

School District of Marshfield 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program

1010 East 4TH Street
Marshfield WI



The School District of Marshfield Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program is designed as a one year preschool experience for children to attend in the year prior to their enrollment in general kindergarten.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten will provide....

- ☞ An early-learning program that enhances children's natural curiosity and encourages them to explore and connect to the world around them
- ☞ Hands-on activities, which stimulate maximum physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional growth
- ☞ Activities that are designed to meet the developmental levels of students
- ☞ A quality classroom, which implements research based Developmentally Appropriate Practices and incorporates Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards
- ☞ A nurturing environment where children and teachers collaboratively create a community within the classroom through structure and routine
- ☞ An opportunity for parents to become partners in their child's learning

Your child will receive top educational opportunity by a professionally qualified classroom teacher who has met state licensing criteria for a Four-Year-Old Kindergarten classroom. In addition, each classroom utilizes a reliable teacher assistant experienced in working with young children.

Attached you will find our 4 Year Old Kindergarten Early Learning Standards.

At this young age it may be difficult to decide if your child is ready for 4K. On the reverse side, is a guide to help you better understand Four-Year-Old milestones. If you have any questions or would like more clarification, please contact Erin Anderson at 715-387-1101 X1101.

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Marshfield Bus Company
Contact 715-387-0101*

I am Going to 4K!!

I ...

- understand most of what is said and 75 percent of speech is understandable;
- speak in complete sentences of three to five words;
- match pictures to objects;
- understand concepts of "now," "soon," and "later";
- have started to verbalize letter and number names;
- identify things by size; small, medium and large;
- speak for the purpose of communicating with others;
- can follow one to two step directions;
- have begun to recognize cause-and-effect relationships follows simple directions; enjoys helping with household tasks;
- have begun to recognize own limits — asks for help;
- can play alone, however can appropriately play with other children;
- engage in pretend play;
- have started to cooperate and share;
- am able to make choices between two things;
- have begun to notice other people's moods and feelings;
- assemble simple puzzles;
- manipulate clay; finger paints;
- copy simple shapes, such as a cross or circle;
- stack blocks up to nine high.



I (child) need you (parents) to...

- Read to me everyday.
- Ask me questions on a variety of subjects.
- Encourage me to retell stories.
- Play puzzles and games with me.
- Encourage the alphabet and number counting.
- Point out simple shapes – circle, square, triangle, and rectangle.
- Encourage me to be a helper.
- Be a good role model.
- Help me problem solve.

And above all... I need you to love and support me!





School District of Marshfield Literacy Standards – 4-Year-Old Kindergarten

LITERACY – Literacy, Speaking & Listening, Language

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards <i>Specific knowledge and skills that students will know and be able to do by the end of 4 Year Old Kindergarten</i>	Marshfield Student Learning Target (“I can”) <i>These learning targets could be taught in the context of whole group, mini lessons, small groups and conferences.</i>
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Language Development and Communication

Listening and Understanding

- Derives meaning through listening to communications of others and sounds in the environment. **A.EL.1**
 - a. Shows understanding of concept words and sequence of events.
 - b. Demonstrates understanding and listening skills by attending and responding appropriately.
- Listens and responds to communication with others. **A.EL.2**
 - a. Responds appropriately when asked to identify familiar objects/person/body parts (nouns) or when asked to run, walk, jump (action words, verbs).
 - b. Responds to increasingly complex language structures including comments, requests, and questions.
 - c. Responds and extends conversations much like adults and can sustain a topic through multiple turns.
- Follows directions of increasing complexity. **A.EL.3**
 - a. Understands and carries out a one-step direction.
 - b. Understands and carries out two step directions.
 - c. Follows a series of three or more multistep directions.

Listening and Understanding

- I can turn toward source of sound.
- I can attend to same situation or objects as another person.
- I can enjoy short stories, rhymes, finger plays, songs, and music.
- I can show understanding of concept words and sequence of events.
- I can demonstrate understanding and listening skills by attending and responding appropriately.

- I can respond to voices of familiar adults and children.
- I can participate in turn taking, alternating listening and responding.
- I can respond appropriately when asked to identify familiar objects/person/body parts (nouns) or when asked to run, walk, or jump.
- I can respond to comments, requests, and questions.
- I can respond and extend conversations much like adults and can sustain a topic through multiple turns.

- I can respond to simple requests
- I can understand and carry out a one-step direction.
- I can understand and carry out a two-step direction.
- I can follow a series of three or more multi-step directions.



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Language Development and Communication

Speaking and Communicating

- Uses gestures and movements (non-verbal) to communicate. **B.EL.1**
- Uses vocalizations and spoken language to communicate. (Language Content) **B.EL.2a**
 - a. Uses plurals, pronouns, past tense.
 - b. Uses multi-word sentences (Parts of speech, word order, and sentence structure) much like that of adult.
- Uses vocalizations and spoken language to communicate. (Language content) **B.EL.2b**
 - a. Uses a category of words that shows awareness of common aspects among objects.
 - b. Asks many questions with “why” to obtain information.
 - c. Uses comments on as well as produces and comprehends words.
- Uses vocalizations and spoken language to communicate. (Language function) **B.EL.2c**
 - a. Engages in short dialogue of a few turns.
 - b. Determines how much information a listener needs based on an awareness of listeners roll and understanding.
 - c. Modifies language when talking to younger child.
 - d. Initiates conversation, responds to conversations, and stays on topic for multiple exchanges.
 - e. Uses language to effectively express feelings and thoughts, describe experiences and observations, interact with others, and communicate effectively in group activities and discussions.

Speaking and Communicating

- I can use gestures and movement to get attention, request objects, protest, or to draw attention to an object in the environment.
- I can use gestures for greetings.
- I can use movement or behavior to initiate interaction with a person, animal, or object.
- I can use non-verbal communication much like adults. (facial expressions of emotion e.g. sad, happy, angry, distressed, etc. and movement e.g. waving, motioning, walking away, running toward someone, etc.)
- I can make noises to communicate.
- I can make vowel and consonant sound combining and engaging in vocal play.
- I can use two to three word phrases and sentences.

- I can use plural, pronouns, and past tense words. (e.g. cats, I, he, she, walked, sang)
- I can use multi-word sentences.

- I can use words to represent a particular person or object. (e.g. “blankie” referring to blanket)
- I can use words for compliance, protests, and greetings. (e.g. “Yes”, “No”, “Bye Bye”)
- I can use words to represent various objects.
- I can use a word to relate to itself or something else. (“I want...”)
- I can use a category of words that show awareness of common aspects among objects. (e.g. “These are all toys.” and pointing to toys)
- I can comment on as well as produce and comprehend words.

- I can seek attention through talking or with actions.
- I can direct my attention to an object.
- I can engage in short conversation of a few turns.
- I can initiate conversation, respond to conversations, and stay on topic.
- I can use language to effectively express feelings and thoughts and describe experiences.
- I can use a variety of words to express similarities and differences between objects.



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Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

Specific knowledge and skills that students will know and be able to do by the end of 4 Year Old Kindergarten

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Language Development and Communication

Early Literacy

- Develops ability to detect, manipulate, or analyze the auditory parts of spoken language. **C.EL.1**
 - a. Requests and joins in saying favorite rhymes and songs that repeat sounds and words.
 - b. Recognizes and matches sounds and rhymes in familiar words.
 - c. Recognizes sounds that match and words that begin or end with the same sounds.
 - d. Recognizes and produces rhyming words.
 - e. Discriminates separate syllables in spoken words and begins to blend and segment syllables.
 - f. Recognizes single sounds and combinations of sounds.
- Understands concept that the alphabet represents that sounds of spoken language and the letters or written language. **C.EL.2**
 - a. Explores, repeats, imitates alphabet related songs and games.
 - b. Recognizes the difference between letters and other symbols.
 - c. Recognizes letters and their sounds in familiar words, especially in own name.
 - d. Makes some letter/sound connections and identifies some beginning sounds.
 - e. Uses a combination of letters sounds, familiar environmental print, and picture cues to recognize a printed word.
 - f. Recognizes that most speech sounds (both consonants and vowels) are represented by single letter symbols.
 - g. Experiences success in reading by sounding out words (decoding).
 - h. Recognizes and names all letters of the alphabet (upper and lowercase) in familiar and unfamiliar words.
 - i. Reads familiar decodable and some irregular words in books, signs, and labels.

Early Literacy

- I can respond to frequently said sounds, words, and rhymes. (e.g. student moves legs when he/she hears a familiar song)
- I can imitate sounds.
- I can repeat words in rhymes and actions.
- I can request and join in saying favorite rhymes and songs that repeat words.
- I can recognize and match sounds and rhymes in familiar words.
- I can recognize sounds that match and words that begin or end with the same sounds.
- I can recognize and produce rhyming words.
- I can clap syllables in spoken words and begin to blend and segment syllables by clapping and verbalizing the syllables. (“My name has two parts, Bob-by”)
- I can recognize single sounds and combinations of sounds by changing initial consonant. (“Dad and lad have the same middle and last sound.”)

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- I can recognize the difference between letters and other symbols.
- I can recognize letters and their sounds in familiar words, especially in my own name.
- I can make some letter/sound connections and identify some beginning sounds.
- I can use a combination of letter sounds, familiar environmental print, and picture cues to recognize a printed word. (“stop”)
- I can recognize that most speech sounds are represented by single letter symbols.
- I can sound out simple words using letter sounds (pot= /p/, /o/, t/)
- I can recognize and name all letters of the alphabet upper and lower case)
- I can read familiar decodable words. (e.g. dad, mom, stop, dog)



School District of Marshfield Literacy Standards – 4-Year-Old Kindergarten

Wisconsin Academic Standards

Specific knowledge and skills that students will know and be able to do by the end of Kindergarten

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Early Literacy

- Shows appreciation of books and understands how print works. **C.EL.3**
 - a. Looks at picture books and asks questions or makes comments.
 - b. Understands that print in the book carries the message.
 - c. Views one page at a time from the front to the back of the book and knows that the book has a title, author, and illustrator.
 - d. Chooses reading activities and responds with interest and enjoyment.
 - e. Recognizes some familiar environmental print.
 - f. Handles books correctly and shows increasing skill in print directionality.
 - g. Understands the difference between letters, words, and sentences.
 - h. Understands that books have characters, sequence of events, and story plots.
- Uses writing to represent thoughts or ideas. **C.EL.4**
 - a. Writes lists, thank you notes, names, and labels objects in play.
 - b. Labels pictures using scribbles or letter like forms to represent words or ideas.
 - c. Writes recognizable letters and begins to write name and a few words.
 - d. Uses knowledge of sounds and letters to write some words and phrases (inventive and conventional spelling).

- I can explore and enjoy books.
- I can point to and name pictures in a book when asked.
- I can look at picture books and ask questions or make comments.
- I can understand that print in the book carries the message or story.
- I can view one page at a time from the front to the back on the book and know that the book has a title, author, and illustrator.
- I choose reading activities and respond with interest and enjoyment.
- I can hold a book properly.
- I can read or pretend to read the book going from front to back, left to right, and top to bottom.
- I can understand the difference between letters, words, and sentences.
- I can understand that books have characters, sequence of events, and story plots.
- I can begin to use writing tools to make marks.
- I can scribble and create unconventional shapes.
- I can write lists, thank you notes, names, and label objects in play using scribbles or letter-like forms to represent words or ideas.
- I can write recognizable letters and begin to write name and a few words.
- I can use knowledge of sounds and letters to write some words and phrases.