

# Indian Prairie School District 204 Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

**March 2015**

# What is a kindergartner like?



Needs movement

Short attention span; thus, needs smaller chunks of instruction

Enjoys books

Has great potential for language development at this time

Enjoys hearing stories read aloud

Needs time to explore

Needs social skill modeling and practice

Wants to play

Copies other's behavior

Enjoys Spending time with peers

Enjoys spending time with adults

Is open and honest

Has potential for significant developmental growth

Has open sense of humor

May be anxious about school

Excited about school

Absorbs information like a sponge

Motivated by positive reinforcement

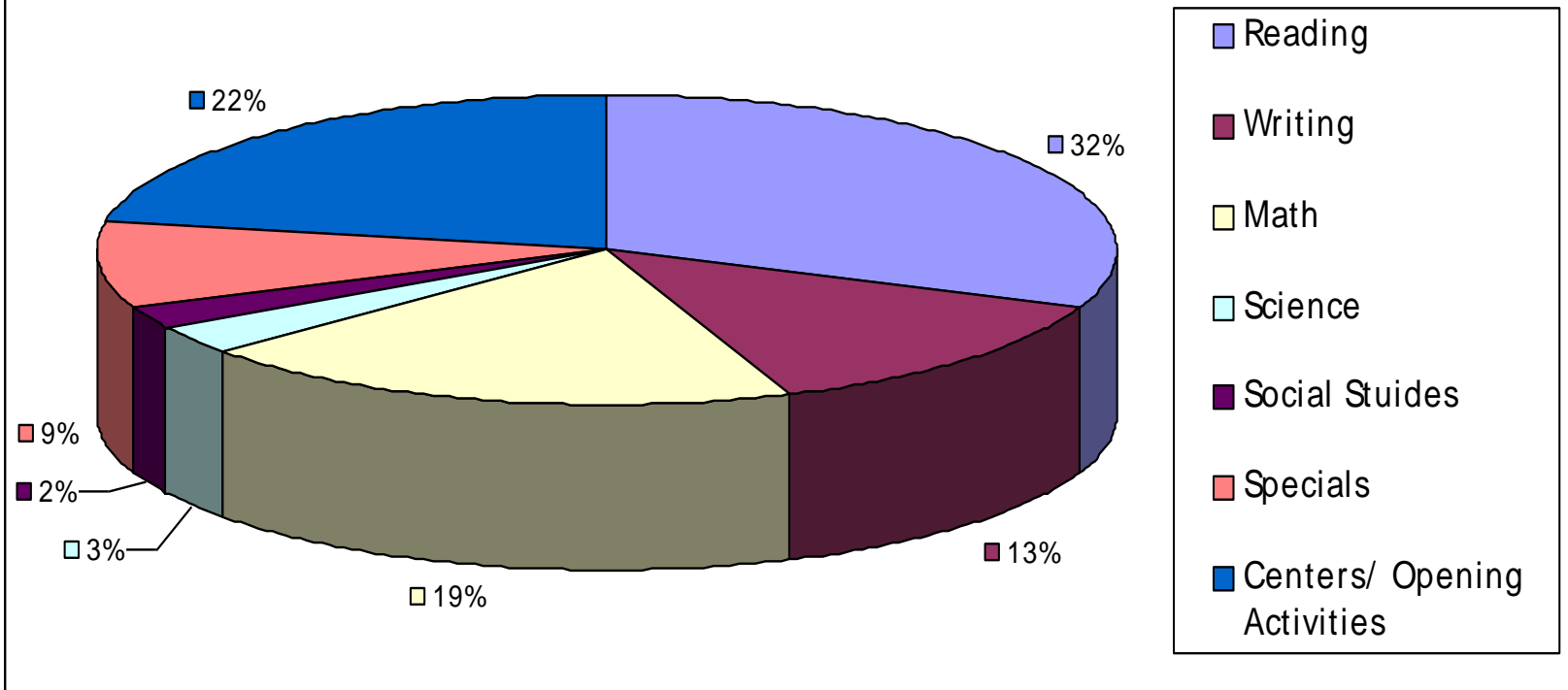
Enters school at various levels of development socially and academically

Enjoys PE

# Curriculum Time Allocation

## All Day Kindergarten

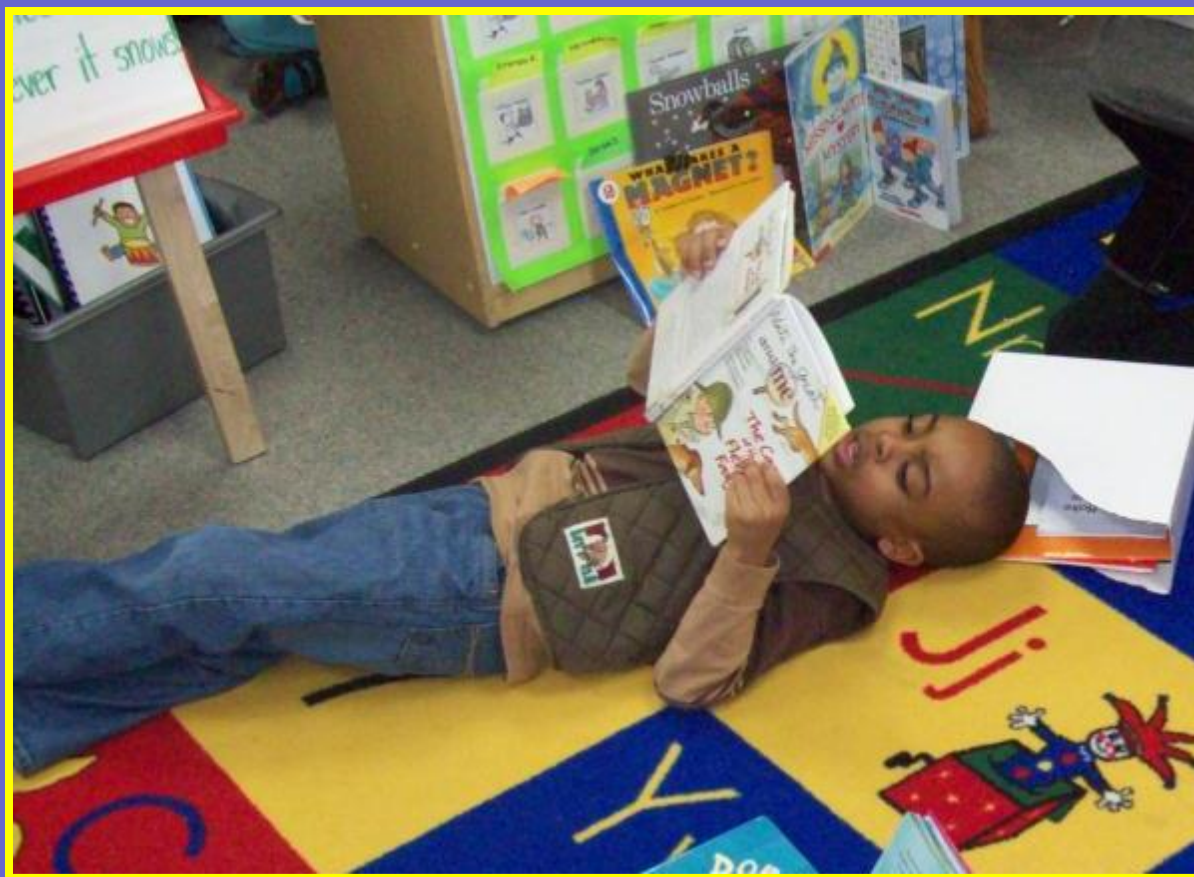
### All Day Kindergarten



# Reading Overview

- Word Study
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Phonics
  - Vocabulary
  - Spelling
- Decoding and Comprehension Strategy Instruction
- Literature Study
- Fluency
- Reading Response

# Reading





# Guided Reading



# Small Group Reading



# Reading and Writing

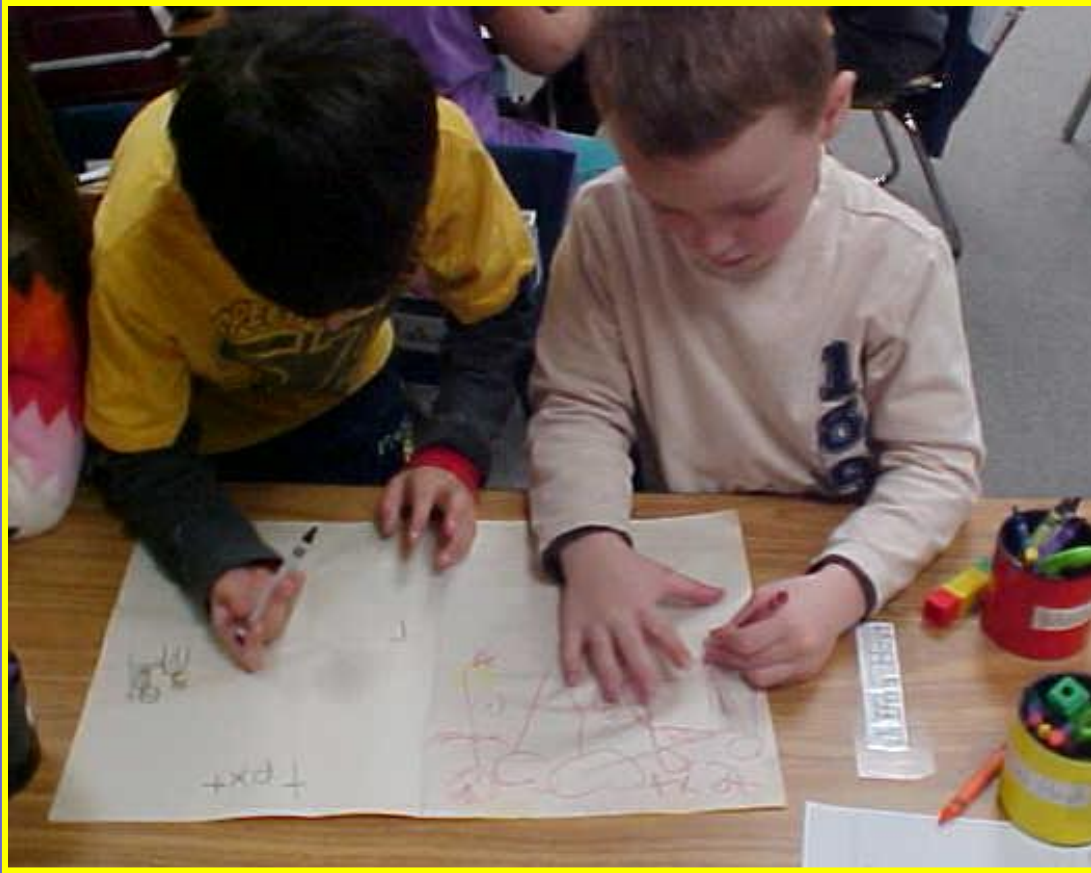




# Writing Overview

- Word Study
- Grammar Study
- Writing Strategy and Skill Instruction
- Written Response
- Genre Study
- Author Study

# Writing



# Mathematics Overview

- Know number names and count sequence
- Count to tell how many objects
- Compare numbers
- Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from

# Mathematics Overview

- Work with numbers 11 – 19 to gain foundations for place value
- Describe and compare measurable attributes
- Classify objects and count the number of objects in categories
- Identify and describe shapes
- Analyze, compare, create, and compose shapes

# Math





# What can I do to support my child in developing number sense?

**Play board games or card games**

**Sing counting songs**

**Count, count, count!**

**Use your fingers to count**

**Ask, “How many do we need?”**



# Science Units of Study

- Life Science- Seeds to Plants
- Earth Science- Ecology/Save the Earth
- Physical Science- Water Exploration and Magnets
- Biology- Health, and Nutrition

# Observing Validation of Predictions



# Social Studies Units of Study

- The School Community
- Decision Making and Problem Solving
- Families
- Respect for Culture and Traditions
- Community Awareness and Map Skills

# Social Studies





# Specials

## ART

- *provides for hands on creative expression*
- *develops art appreciation for artists and cultures*

## MUSIC

- *provides opportunities for listening, moving, singing, and playing instruments*
- *develops appreciation for music from different cultures*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- *provides opportunities for movement through exercise, dance, and games*
- *develops gross motor skills*
- *encourages teamwork and healthy life style*

# Weekly Specials

**Art**

- 1 50 minute periods each week

**Music**

- 2 25 minute periods each week

**PE**

- 3 25 minute periods each week

# ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL!!



# Registration & Residency

When a child is registering in District 204 for the first time, a parent or guardian must provide proof of identity and age by providing one of the following documents:

- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate (must be 5 by September 1, 2015 – no exceptions)
- Valid passport, or
- Other record recognized by a court of law (ex: adoption certificate)

# Registration & Residency

In addition, a parent or guardian must provide three **proofs of residency** by providing the following documents regardless of whether or not child has siblings at Longwood:

- Title evidence, mortgage statement or lease agreement
- Utility Bill (e.g. electric, gas)
- Illinois Drivers License or Illinois State Identification Card



# Registration Details

Registration packets will be mailed to you mid-April.

**Kindergarten screening** will occur on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for an appointment. Parents should bring completed registration packets (*with the exception of the health requirements on the next slide*). Students will go through a quick assessment of letters and numbers. Students with English as a Second language will also have an English assessment.

# Physical Exam & Immunization

Illinois State Physical/Immunization form due prior to the first day of school

Vision exam due by mid-October 2015

Dental exam due by mid-May 2016

If your child requires medication during the school day please contact our health office in early August at 630-428-6789.

# Kindergarten Hours

**HALF DAY - 2 hrs. 45 min**

9:05-11:50 AM or 12:50-3:35 PM

*Assigned to either AM or PM Half-day class locations*

*Busing provided if location is not at your home school*

**ALL DAY - 6 hrs. 30 min**

9:05 A.M.-3:35 P.M.

Students can arrive no earlier than 8:50 am.

Wednesdays is a late start with school starting at 9:15 am.

The YMCA has a Safe and Sound before/after school childcare program here with a sliding fee scale.

# Transportation

Bus transportation is provided for those students that reside more than 1.5 miles away from the school.

- Prior to the opening of school each fall, specific routes and times will be posted on this website: [www.ipisd.org](http://www.ipisd.org) “Transportation” link on bottom mid section of the page.
- Students must be at their bus stop 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up time.
- Students may only ride their assigned bus.
- Bus Route Change Request must meet specific criteria. Click on this link <http://ipisdweb.ipisd.org/forms/busrouterequest.aspx> for any route change requests. Review of requests and final decisions are not made until after September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents of kindergarten students are responsible to meet their child’s bus each day or to designate a responsible individual to be with their child during pick up and drop off times.

# School Lunch

School lunch is an option provided by Aramark. All menus are planned based on USDA guidelines and offer nutritional information. Daily fresh fruit and vegetable choices are offered.

MealPayPlus is available online for parents to put money on the lunch card and monitor balances. Parents will need the student ID number. Parents can also send in lunch money weekly. Be sure to send money in a sealed envelope with the student's name.

- Menu <http://indianprairie.schooldish.com/School%20Menus.aspx>
- Applications for free lunch availability are usually available online after July 15<sup>th</sup> you can complete here: <http://fandr.ipisd.org/>. You will need your student(s) ID #'s. Call the office to get it.

# Preparing for the First Day...

Speak positively about kindergarten.

Teach your child how to use buttons, zippers and tie shoelaces.

Remind your child to wash hands before eating and after using the bathroom or playing outside.

Teach your child to be independent with meals.

Practice with your child to learn basic numbers, colors, and letters and how to write his or her first name.



# Preparing for the First Day...

Encourage your child to express wants and needs and to be a good listener and friend.

Reinforce numbers, letters and symbols found in their everyday environment.

Encourage creativity and constructive play.

# Preparing for the First Day...

Establish and review routines with your child. Consider walking routes, others who have permission to transport them, safety rules, etc. If your child will be taking the school bus show them the stop's location and your expectations for getting to and from school safely.

Students should wear comfortable, practical clothing. Label everything!

Make home a place for learning. Designate a special spot for practicing skills together, displaying school work, etc.

Read to your child frequently for pleasure. Look at books and magazines together. Make sure they see you reading!

# The First Days of School

The first day of Kindergarten is a shortened orientation day designed for students, parents and guardians (*Thursday, August 20, 2015*). We will provide you with a schedule for Kindergarten Parent-Student Orientation during the summer. Students and a parent or adult will attend for one hour. Please bring your student's school supplies to the orientation.

Allow plenty of time to get ready and travel on the first FULL DAY of regular attendance for kindergarten (*Friday, August 21, 2015*) so that your child doesn't feel rushed. It is recommended that you begin their normal arrival routine on that day.

School Entry on 8/21/15 – Meet you on the blacktop area

# Next Steps

- Be sure that we have your pre registration information
- Registration packets will be mailed in Mid April.
- Sign up tonight for a screening and registration time. (*Bring your new Kindergartner that night*)

- If you would like to see Longwood during the day with students, call the office and sign up for a tour on
  - 3/24/15 @ 9:30 am
  - 4/9/15 @ 2:30 pm
  - 4/10/15 @ 9:30 am
- Office number is 630 428-6789

# Questions





# School's Out!



Thank you for coming!!!

Parents,  
You were your child's first  
teacher and will always  
be your child's most  
important teacher!