

4K Curriculum and Instruction

Grafton School District

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

Social and Emotional Development

Students work to develop social and emotional skills through interactions with peers and adults. Essential skills include developing self-control, taking turns, sharing, and cooperation.

Approaches to Learning

Students will demonstrate persistence during activities and build upon their stamina throughout the course of the year. Children will explore imaginatively and inventively through self-expression.

Health and Physical Development

Children will learn self-care skills leading to increased independence. Children will gain precision of movement through fine motor activities and strength, speed, and coordination through gross motor activities.

Language Development and Communication

Children will listen, speak, read, write, and draw to express their thinking. Students will gain essential foundational literacy skills through exploration of books, singing, poetry, and exploring concepts of print.

Cognition and General Knowledge

Students will engage in mathematical and logical thinking through play, exploration, and direct instruction. Children will investigate ideas, count, recognize patterns, and solve problems with one another.

Best Practices in Teaching and Learning

The teaching and learning focus of 4K in the Grafton School District includes:

- ✓ Providing active learning opportunities through play based and explicit teaching and learning experiences.
- ✓ Utilizing robust learning centers and hands-on opportunities to explore real world objects, engage in dramatic play, and build foundational social and academic skills.
- ✓ Ensuring a print rich environment with opportunities for children to read, listen to, and respond to books. Students will explore concepts of print including letter names and letter sounds. Students will recite poems, sing songs, and notice print in their environment.
- ✓ Celebrating the start to life-long learning, growth, and success for each child, based on individual learning needs and characteristics.
- ✓ Connecting deeply with parents and families through valuable and relevant outreach opportunities.



The Grafton learning community exists to prepare learners for a dynamic tomorrow.

4K children in the Grafton School District work towards securing and mastering the following skills by the end of the year:

Social and Emotional Development

- ✓ Engages and interacts appropriately in play with peers (takes turns, shares, and accepts change made by peers with ease).
- ✓ Maintains personal space.
- ✓ Displays age appropriate self-control.
- ✓ Uses peaceful strategies to solve a conflict.
- ✓ Manages classroom rules, routines and transitions with occasional reminders.
- ✓ Recognizes feelings of others in situations and responds appropriately.
- ✓ Exhibits confidence when approaching experiences and activities.
- ✓ Takes responsibility for the classroom space, classroom materials, and personal belongings.

Approaches to Learning

- ✓ Persists with self-initiated activities.
- ✓ Engages in sustained imaginative play and inventive thinking.
- ✓ Explores various creative self-expression: music, art, movement.

Health and Physical Development

- ✓ Demonstrates basic self-care
- ✓ Controls marker, crayon, and/or pencil with efficient grasp.
- ✓ Cuts lines and curves with scissors using proper grasp.
- ✓ Manipulates a variety of materials and objects (e.g. stacks and builds, strings beads, sets puzzles, imitates hand actions)
- ✓ Moves safely with purpose and coordination.
- ✓ Recognizes uppercase and lowercase letters.

Language Development and Communication

- ✓ Makes letter sound connections.
- ✓ Recognizes rhyme.
- ✓ Recognizes words that begin with the same sound.
- ✓ Print Concepts: Demonstrates and understanding of how print and books work.
- ✓ Comprehension: Retells a familiar story in sequence.
- ✓ Writes first name.
- ✓ Draws pictures and/or writes scribbles, letter-like forms, or letters to represent words and ideas.
- ✓ Uses language to express wants, needs, ideas, and feelings in complete sentences.
- ✓ Listens to and completes actions based on single and multi-step directions.

Cognition and General Knowledge

- ✓ Asks questions, seeks information, and investigates ideas to satisfy curiosity.
- ✓ Sorts and/or describes objects by size, shape, color, or use.
- ✓ Identifies common shapes: circle, square, rectangle, triangle, heart, and star.
- ✓ Responds to positional words to indicate space and location: in, on, under, up, down, beside, etc.
- ✓ Recognizes, extends, and creates simple patterns.
- ✓ Consistently counts aloud to 20 or more.
- ✓ Counts a set of 10 or more objects.
- ✓ Recognizes and names numerals 0-10.

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