



Beginnergarten

Beginnergarten is our school's alternate kindergarten program. This program is an option for children who are chronologically "old enough" to attend kindergarten, but from a developmental standpoint, may be too "young" for a structured kindergarten curriculum. Students enrolled in Beginnergarten will work on academic skills, but the main focus will be social and emotional development.

Reasons for recommending a child for Beginnergarten:

- To meet specific needs of children age appropriate for kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 15), but lacking in one or more of the following major areas: **social, emotional, and/or academic.**
- To create a positive self-image in a learning environment
- To develop socially to a level that demonstrates age-appropriate behaviors

****It is assumed that a year of Beginnergarten is followed by a year of full day regular kindergarten.***

Parents who are interested in Beginnergarten should indicate their interest on the kindergarten questionnaire, along with a letter of recommendation from the child's preschool teacher and/or a brief description as to why their child should be considered for Beginnergarten. This has already been obtained for students who currently attend preschool at Lakeview. Notification for beginnergarten acceptance will be sent on Thursday, April 10, 2025. Once notified, parents will have until Friday, April 18th to accept or decline their child's seat in the program. Any declined seats will be offered to the next family on the waitlist.

Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Westlund if you have any questions.

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