



Half-Day 5yo Kindergarten

Our curriculum has been developed in-house to prepare children for the academic rigors of Granite's 1st grade. Most children who enter as five year olds will learn to read Level 1 (first grade) early readers by the end of the year. We present a comprehensive phonics program that requires parents to purchase the consumable workbook, and an inexpensive series of early readers (Veritas Press' Phonics Museum).

Daily Routine (Monday & Wednesday Mornings)

- K-Chapel: Bible Memory (Luke 2:1-4 Fall; Luke 24:1-9 Spring)
Hymn of the Month
Bible Story
- Circle Time: Calendars, weather, sharing, discussion of monthly these (reverence, orderliness, thankfulness, kindness, love, peacefulness, patience, steadfastness;)
- Phonics Instruction: Group lesson followed by individual worksheet(s) on letter recognition, handwriting, decoding skills, sight words.
Phonics Show & Tell (Mondays)
- Math Instruction: Manipulative based explorations of sums that equal up to 20 and differences from 20 and fewer.
- Science/Nature Explorations: (Mondays)
Outdoors-weather permitting (Seasons, seeds, weather, physics)
Indoors (Personal Hygiene, Nutrition)
- Fitness (Wednesdays only as Fitness alternates with Monday Science/Nature)
Outdoors-weather permitting (Games, drills, large motor)
- Story Time: Read-alouds that emphasize our monthly themes, science or history topics.
- Art: Various process-based art experiences. (Wednesdays only-Alternates with Show & Tell)

On non-Granite days (Tuesday *and* Thursday or Friday) we provide approximately one hour of **phonics and math home assignments** to be completed at home under parent supervision. We encourage parents to schedule enrichment activities (play dates, private lessons, sports teams, etc.) on the remaining day each week.

Additionally, we require parents to read-aloud to their children for at least 15 minutes every day (including Granite days.) Parents may repeat our classroom read-alouds at home (bibliography provided) or parents may read from other quality children's literature as desired.

- Age Eligibility: Families with a child who will reach his or her 5th birthday by the first day of the Fall Semester are encouraged to apply for admission. Families with a child who will reach his 5th birthday between Sept 1 and Dec 1 may apply for conditional admission and should also schedule a shadow-day during the previous Spring term. Families with children who turn 5 after Dec 1 are encouraged to present a K4 program at home, delaying application for admission to Granite until the following school year.
Exceptions to this policy are unlikely.