

Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions!

Q: What do you teach in Kindergarten?

A: The Kindergarten program of study is based upon guidelines mandated by the Louisiana Department of Education. Please visit the Department website at <http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/ssa/currichome.html> for details. This curriculum is taught within the framework of structured inquiry.

Q: What is the instructional philosophy of Kindergarten?

A: The Kindergarten instructors teach an integrated curriculum deeply rooted in the philosophies of inquiry and constructivism. Students are charged with creating their own learning environment within the framework of the instructional goals. This is achieved through discovery learning and personal reflection.

Q: How should I prepare my child for Kindergarten screening?

A: There is absolutely nothing you can do to prepare your child for the screening process. The purpose of screening is two-fold: 1) to provide a baseline assessment for instruction in the fall, and 2) to screen for indicators that may specify particular challenges during the kindergarten year. If there are any particular concerns regarding the success of your child in Kindergarten at the Lab School, the administration will contact you immediately.

Q: Describe a typical day in Kindergarten?

A: Children arrive and immediately set to work on learning activities. This includes morning activities, followed by personal reflection in journals. Then, students enter the Discovery Zone, breaking into small groups and participating in inquiry activities, reading and writing instruction, art activities, creative play and math instruction. On any given day, you will see students working on a project in cooperative groups, creating books with a friend and working individually with either the master instructor or associate instructor. The afternoon has our students working with ancillary teachers on tasks in music, art, library, P.E. and guidance. Additionally, your child receives daily instruction in Spanish or French.