DuVall Elementary
Kindergarten Round-Up
and Enrollment 2020-2021
We offer the following tuition based programs here at DuVall:

Little Scholars MWF 9 a.m. to noon for 4 yr olds
Mini Scholars T/Th 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for 3 yr olds
Kids Club Before and After School from 7 am to start of school and after school until 6 p.m.

To enroll in our programs go to our blog at https://iblog.dearbornschools.org/earlychildhood/
You will find pages for Registration Forms, Prices and Registration Packets.
The DuVall PTA supports our students and staff. They provide fun school events, activities, and assemblies. The DuVall PTA helps to support the instructional needs of our staff. They volunteer at school events to help provide a safe and educational environment for all students. Consider joining our PTA!

https://www.facebook.com/DuVallPTA/
Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Ross                Ms. Shapas             Mrs. Pelaccio
● Our Office Staff – Ms. Cathy & Ms. Anne
About DuVall

- Mascot – The Penguins
- Morning Pledge – 8:35 on the Blacktop (all students)
- Positive Behavior Support
  - Teach and Celebrate Good Behavior
- Response To Bullying Assemblies
More About Our School

- Daily Routine – AM and PM
- Daily 5 / Café
- Numeracy
- Volunteers
- Communication
- Helpful Websites
- Assessment
- Orientation
Daily Routine - AM

- Arrival 8:35 AM on the playground
  - Inside by coat racks during inclement weather
- Morning Meeting (calendar, weather, counting)
- Daily 5 /CAFÉ literacy
- Writer’s Workshop
- Songs/movement
- Lunch/recess
Daily Routine - PM

- Read aloud/rest time (beginning of year)
- Choice time (housekeeping, blocks, books, playdough, etc.)
- Content area lessons – math workshop, science, and social studies
- Snack/recess
- Read aloud, reflection, dismissal

Specials (Art, Gym, Music, Media, Enrichment, Computer Lab)
Attendance

4 tardies = 1 day absent
2 ½ day absences = 1 day absence
Volunteers

- We send home a letter that explains some of the volunteer opportunities for field trips, popcorn, small group activities, read alouds, and other events.
- All volunteers must have an i-chat filled out in the office.
School Safety

- District policy states that no parents will be allowed in the building unless they have signed in at the front office and have a visitor’s sticker (School safety)
- All student drop off doors will be promptly locked at 8:40am. If a student arrives after 8:40am, they must go to the front office to be signed in with their parent.
Communication

- Blog! Please sign-up for the kindergarten blog, the DuVall School News blog, and the PTA blog.
- Daily folder
- Homework folder – Reading and Math
  Folders will be sent home each Monday and assignments are due on Friday.
Getting Ready for Kindergarten Registration

How do I get the paperwork needed for registration?
- District [website](#), Elementary School will mail upon request of families

When does the paperwork have to be turned in for registration?
- As soon as possible

Who do I call if I need assistance in the registration process?
- Student services 313-495-4004

Will my family and I have a chance to visit the school before the first day of school?
- Yes, as long as the governor’s order permits this
State of MI requires all Kindergarteners to have immunizations up-to-date. A copy of these immunizations needs to be provided for enrollment. The immunizations required are described here: Vaccinations required for school entry.

Each child entering Kindergarten needs to have a physical exam. This is the form the physician should complete: Health Appraisal Form.
Information from Our District Nurses

- If a child requires medication at school, a **Medication Authorization Form** needs to be signed by the parent and physician.
- Please contact the school nurse with any medical conditions that may impact education or may require emergency medications. (for example: Asthma, Food Allergies, Type One Diabetes, Seizures, etc.) Health Forms can be found @ **Medications at School**.
- When enrolling, please make sure all contact numbers are correct and the health information section is filled out completely.
- For more information, please visit the School Nurse Website @ **School Nurses** or contact Student Services at (313) 827-3005.
Please work with your child on the following:

- Orally say their first and last name
- Recognize their first and last name
- Use the bathroom independently
- Write their first name/hold a pencil
- Know if they are a packer or buyer for lunch
- Be able to dress themselves and tie shoes (otherwise wear velcro)
- Coloring, cutting and gluing
- Count, recognize, and write numbers to 10
- Recognize ALL letters of the alphabet by sight out of order (uppercase and lowercase)
- Listen and Follow one-to-two step directions
Fostering Independence at home

Skills to practice this summer:

- Zipping coats and backpacks
- Tying shoes
- Blowing noses
- Opening snacks and food packages
- Practice belts, suspenders, and buttoning pants (by law we are not allowed to assist in snapping pants)
- Bathroom skills
- Using words to express their needs
Instructional Minutes

420 minutes (7hr day) - 331 instructional minutes = 89 mins. for specials/lunch/transitions throughout the day

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*** It is very important to have students to school on time and allow them to stay for the entire school day, so they do not miss out on content. This also allows them to get used to routines and procedures much faster***
What Is Young 5s?

- The Young 5s program is an early childhood program for children that is offered for children whose birthdays fall between June 15th and December 1st and need the time and opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities.
- Young 5 expectations are similar to kindergarten, with a focus on:
  - Social Emotional
  - Learning through play
  - Collaboration: sharing, problem solving, stamina
  - Literacy, numeracy, science social studies
  - Early Reading groups and strategies
  - Fine and Gross Motor skills
Why Young 5s

- **Smaller Classroom Size**
  - More one-on-one time
  - 16/17 students/cap of 19
  - Support with social emotional needs of students
  - Focus on learning through play
- **More hands on activities**
  - Small group hands on activities
  - Small group instruction
- **The Gift of Time**
  - Learning through play and maturing
About Young 5s

Is my child losing a year?

- No, your child is gaining a year and will be more equipped to handle the demand of school years to come. Young 5 students end up being the leaders in our buildings and many are soaring academically. Research shows that students who attend kindergarten readiness programs like Young 5’s are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

My child went to preschool, isn’t this the same thing?

- Preschool has a completely different curriculum from Young 5s. Young 5’s classrooms are introduced to the Kindergarten Curriculum using a hands on approach which introduces key concepts and academic vocabulary.

What is the schedule for Young 5/ Special Area Classes?

- Y5/Kindergarten schedules are the same runs M-F (all day). Students participate in all kindergarten activities, such as music, art, PE and enrichment throughout the year.
Testimonials about Young 5’s from Dearborn Public Schools Families
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“Having two children here, one who has gone through the program and one who went straight into kindergarten. I can really see how it has benefited my son........What young 5s was able to do was give him that whole experience without having all the pressure of an actual kindergarten class....Now he is able to be one of the top of his class and really contribute because this program really gave him a leg up and the advantage he really needed.”
Preparation During the Summer

- Read to your children, write and count every day
- Engage in language-talk through everyday activities
- Get to bed early so children get 10 hours of sleep
- Eat breakfast at home/come to school for breakfast
- Limit screen time
Soft Start and No Y5/Kindergarten Days - Mark your calendars

If school is back in session based on Governor’s order:

- August 31st is the first day of school and a half day for all students
- Sept 1-3 are half days for kindergarten and Y5s only
- Sept 4th: the district is closed for Labor Day weekend

No School for Kindergarten Students (teachers engage in professional learning)

- Sept 25, 2020
- Nov 20, 2020
- February 5, 2021
Assessment

- Report card (November, January, March and June)
- DRA 2
- KRA (September)
- District assessments (NWEA) (January, April, May)
Helpful Websites

- [michigan.gov/mde](http://michigan.gov/mde) – look under “parents and family”, “curriculum and instruction”
- [dearbornpublicschools.org](http://dearbornpublicschools.org)
- [starfall.com](http://starfall.com)
- [abcya.com](http://abcya.com)
- [Razkids](http://Razkids)
- [Mobymax](http://Mobymax)
More Helpful Websites

MDE Literacy Essentials

Cafe and Daily 5 Tip of the Week Literacy Strategies

Cafe Essential Elements

The Daily 5 Essential Elements
Hip Hip Hurray for K

- We are so very excited to welcome your child to the wonderful world of Kindergarten and Young 5’s!
Thank You for Viewing and Welcome to DuVall!