Welcome to Lake Elmo 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.

Our kindergarten philosophy

Kindergarten is a time for children to expand their love of learning, general knowledge, ability to get along with others, and interest in reaching out to the world. While kindergarten marks an important transition from preschool to the primary grades, it is important that children still get to be kids and have fun.

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.

Meet our teachers

"I teach because I love to create a life-long love of learning, and because the kids make me smile every single day!"

— Kathryn Henry

"At this age we see our students learn so many things; how to lose and win, make and keep friends, use a tissue and not a sleeve, and learn to read and write! Kindergarten is magic every day."

— Tracy Mankowski

"Teaching kindergarten is the most challenging and rewarding grade I have taught (K-6). Students love to learn and they challenge me to keep them engaged and learning all day long. When their eyes light up with an "I get it!" moment, the whole room shines!"

— Jennifer Nelson

"The "light bulb" moments... Once you have witnessed the miracle that is the learning and discovery unfolding in the five-year-old brain, nothing will ever be viewed in quite the same way again."

— Wendy Sycks

"I love teaching kindergarten because five- and six-year-olds are filled with curiosity, joy and unbridled enthusiasm. Every minute of the school day is filled with energy and often unpredictable responses to any topic."

— Sue Van Tassel
Join us for pre-kindergarten events

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

Building tours – December 2019
Tours are offered Dec. 4 at 9 a.m., Dec. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and Dec. 16 at 9:15 a.m. Tours are designed for adults only and offers you a chance to observe kindergarten in action. Call the office at 651.351.6700 to confirm which tour you will be attending or to make other arrangements.

Kindergarten Orientation
February 28, 2020
10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
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. You will receive information in early February giving you an assigned time for your orientation.

Ready, Set, Go (RSG) Conference
The purpose of the RSG conference 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.

Please visit again before next fall!
While we pride ourselves on having a warm and welcoming community at Lake Elmo Elementary, don't take our word for it. Come experience it! You’re invited to join us for any or all of these upcoming school events.

Annual Spring Carnival
April 4, 2020 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sponsored by the Lake Elmo PTA. Students and families participate in a variety of games and activities.

Spring kindergarten musical
Come enjoy this year's kindergarten class as they demonstrate their musical talent. Call for date and time.

For more information regarding the above events, please contact the school office at 651.351.6700.

Enrolling is easy!
Enrollment information is available by calling our Central Enrollment Office at 651.351.8412, visiting us at Central Services, 1875 S. Greeley St., Stillwater MN 55082 or by going to our website at stillwaterschools.org and clicking on “Enroll now.”

“I appreciate the passion the teachers have for the students. They make kindergarten a great place for our students.”
– Lake Elmo parent

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