



Students First
Inspire, Educate, Celebrate
The Learning Continues!

**Long Elementary/Dearborn
Public Schools Kindergarten
Round-Up and Enrollment
2024-2025**



Welcome to Kindergarten at Long Elementary



Introduction Videos-Click on the video links below to meet some of the people you will work most closely with.

[Mrs. Bartolomei-Teacher](#)

[Mrs. Newsted-Teacher](#)

[Mrs. Mardini-Early Childhood Specialist](#)

Registration for Kindergarten

How do I get the paperwork needed for registration?

- District [website](#), or Long Elementary School Office-M-F from 9:00-4:00
- [Registration Guidelines](#)

When does the paperwork have to be turned in for registration?

- As soon as possible

Who do I call if I need assistance in the registration process?

- Long School **313-827-6100**
Dearborn Student services **313-827-3005**



Long Office staff



Mrs. Deby Pierce
Long School Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Doran
School Clerk/Receptionist

Mrs. Shannon Manszewski
VLP Secretary



Information from Our District Nurses



[Click for A Message from Nurse Kelly Jungwirth](#)

- State of MI requires all Kindergarteners to have immunizations up-to-date. A copy of these immunizations needs to be provided for enrollment. The immunizations required are described here: [Vaccinations required for school entry.](#)
- Each child entering Kindergarten needs to have a physical exam. This is the form the physician should complete: [Health Appraisal Form.](#)

Information from Our District Nurses

- If a child requires medication at school, a [Medication Authorization Form](#) needs to be signed by the parent and physician.
- Please contact the school nurse with any medical conditions that may impact education or may require emergency medications. (for example: Asthma, Food Allergies, Type One Diabetes, Seizures, etc.) Health Forms can be found @ [Medications at School](#).
- When enrolling, please make sure all contact numbers are correct and the health information section is filled out completely.
- For more information, please visit the School Nurse Website @ [School Nurses](#) or contact Student Services at (313) 827-3005.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
 - Or stop into our cafeteria in the morning to have one here
- If your child is feeling sick, please keep them home.
 - Students need to be fever-free and vomit-free for 24 hours without any help from medicine

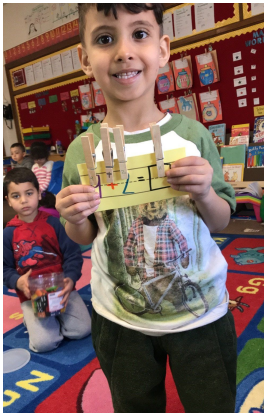


Fostering Independence at home

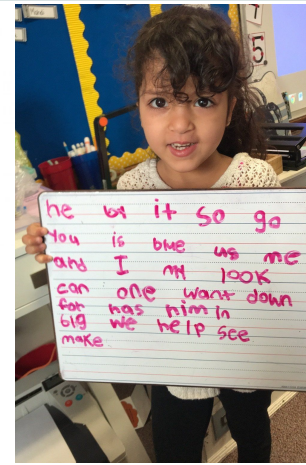
Skills to practice this summer:

- Zipping coats and backpacks
- Tying shoes
- Blowing noses
- Opening snacks and food packages
- Practice belts, suspenders, and buttoning pants
(by law we are not allowed to assist in snapping pants)
- Bathroom skills
- Using words to express their needs





Kindergarten READINESS



Please work with your child on the following...

- Orally say their first and last name
- Recognize their first and last name
- Write their first name/hold a pencil with a pincer grip
- Know if they are a packer or buyer for lunch
- Be able to dress themselves and tie shoes (otherwise wear velcro)
- Coloring, cutting and gluing
- Count, recognize, and write numbers to 10
- Recognize ALL letters of the alphabet by sight out of order (uppercase and lowercase)
- Listen and Follow one-to-two step directions

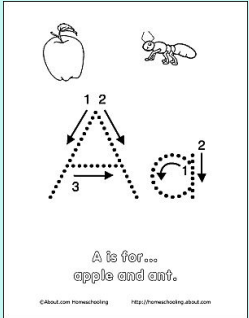
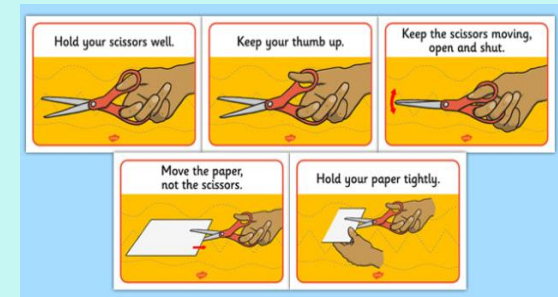
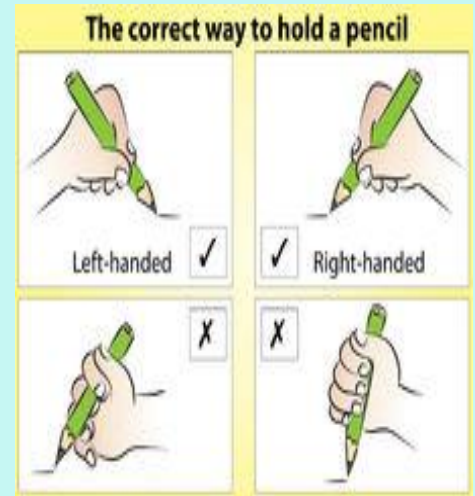
Fine Motor Skills

Habits are very hard to break so here are a few tips 😊

- Have your child practice writing their name with a capital letter in the beginning followed by lowercase letters.

- Use the pincer grip
- Write letters from top to bottom

Using scissors-Hand shake, with the thumb on top



Prepare for the School Day

- Read to your children, write and count every day
- Engage in language-talk through everyday activities
- Get to bed early so children get 10 hours of sleep
- Eat breakfast at home/come to school for breakfast
- Limit screen time



Upcoming Events

Long Elementary uses an online scheduling system, Sign Up Genius, for many different activities throughout the year. Kindergarten will be your first experience with it :)

We have two different events that we need you to sign up for to attend before the end of this school year.

The first is a visitation to Rooms 17 and 18, on Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30, at 2:00 until 2:45. Click on a date to sign up.

The second is a quick Kindergarten Readiness assessment on May 28 - 30 during our school day.. It will take about 15 - 20 minutes.



Instructional Minutes

420 minutes (7hr day) - 331 instructional minutes=89 mins. for specials/lunch/transitions throughout the day

Subject	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Enrichment and Exploration
Minutes	145	100	30	30	26

***** It is very important to have students to school on time and allow them to stay for the entire school day, so they do not miss out on content. This also allows them to get used to routines and procedures much faster*****

Homework Expectations

Your child will have some work to complete at home during the school year. This will be explained once we get our routines and expectations down in the fall.



What Is Young 5s?

- The Young 5s program is a early childhood program that is offered for children whose birthdays fall between June 15th and December 1st and need the time and opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities.
- Young 5 expectations are similar to kindergarten, with a focus on:
 - Social Emotional
 - Learning through play
 - Collaboration: sharing, problem solving, stamina
 - Literacy, numeracy, science social studies
 - Early Reading groups and strategies
 - Fine and Gross Motor skills

Why Young 5s?

- **Smaller Classroom Size**
 - More one-on-one time
 - 16/17 students/cap of 19
 - Support with social emotional needs of students
 - Focus on learning through play
- **More hands on activities**
 - Small group hands on activities
 - Small group instruction
- **The Gift of Time**
 - Learning through play and maturing

Soft Start For Kindergarten Days-

Mark your calendars

- August 26th is the first day of school and a half day for all students
- Aug 27-29 are half days for kindergarten and Y5s only. Lunch starts on Aug 27. Dismissal is at 12:05.
- Aug 30- Sept 2: the district is closed for Labor Day weekend



Great Start Readiness Program Preschool

GSRP is a free preschool program for all eligible families and is designed to give a high quality preschool experience prior to Kindergarten.

Eligibility is primarily based on family income, life experiences and child's age. If your child's birth date is between December 2, 2018 to December 1, 2019, your child may qualify for this program.

If you would like to be sent information about registration for the 2024-2025 school year please fill in the GSRP Interest Form 2023-2024 and someone will contact you as we start the registration process.

If you have any other questions please email Amy Modica modicaa@dearbornschools.org

Preschool Programs - Little, Mini and Wee Scholars, and Kids Club



The district offers the following tuition based programs here at Long Elementary:

- Little Scholars MWF 9 a.m.- noon for 4 yr olds
- Mini Scholars T/Th 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. for 3 yr olds
- Wee Scholars adult and child 18 months to 3 yrs on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons six weekly sessions.
- Kids Club Before and After School from 7 am to start of school and after school until 6 p.m.

To enroll in our programs go to our blog at

<https://iblogdearbornschools.org/earlychildhood/>

You will find pages for Registration forms, Prices and Registration Packets.

We can't wait to meet and get to know your child!

Mrs. Bartolomei, Mrs. Newsted and the Long School Community

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peterson at peterss@dearbornschools.org

