

Preschool Story Hour

http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/videos/k_options.wmv

Minnewashta Elementary School
December 6, 2011

What's Next:

- Kindergarten Information Night-January 10 6-8 PM
- Kindergarten Registration—February 2 6:00-7:45 PM
Presentations at 6:00 & 7:00
- Schedule a tour with the principal if desired:
952.401.5500

Kindergarten Options

- Ready Start Kindergarten (RSK)
- Half Day Kindergarten
- Extended Day Kindergarten
- Language Immersion
- Jr. Explorer's



Curriculum



- Academic and social learning objectives are the same for all kindergarten options.
- Hands on approach to learning.
- Curricular areas are integrated into themes.
- Minnewashta kindergarten teachers plan together.

Ready Start Kindergarten

- Designed for children with summer birthdays
- Transportation is provided
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours daily
- Activities tailored to younger attention spans
- Smaller class size
- This is a kindergarten program. Our goal is to prepare students to be able to thrive in first grade.
- English Option



Half Day Kindergarten

- Typical $\frac{1}{2}$ day of K
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours daily
- Morning and afternoon sessions
- Specials include: media, computers, art, music and movement all taught by classroom teacher
- English and Spanish Immersion



RSK/Half-Day Sample Schedule

- 8:40-9:00 Welcome Work
- 9:00-9:15 Morning Meeting
- 9:15-10:00 Language Arts/Stations
- 10:00-10:15 Snack
- 10:15-10:30 Choice Time
- 10:30-11:00 Math/Calendar
- 11:00-11:10 Get ready to go



Un típico día de Kindergarten

■ Kindergarten Medio día

- Un típico día de Kindergarten:
- 2 ½ horas de clase diarias
- Sesiones por la mañana y por la tarde
- Especialidades: Biblioteca, Laboratorio de computación, Arte, y Música.
- Curriculum en Inglés y Español (Programa de Inmersión)

■ Horario general de Medio día

- 8:40-9:00 Trabajo de bienvenida
- 9:00-9:15 Reunión de la mañana
- 9:15-10:00 Artes Lingüísticas- Centros
- 10:00-10:15 Merienda
- 10:15-10:30 Tiempo de opción libre
- 10:30-11:00 Matemáticas
- 11:00-11:10 Despedida-Autobuses





Extended Day Kindergarten with a Kindergarten Teacher

- Entire school day (almost 7 hrs) with lunch and recess
- Flexibility in schedule for enrichment
- 75 minutes of specials a week i.e., Music, Art, Phy. Ed. taught by licensed specialist
- Media and computers taught by classroom teacher
- Tuition-Based
- English & Spanish Immersion Option

Extended Day K- Sample Schedule

- 8:40-9:00 Journal
- 9:00-9:30-Morning Meeting and Message
- 9:30-10:30-Language Arts
- 10:30-11:30- Readers Workshop/Guided Reading
- 11:30-12:00- Art, Phy Ed, Music, Social Studies, Health
- 12:-12:25- Choice Time
- 12:30-12:55-Recess
- 1:00-1:25-Lunch
- 1:25-1:35-Read-A-Loud
- 1:35-2:00-Body Break/Baggie Book Reading
- 2:00-2:30-Math Centers
- 2:30-3:00-Choice Time
- 3:00-Pack Up/Bus Buddies



- Trabajo de bienvenida
- Reunión de la mañana
- Artes Lingüísticas (Lectura dirigida)
- Merienda
- Tiempo de opción libre
- Cuento del día
- Matemáticas
- Especialidades
- Recreo
- Almuerzo
- Descanso
- Estudios Sociales/Salud/Ciencias
- Reunión de la tarde
- Amigos del autobús





Jr. Explorers Club

- Provides opposite day of kindergarten enrichment activities (Excelsior)
- Transportation
- Lunch option
- Before and after school care is on site (Minnewashta/Excelsior)

How to decide?

Factors to consider

- Childcare needs/ Transitions
- Birthday
- Readiness level, Interest, Learning Profile
 - *Boom, boom, boom*
 - *Morph in and out*
- Everyone is welcome to all programs; talk with your child's pre-school teacher.
- Do what you feel is best for your child.





Questions to Ask Yourself about Immersion...

- Is learning a second language to a level of proficiency an important value in your family?
- Is the opportunity to learn a second language during elementary school a value to your family?
- Are you willing to make a six-year commitment to a language immersion program?
- Are you willing to dedicate at least 30 minutes per day to reading to your child in English?
- Are you comfortable delaying direct instruction in the English language until 3rd grade?

And remember...

Play is the work of childhood





Requirements for Kindergarten

Preschool Screening - Contact Deb Sorteberg
at 952- 401-6840

Immunizations:

5 DTPs (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)

4 Polios

3 Hepatitis B

2 MMRs (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) or date of illness

A good resource is from the MDH

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/arekidseng.pdf> verified by physician

Jean Tokar—School Nurse

Keri Freienmuth—Health Para

Merri Altieri—Health Para



On the Medical Front

- If a student needs to have medication given during the school day, either scheduled or as needed, written parent permission is required. Physician permission is also required for prescription medication. Forms are available with Jean in the commons.
- If your child has a medical condition such as severe asthma, allergies, seizures or other serious medical condition, please see Jean in the commons. She will want to start setting up an emergency plan for the fall.
- Remember: “No Shots, No School” policy.
- If you have other medical questions; see Jean in the commons.
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Reference Information

- Questions, Principal
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- District Web page
<http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/>
- Immersion Q & A
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