

February 7, 2020

Dear Parents:

In September of 2020, your child will be eligible to participate in our 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program. Although it is only February, we are already looking forward to having your son/daughter in our school. Please note that there are some times, dates and information you need to know so that you can register your child for this educational experience.

To register your child for our program, please fill out the accompanying form and return it to school by March 6th. The teacher(s) will be having Play Orientation sessions in May as indicated on the registration form. At that time you (or another adult) can bring your son/daughter in to meet the teacher, become familiar with the room and fill out any required forms. Parents registering their child for the 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program must either send a copy of a current immunization record and their birth certificate back with the registration form, or bring them along at the time of the Play Orientation session and we'll make copies. Physicals are not required at this age level.

Facts about our 4 Year old Kindergarten Program:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-3:15

This is an all day/4 day program so TRANSPORTATION is available both to and from school as per District Transportation Policy. This is new to our district this year. We will be holding informational parent meetings on March 7, March 25 and April 16. Please see attached flyer for additional details. There will also be a parent orientation on May 6 at 7:00pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. This meeting will go over what you can expect from Southwestern's 4K program as well as the new changes to the program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Southwestern's 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program is a **one year** age-appropriate curriculum. Students must be the age of four on or before September 1, 2020 to be able to attend. If a child attends for one year, but staff and parents document that he/she has a developmental concern, that child may be able to attend the program for two years. However, this is a decision that is made after considerable input from everyone concerned, and all participants in this decision-making process should come to a consensus.

Please feel free to call the Elementary/Middle School Office (854-2261-X117) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Barth

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