



# KINDERGARTEN

**IGNITE** curiosity and imagination

## BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

At BASD, we nurture a love of learning in our kindergarten students through engaging learning activities and imaginative play. Our warm and friendly kindergarten classes set the stage for your child's personal and educational growth. BASD is proud to offer full day kindergarten at all 16 elementary schools. Thanks to the diversity of our families, your child will enjoy a head start on learning about and respecting the many cultures, languages and religions that make up our global society. Your child will spend joyful days with friends while immersed in literacy, mathematics, science, visual and performing arts, and foundational Spanish. Our Leader in Me® program supports the development of caring, kind and thoughtful leaders. We know it is often hard to send your five year old off to the start of school. Be assured our kindergarten teachers will be with you every step of the way! We look forward to playing, learning and growing together.



## PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### LITERACY

Students develop foundational literacy skills including phonics, word recognition, and oral fluency. Kindergarten students also learn to express their ideas through writing, identify key details of various texts, and learn new vocabulary.

### MATHEMATICS

Students learn to recognize and write numbers, count in sequence, and use place value. Additionally, kindergarten students explore algebraic concepts, geometry, and basic measurement and data.

### SCIENCE

Through hands-on learning modules, students discover materials and motion, weather, trees, and animals.



### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Kindergarten students are naturally curious. Purposeful play allows students to investigate their surroundings while having fun and developing social skills. Through play and cooperative learning activities, students learn the value of working with others.

### EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We provide a safe and secure environment which encourages students to take risks, express thoughts and feelings, and develop self-esteem. Our talented kindergarten teachers value the diversity of their students and families and respect the integral role of parents.

### SPANISH

Kindergarten students learn basic Spanish skills. Language skills increase creativity and confidence and create a strong foundation for future language study.



### TIPS FOR PARENTS

You are your child's first teacher! Here are some fun ideas for learning outside of the classroom that you can do together:

- Read books to your child regularly.
- As you go through the day, point out shapes and colors to your child.
- Provide opportunities for your child to play with others.
- Encourage your child to try new activities and games.
- Play games that involve taking turns, paying attention, and following rules.
- Encourage creativity in your child with activities like painting and drawing.
- Help your child build hands-on skills with activities like cutting out shapes or stringing beads.



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