Our Kindergarten Philosophy

As teachers, we strive to inspire in every child a passion to excel with confidence and hope. Our goal is to help children develop an appreciation for education and achieve their highest potential. We consider ourselves lifelong learners who continually build upon our foundation by taking summer classes, attending state and national conferences and participating in district workshops. We foster a nurturing environment so your child’s kindergarten experience will be enjoyable and successful. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and working with them this fall.

Our Program:

• Welcomes each child at their current level of ability and provides developmentally-appropriate learning activities.

• Creates a child-centered curriculum that has high expectations for academic achievement and individual growth for all.

• Allows children time to explore, make discoveries, and experience enriched, hands-on activities.

• Offers an honest, respectful, caring and safe school environment that recognizes, accepts and promotes diversity.

• Encourages cooperation, teamwork and partnership in working with students, their families and faculty.

Welcome to Afton-Lakeland Elementary

KINDERGARTEN

We are excited about the adventures awaiting you and your child. Kindergarten is an important year and will build the foundation for lifelong learning. We look forward to working with you to create an enjoyable and successful school experience for your child. We strive to offer a learning environment best suited to each child’s specific needs and abilities.

Why I Teach

"I love teaching kindergarten for all of those big WOW moments they experience throughout the year. Giving them time to learn, explore, play and be kids together is the best part of kindergarten!"

– Kim Schneider

"I absolutely love teaching kindergarten because of the students. They make me laugh every day!"

– Lindsay Matthews

"I enjoy teaching because I get to see the amazing potential each child brings to a class, not to mention the amazing staff. I love kindergarten because the kids grow so much in this year. We are laying the building blocks for the rest of their formal education. I take that job very seriously!"

– Tim Hackbarth

CURIOSITY Thrives Here
Join Us for Upcoming Pre-Kindergarten Events

There are several opportunities to support your child’s transition into kindergarten. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

School Tours
December 3, 6 and 10, 2018
9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Please join us for a tour of the school. The tour offers you a chance to observe kindergarten “in action.”

Friday, March 1, 2019
9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Orientation

This event allows your child to spend some time in the kindergarten classroom with a teacher, while parents learn more about the program from the principal and support staff. A letter will be sent in February with additional information and your specific time.

Ready, Set, Go Conference

The purpose of these conferences is to help develop a student-parent-teacher relationship and give teachers and students a chance to read together. Getting to know parents/guardians and their children personally is important to us. Successful beginnings and transitions help prepare the way for successful experiences.

Opportunities to Visit Before Next Fall!

Spring Carnival
April 13, 2019, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Students and families participate in a variety of carnival games and activities, a raffle, and a silent auction. Lunch and snacks will also be available for purchase. (Sponsored by the Afton-Lakeland PTA)

Kindergarten Garden Party
May 10, 2019, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Kindergarten classes will sing songs and perform plays.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair
May 13-17, 2019,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Purchase books for summer reading. (Sponsored by the Afton-Lakeland PTA)

Afton-Lakeland PTA Meetings
Second Monday of each Month,
6:30 p.m./Media Center

A wonderful opportunity for parents/guardians to meet other families and hear first-hand about what is new at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School. Each month, you will hear from our principal, and get information regarding current and future activities, projects and programs.

Lunch at School
Daily – 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Join students for lunch in our cafeteria. Lunches may be purchased on an individual basis.

For more information regarding these events, please contact the school office at 651.351.6500.

Please check our website: stillwaterschools.org/aftonlakeland for upcoming activities and other information about Afton-Lakeland Elementary School.

Enrolling is easy!
• Go to our website stillwaterschools.org and click on “Enroll now”
• Visit us at Central Services 1875 S. Greeley St.
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