

Kindergarten Roundup



Arts Integrated



Family Focused



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Academy of Arts & Academics





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.

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.



Traditional Kindergarten

Curriculum

Reading

Workshop Units of Study

Instruction is targeted to support all stages of reading development

Stages of Reading

- Pre-emergent-concepts of print
- Emergent-recognizing letters and words, letter to sound relationships
- Early-tracking and decoding
- Independent-fluent, reading for meaning

Assessed three times per year

Additional supports for struggling students

Home/School Reading Connection

Writing

Workshop Units of Study

Instruction is targeted to support all stages of writing development

Stages of Writing

- Pre-emergent-scribble stage, beginning letter formation, mock letters
- Emergent-letter strings, groups of letters to resemble words, picture labeling
- Early-copies environmental print, uses first letters to represent the word, uses beginning and ending letters to represent word
- Independent-hears and includes medial sounds, phrase writing, whole sentence writing.

Math

Math Expressions

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

1 to 1 Correspondence

Number Sense

Number Writing

Addition

Subtraction

Shapes

Measurement

Graphing

Science

Mystery Science

Weather Watching

Plants & Animals

Force Olympics

Health

Food Groups

Dental Health

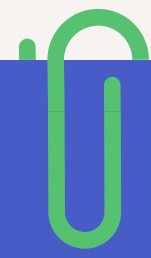
Healthy Lifestyles/Hygiene

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

involves reading and writing texts for the same purposes within school as outside of school. Reading is primarily for the purpose of learning information and to accomplish specific tasks, rather than simply to learn literacy skills such as phonics and vocabulary. Studies show that children who are exposed to more authentic literacy activities achieve at a higher rate in reading and writing informational and procedural texts in science.

Engaging Math

Learning Trajectories

This approach supported by the National Science Foundation emphasizes the math concepts within and extended from children's natural activity through the use of engaging stories and activities. Curriculum lessons are based on children's experiences and interests with an emphasis on supporting mathematical thinking and reasoning. Recent studies indicate the power of the learning-trajectories approach for math achievement, with especially promising results not only in mathematics performance but also on oral-language scales.

Science

Connected Learning Experiences

are rarely offered, and when they are, they are all too often stand-alone activities that do not foster deep engagement and learning. Developed by early childhood educators and developmental psychologists, Preschool Pathways to Science (PrePS) is a science-based curricular planning framework that encourages children to think critically about a particular science concept for an extended period of time.

Social-Emotional Development

The Pyramid Model

provides guidance for early childhood educators on the use of effective, research-based instructional practices and behavior supports for all children, including those with severe behavioral challenges. The Pyramid is a framework of practices rather than a specific curriculum. As such, it can be seamlessly integrated into an interdisciplinary curriculum with an adaptive approach that is uniquely tailored to the characteristics of the context and individual needs of the children within that setting.

A day in the life of a kindergartener...

Arrival/Seat Work
Morning Meeting/Math Routine
Reader's Workshop
Snack/Bathroom Break
Fantastic 4 Learning Centers
Writer's Workshop
Lunch/Recess
Arts
Phonics
Math
Snack/Clean-up
Pack-up/Recess
Science/Social Studies
Dismissal

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

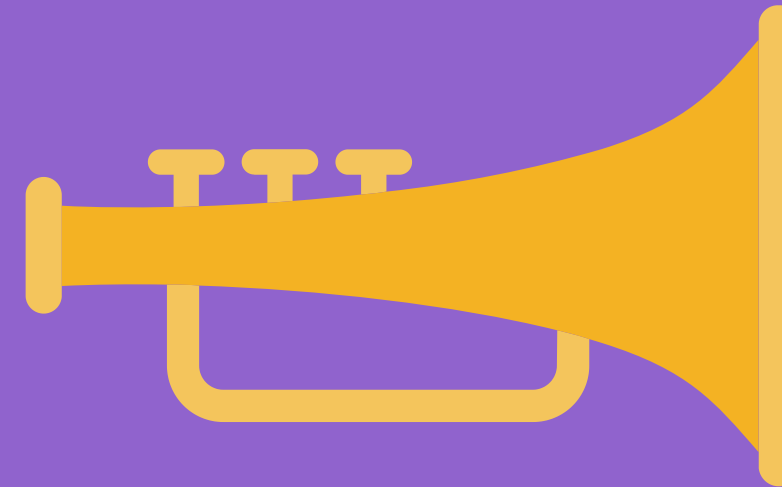
Arrival
Read Aloud
Bathroom Break/Snack
Connect
Learning Centers/Small Groups
Recess/Lunch
Arts
Read Aloud
Rest Time/Bathroom Break
Fast Focus
Project Time
Snack
Pack-up/Recess
Dismissal

Arts



Early Elementary

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.



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.



Personalized Education

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!

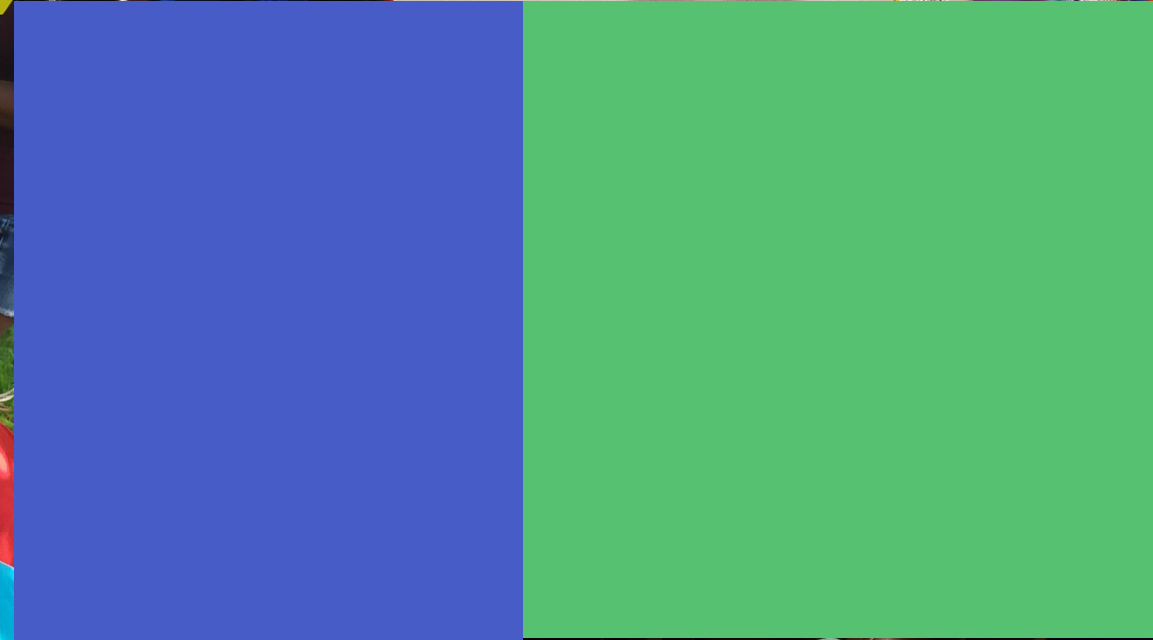
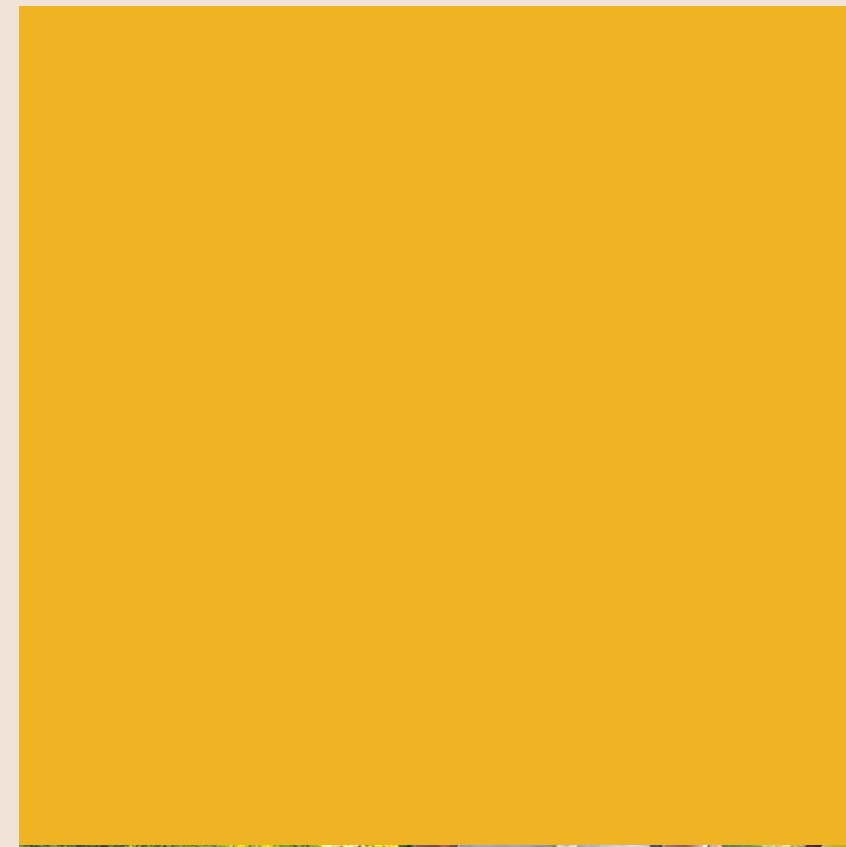
What to expect

- Daily "Go Home" Folder
- Teacher Emails
- Class Newsletters
- School Communication Apps
- Parent-Teacher Conferences



Special Events

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





Volunteering

We love our volunteers!

Opportunities

- Field Trips
- Classroom Helpers
- PTSO
- WATCH Dogs





Transportation

WMAAA does not provide busing.

Options

- Parent Drop-off and Pick-up
- Carpool to School app
- Harbor Transit

Please note that this option is currently suspended due to COVID restrictions.



Enrollment

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 22 – Mar 5

Family Re-enrollment

Mar 8 – Mar 19

Open Enrollment

Visit www.westmichiganacademy.org/enroll

March 26

Random Selection Lottery (if necessary)

March 29

Welcome email to all new families

May/June 2021

Kindergarten Screening

Early August 2021

Kinder Kamp

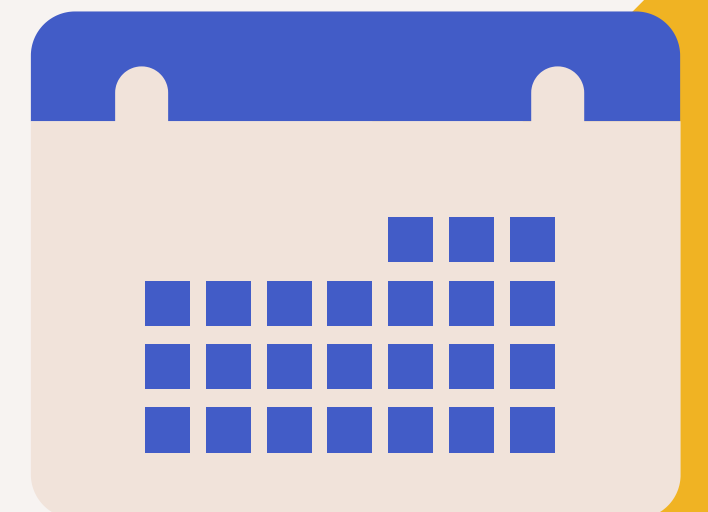
Week before school

Whole School Open House

Schedule a Tour!

CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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Questions?

Please ask any questions you may have!

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