

Getting ready for the first day of kindergarten is an exciting time for both students and their families!

To help families prepare for kindergarten and to allow the district to plan for the coming school year, our elementary school hosts its annual spring “kindergarten round-up” for incoming kindergarten students.

To be eligible for kindergarten in the Osage City District, children must be 5 years old before August 31st.

The Osage City Elementary School kindergarten program focuses on a nurturing environment which provides for both academic and social growth while allowing children to begin to develop personal responsibility and independence.

What records should parents bring

Copy of the child’s birth certificate – a copy of the certificate will be made and parents will keep the original.

Immunization records – By law all kindergarten students must have up to date immunization records before attending school in the fall.

Including:

DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) 5 doses required

IPV/OPV – (poliomyelitis) 4 doses required

MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) – 2 doses required. First dose must be on/after 1st birthday.

Varicella (chicken pox) 2 doses required for Kindergarten 2009-10. First dose on/after 1st birthday.

None required if prior chicken pox disease verified by a licensed physician.

Hepatitis B 3 doses required.

What will take place during your visit

When you arrive at Osage City Elementary a PTA member will greet you and your child at the front door and give children a deputy’s badge with their name. You will then be given a short tour of the building and playground.

Students

After the tour children will have a picture taken for their school folder. From the picture session children go to the kindergarten room where they can play in an activity center with other children attending round-up. One by one the children begin seven short screening activities. Teachers will make observations and complete a form that will be shared with parents the next week.

Parents

After the tour parents will spend some time completing enrollment information in the library. The next step for parents takes place in another kindergarten room with a presentation explaining the screening steps and general information from the principal, secretary and nurse.

Plan to be at the school for around 90 minutes.

What screening information will be

- **Fine Motor Skills** – writing, cutting, manipulation with hands and fingers.
- **Letter Recognition & Sequence** – ABC's
- **Number Recognition & Sequence** – 123's
- **Speech Articulation** – ability to pronounce age appropriate speech sounds
- **Self Portraits** - provide the school with some additional developmental information.
- **DIBELS Reading Test** - measures Letter Naming Fluency and Initial Sound Fluency

What are new kindergarten students expected to know when they start

Children will adjust quickly and get the maximum benefit from the Kindergarten program by being able to do the things listed below:

- Recite full name
- Put on coat and fasten it, remove it and hang it up in an orderly way
- Fasten shoes
- Put on and take off rubber boots without help
- Wash hands and face
- Use tissue properly
- Use the toilet properly and fasten clothes
- Show good listening skills when some else is talking
- Show respect for necessary authority
- Say "yes" or "no," "please" and "thank you" at the proper time
- Show respect for proper authority
- Respect the care of toys and materials and put them away when through with them
- Show an understanding of safety when using materials
- Share and play with others
- Stay focused and stay on task for 10-15 minutes