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 children.

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.

Why I Teach

"It is so fun to work with students who are genuinely thrilled about coming to school and learning each day. Their reactions (to just about anything) are always enthusiastic and often unpredictable. They keep me on my toes and they help me to keep a smile on my face all day every day!"

— Kim Johnson

"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

"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

"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

"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

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.

Building Tours – December 2018
During the month we will be giving tours of our building during the school day. Please call our office at 651.351.6700 to reserve a spot.
Tours are offered Dec. 6 at 10 a.m., Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. and Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.

If none of these times work for you we'll arrange something that does! The tour offers you a chance to observe our program "in action" and see our facility.

Kindergarten Orientation
March 1, 2019
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 Conference
• Opportunity for children to meet their teachers and become familiar with their surroundings before the first day of school.
• Assessments for all incoming kindergarten students.

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.

Art Fair
March 28, 2019 – 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Our hallways have become an art gallery. Come and check out the colorful display.

Annual Spring Carnival
April 6, 2019 – 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.”

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