



Kindergarten Roundup



Arts Integrated



Family Focused



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Welcome to WMAAA!

Proud To Be:

**Arts Integrated
Family Focused
Tuition Free
Community Centered**



Traditional Kindergarten

Vertically aligned curriculum.

Aligned with state content expectations.

Challenging, differentiated,
project driven, and fun!

Real-world connected both in and through the
arts and technology.

Smaller class sizes

Transitional Kindergarten

Specialized Connect 4 Learning curriculum.

Allows kids additional time to develop
academically and socially.

Multiple daily opportunities for children to play,
explore, create and learn social skills.

Real-world connected both in and through the
arts and technology.

Smaller class size with a classroom aide



Traditional Kindergarten

Curriculum

Reading

Workshop Units of Study

Instruction is targeted to support all stages of reading development

In kindergarten, your students begin to establish their identities as readers while they build the foundational skills for reading

Units

- We Are Readers - developing concepts of print, phonemic awareness, phonics, and the knowledge necessary to use story language to support their approximations of reading
- Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Sight Word Power
- Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscle; focus on accuracy, fluency, and comprehension
- Becoming Avid Readers: Fiction/Non-Fiction/Poetry

Writing

Workshop Units of Study

Instruction is targeted to support all stages of writing development.

Kindergarten units begin with helping children approximate writing by drawing and labeling in all-about books and then in stories

Units

- Launching the Writing Workshop - labeling their drawings
- Writing for Readers - helps children write true stories. Writing read-able words.
- How-To Books: Writing to Teach Others - informational how-to texts.
- Persuasive Writing of All Kinds - Using Words to Make a Change...petitions, persuasive letters, and signs

Math

Math Expressions

Counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s

1 to 1 Correspondence

Number Sense

Number Writing 1-20

Addition 0-5

Subtraction 0-5

Sort Objects

Shapes - geometric and solid

Measurement

Graphing

Science

Mystery Science

Weather Watching

Plants & Animals

Force Olympics

Health

Food Groups

Dental Health

Healthy Lifestyles/Hygiene

Social Studies

Getting Along

Who am I?

Where am I?



Transitional Kindergarten

Curriculum



a research-based, interdisciplinary curriculum that is comprised of six units and 32 weeks of learning centers and lessons

Language & Literacy

Authentic Literacy

Hearing and using new words
Reading children's books
Learning about the parts of a book and about authors and illustrators
Learning about rules for print
Words that rhyme
Beginning sounds in words
Reading and writing how-to texts
Making informed guesses based on what they already know
Fairy Tales
Comparing and contrasting real and imaginary stories
Stating and Supporting Opinions
Learning from and creating Informational text
Sequence of events
Supporting opinions

Engaging Math

Learning Trajectories

Working with Numbers
Counting from 0 to 10
Counting aloud
Counting objects
Comparing and contrasting 2-D and 3-D shapes
Plus one patterns
Recognizing small quantities without counting
Duplicating and extending patterns
Adding to and subtracting from patterns
More advanced counting strategies
Early addition and subtraction concepts

Science

Connected Learning Experiences

The 5 Senses
Resources, Animals, plants, and earth features
Comparing and Contrasting
Predicting and observing
Record keeping
Exploring forms and functions of objects through experiments, games and activities
Observing shapes and uses of objects and how they move
Dinosaurs
Museums
Growth of things over time
Plants and Animals
How people grow food

Social-Emotional Development

The Pyramid Model

Classroom expectations: Be safe, be kind, be a team player
Identifying problems
Choosing good solutions
Recognizing feelings and their causes in themselves and others
Talking about anger and learning good ways to calm down when angry
Problem solving with emotions
Managing strong emotions
Understanding Social Problems
Creating new solutions
Thinking of ways to cooperate

A day in the life of a kindergartener...

Arrival/Seat Work
Morning Meeting
Move this World
Reader's Workshop
UFLI
Fab 5 - Literacy Stations
Arts
Recess/Lunch
Read Aloud
Writer's Workshop
Math
Science/Social Studies
Pack-up/Recess
Dismissal

a day in the life of a TK student...

Morning Manipulatives
Interactive Read Aloud
Learning Centers
Connect
Small Groups
Bathroom/Snack Time
Fast Focus
Project Time
Recess/Lunch
Interactive Read Aloud
Rest Time
Arts
Snack
Recess
Dismissal

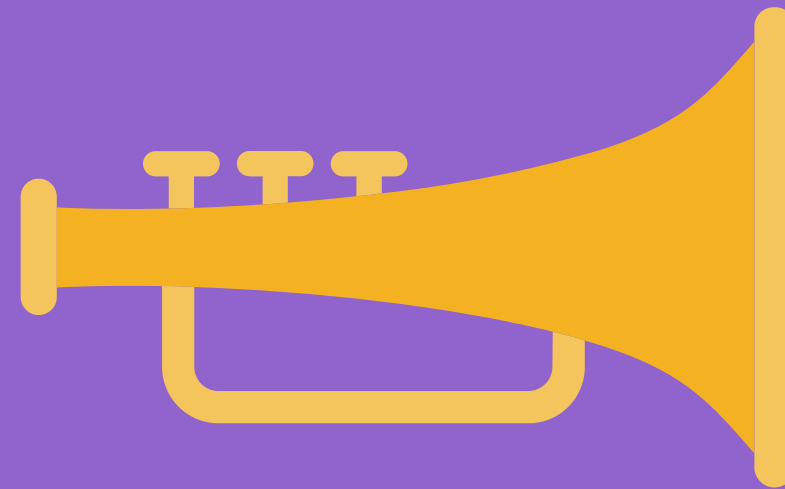
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Arts



Daily Arts Classes

Art integration is used in our early elementary program (K - 3rd grade) as children gain an appreciation of all of the art forms we offer - dance, drama, visual arts, vocal music and instrumental music. Students attend one of these enriching arts classes every day of the week!



Arts Integration

Arts integration is a powerful tool to teach children and for children to learn! This school uses art to instruct and deepen children's understandings of curricular content as well as the world around them.



Early Elementary

We use the arts in the general education classroom as well as teaching common core curriculum in our arts classes. For instance, students may be learning about butterflies in science in the classroom. They may learn to dance a metamorphosis dance in dance class, sing a song about butterfly migration in music, and act out butterfly motions in their drama class. In this way, we are teaching our core subjects in a way that promotes better and deeper understandings for our students.





Communication

We understand the importance of staying connected!

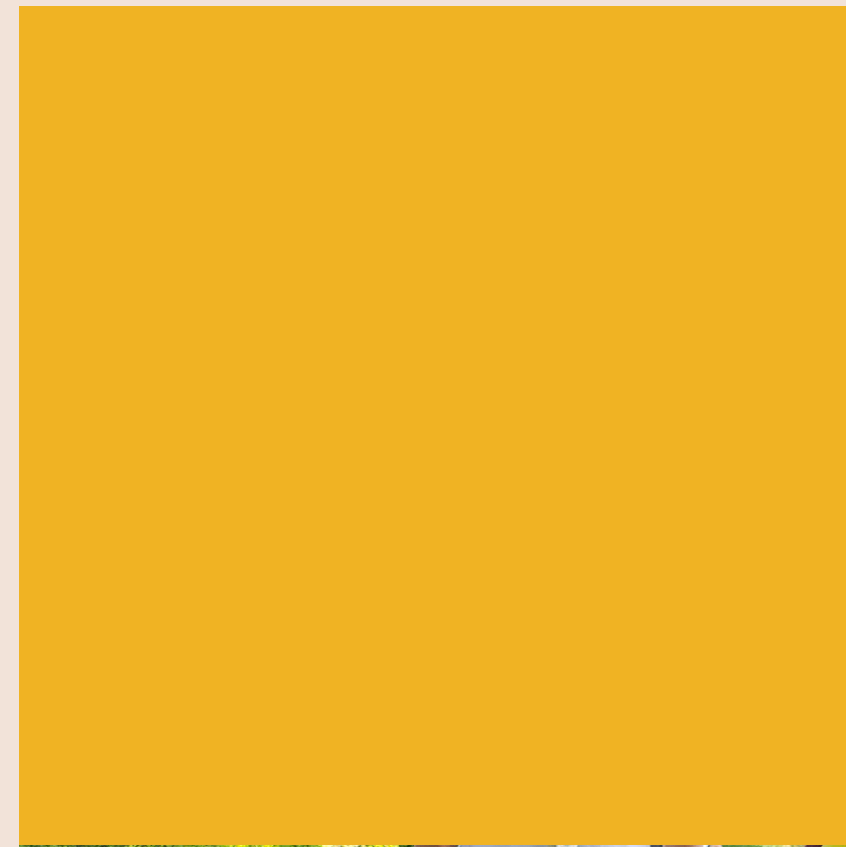
What to expect

- Daily "Go Home" Folder
- Teacher Emails
- Digital Class Newsletters through Dojo or email
- Class Dojo App
- Parent-Teacher Conferences



Special Events

Kinder Kamp
Classroom Parties
Field Trips-Academic and Arts Focused
Festival of Arts Week
Talent Show
100th Day of School
March is Reading Month
Winter and Spring Performances





Volunteering

We love our volunteers!

Opportunities

- Field Trips
- Classroom Helpers
- PTSO
- Mystery Readers





Transportation

WMAAA does not provide busing.

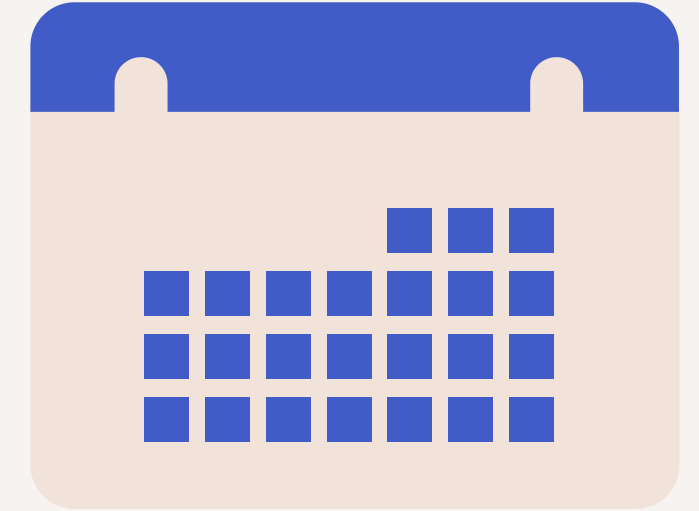
Options

- Parent Drop-off and Pick-up
- Harbor Transit
- Carpooling (not school sponsored)



Enrollment

IMPORTANT DATES



Feb 27 – Mar 8

Family Re-enrollment

Mar 11 – Mar 22

Open Enrollment

Visit www.westmichiganacademy.org/enroll

April 26

Public Random Selection Lottery (if necessary)

April 29

Welcome email to all new families

Summer 2024

Kindergarten Screening

Week before school

Whole School Meet, Greet, Find Your Seat

Day before school

Kinder Kamp



Questions?

Please ask any questions you may have!

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