

Bright Child Kindergarten Overview



We Believe

All of us inherit certain traits, intelligences and talents, but these need to be developed and nurtured throughout life for them to grow and reach their full potential. A beautiful flower inherits certain traits. But if it is not watered and fed and does not get the right amount of sunlight, it does not develop as it could. The same is true for gifted children.

Our Curriculum

In the Kindergarten Bright Child program we believe that each child is unique and has the ability to bloom if given the opportunity.

- We are compacting and/or enriching curriculum when appropriate.
- Through an interactive reading program titled Junior Great Books we are building reading comprehension, critical thinking, speaking and listening, and writing skills.
- The Worldly Wise vocabulary development program introduces students to 120 key vocabulary words that are challenging, yet developmentally appropriate. The aim of this program is to enrich the vocabulary of all children in the classroom.
- In math instruction we are utilizing Eureka Math as well as various other enrichment programs to help students develop the ability to reason mathematically and abstractly.

Bright Child Entrance Criteria

For entry into the Bright Child Kindergarten Program, students must test at or above the 90th percentile on a state approved gifted identification test or meet our academic criteria. Our screening looks at the concepts listed below:

**Please note that this criteria is subject to change.*

- Know all lowercase and uppercase letter names
- Know all their letter sounds
- Grade level appropriate DRA
- Sight word recognition
- Whole words read correctly – both real and nonsense words
- Color identification
- Number recognition
- One to one correspondence
- Counts from 1-100
- Skip counting



- The Bright Child Kindergarten Team