

## **Kindergarten Curriculum – Mokena Elementary School**

*Mokena Elementary School offers both a half-day and a full-day kindergarten program which allows parents to choose the option which would be most beneficial for their child. Students who participate in the half-day program are taught the same curriculum as those who participate in the full-day program. The core curriculum, listed below by subject, is presented during the morning hours. The afternoon hours are used for review and reinforcement.*

### **Reading/Language Arts/Writing**

The Macmillan McGraw Hill Reading series introduces beginning reading concepts, focuses on readiness, and provides shared reading opportunities. Big and Little Books, phonics instruction, and read-aloud stories are used. Through the use of these materials Kindergarten students will develop an understanding of phonetics, vocabulary and comprehension by:

- Recognizing and naming upper case letters
- Recognizing and naming lower case letters
- Associating sounds with letters
- Using pictures to comprehend meaning
- Recalling the beginning, middle and ending of a story
- Responding to literature with questions and comments in full sentences
- Reading specific sight words
- Dictating words/sentences to be written
- Understanding the difference between statements and questions
- Will write a simple sentence

Opportunities for oral language development, writing, and reading, creative drama, music, art and cross-curricular activities make this a truly integrated program.

### **Handwriting**

Penmanship will be developed through the use of D'Nealian handwriting materials. Kindergarten students use writing and/or dictation with illustrations to express themselves. Students will:

- Communicate through words and pictures
- Capitalize the first word of a sentence
- Write left-to-right
- Space between words

### **Speaking**

Students will use language and express opinions. They will become more fluent and extend their vocabulary. Students will:

- Present material orally
- Participate in discussions
- Speak in complete sentences during classroom discussions and the retelling of stories

### **Listening**

Kindergarten students listen for understanding. They will:

- Follow two to three step directions
- Follow directions in the sequence given
- Listen and respond appropriately

### **Social Studies**

Social Studies is incorporated within the Language Arts curriculum. Students will learn certain rules about behavior, such as working with and playing with others. They will learn respect for others and their property, as well as learning what it means to become responsible citizens of the world.

### **Math**

The Scott Foresman enVision Mathematics series introduces a variety of concepts. Kindergarten students will learn the following skills:

- Count, read and recognize numbers to 100
- Skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's
- Count with understanding and recognize "how many" in sets of objects (0-10)
- Count forward/backward from any starting point (0-20)
- Write the numbers 0-20
- Organize by sorting and classifying
- Recognize and continue a simple pattern
- Identify basic shapes and draw simple shapes
- Explore geometry in everyday activities
- Introduce measurement using nonstandard units
- Learn math related calendar activities
  - apply language of calendars (yesterday, today, tomorrow)
  - days of the week
  - months of the year
  - learn how many days in a week and a year
- Seriation and ordering objects (ex. smallest to largest)
- Describe relative positions (inside, outside, on, under, etc.)
- Explore problem-solving in math

### **Science**

Science is incorporated within the Language Arts curriculum. Students will learn simple scientific concepts such as weather, animals, health, plants, and transportation.

### **Physical Education**

- Demonstrate control when performing fundamental locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills
- Understand spatial awareness and relationships to objects and people
- Follow directions and class procedures while participating in physical activities

### **Art**

In kindergarten, students will have the opportunity to explore various art forms. Students will:

- Identify elements of line, shape, and texture
- Use a variety of art mediums
- Create individual works of art
- Learn the proper use of scissors, glue and other art utensils

### **Music**

Kindergarten students will learn:

- Basic pitch elements
- Performance technique
- To distinguish sounds
- Simple instruments
- Steady beat and tempo through use of rhythm patterns