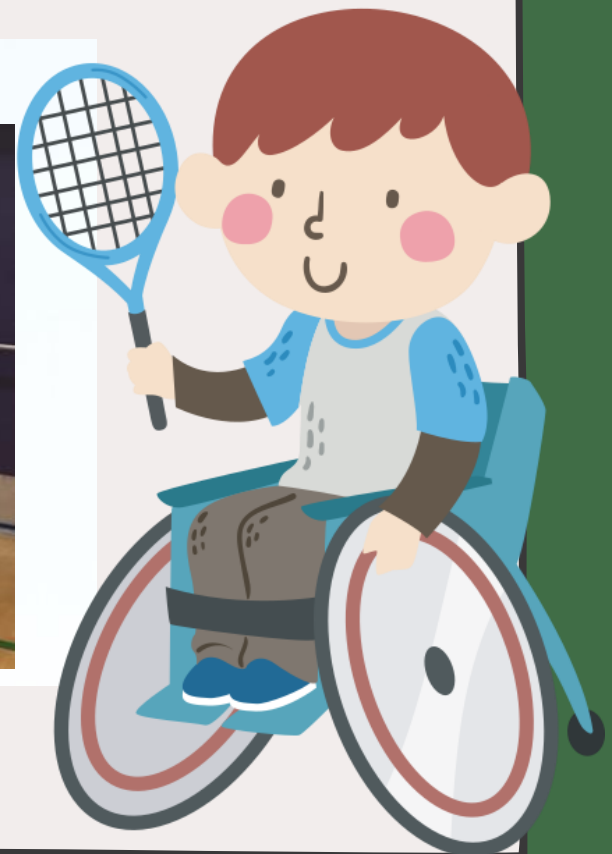
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We can't forget about.....

*I like eating
lunch in the
cafeteria!*

*Sometimes we
learn on
computers!*



*I like to play
with my
friends at
recess!*



Beginning of the Year Skills

- *Identify most letters of the alphabet visually*
- *Recognize and pronounce letter 'sounds'*
- *Recognize own name in print*
- *Write own name*
- *Familiarity with some numbers & shapes*
- *Count objects*
- *Grip a pencil correctly*
- *Use scissors, glue, and paint*



Preparing for Kindergarten



Consider...

- Story Hour @ Library
- Visit a Cafe (ie: IKEA)
- Play dates
- Make learning fun!
- Share your enthusiasm!



<div>READY... SET... kindergarten</div> <div>We're excited to have your child join us for kindergarten! Here are some fun things you can do to build readiness in the areas of reading and math. Have fun together! ☺</div>		
Try stringing your favorite cereal to make a necklace. Count as you go!	Read together and be curious. Stop and wonder what the characters are thinking or feeling. Wonder what will happen next. You'll be modeling what good readers do!	Make an obstacle course with things to go over, under, through, and around. Have your child explain how they completed the course using the directional words.
Have your child gather 10 items. Name each one and clap it out together. "Book," "Cray-on," or "Ted-dy-Bear." Hearing the syllables is important to reading readiness.	Each person balances on one foot while counting aloud together. Once someone loses their balance, that round is over. Work together to see how high you can count.	Encourage your child to use puppets, or stuffed animals, to retell a familiar story. Be sure to ask questions and celebrate their creativity and thinking.
Gather 10 things from around the house. Have your child organize them in different ways: heavy/light, big/little, soft/hard, colorful/plain, etc. Celebrate their thinking!	Do an ABC scavenger hunt in your house. Try to find as many different items that begin with the same letter as your child's first name. Try other letters too.	Use sand, shaving cream, or paint, and have your child make the numbers from 0-10. Try giving them the numbers in your address, phone number, etc.
Read that favorite book...again! Reading a book multiple times in a row is very helpful for emergent readers. It allows them to think about the story in new ways and build confidence.	Grab a ruler or tape measure. Have fun exploring and measuring items. Use words like greater, less, equal, longer, shorter, etc. to strengthen their understanding.	Take time away from technology. Watch the clouds. Jump in puddles. Have a picnic. Read and discuss books. Tell jokes.
Count when you go up and down the steps. Count by ones, twos, fives, or tens. Discuss how the number of steps doesn't change, but you get a different number based on HOW you count.	Fill a basket with items from around the house. (pillow, apple, marble, etc.) Ask your child to pick out the item that rhymes with "willow, (apple, garble", etc.) Rhyming is a very important skill for reading readiness.	Sort through your change jar together. Group the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Talk about the color, size, and value of each coin. Math is everywhere!

Ways to Get Involved...



*Get involved with your
school's Home & School!*

- Attend monthly meetings
- Volunteer for events
- Volunteer in school
 - May need clearances
- Join a committee

Go to [Konstella.com](https://www.konstella.com)



Click "Find My School."

Questions & Answers

How and when are the number of classes decided?

Enrollment is something we monitor closely to help us best prepare for the coming school year. Sometimes there are last minute changes to enrollment and classes may be added, or capped. If a grade-level is capped at one school, additional students will be sent to another one of our elementary buildings. These decisions are usually not needed until the summer or fall.

Can I request a specific teacher?

There are many factors we examine when building class lists, and the student-teacher relationship is one factor. Rather than requesting a teacher by name, please identify the characteristics you believe would best meet the needs of your child. Although we cannot guarantee anything, all requests will be considered.

Questions & Answers

How many Kindergarten classes are there?

There are currently 3-4 classes in each of our elementary schools; however, this may change due to enrollment.

What are the hours for students?

A student's day is from 8:55 am - 3:35 pm.

When is the first day of school?

Our start date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2024 – pending Board approval.



2024-25
Calendar

Questions & Answers

My child already did Kindergarten in another school?

Should they do it again at Methacton?

All students who turn 5 on, or before, September 1, 2024 are eligible for kindergarten. As parents/guardians, you will need to make this decision.

What if our family needs before & after school care?

Please see the [district link](#) for information on YMCA before and after school care.

Thank you!

We're excited to partner with you!

