

## Benefits of Junior Jets

**Junior Jets provides younger students with a strong foundation for school success offering:**

- Early exposure to kindergarten curriculum.
- Full day programming.
- Familiarity with school routine to help build confidence.
- A learning environment tailored to meet developing academic and/or social needs.
- An opportunity to start school with same age children.

## Supporting School Readiness & Success

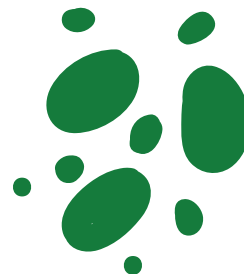
**Parent support and involvement are important for student success. There are a number of simple ways to impact your child's success in school.**

- Read to your child everyday.
- Encourage play, discovery and movement.
- Give your child responsibilities at home.
- Set firm and consistent guidelines.
- Support daily school attendance.
- Check your child's backpack daily.
- Talk with your child about what he/she is learning.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### At what age do children attend kindergarten?

*In the State of Michigan, children who turn five by September 1 are eligible for kindergarten.*

### How is Junior Jets different from preschool?

*The standards, curriculum and teaching requirements in Young Fives is different from preschool. Young Fives is based on the MI Department of Education kindergarten standards. The program builds on the skills children may have learned in preschool to ensure they will be ready for kindergarten.*

### How is Junior Jets different from kindergarten?

*The Young Fives curriculum is based on kindergarten standards modified to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of younger children. The Young Fives environment includes more opportunities for learning through dramatic play, small group instruction, and intentional teaching through hands-on activities.*

### What is the length of the Junior Jets school day?

*It is a full day program that follows the regular school calendar.*

### What grade will my child go into after Junior Jets?

*Junior Jets is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience. Children will attend kindergarten after completing Junior Jets.*

# What will my child be learning?

## Math

- Count aloud to 20
- Recognize the number of items up to 10
- Identify numbers between 1-10
- Compare sets of objects using the terms more, less, same and equal
- Add and subtract small quantities using concrete objects
- Copy and create simple repeating patterns
- Compare and sort objects by color, shape, size and other attributes
- Recognize and name shapes
- Put shapes together to make designs, pictures and larger shapes

## Motor Skills

- Strengthen hand muscles through cutting, coloring, drawing and painting
- Develop hand eye coordination
- Show control in jumping, hopping, catching, running and balancing
- Learn correct pencil grip

## Literacy

- Speaking and listening skills
- Answer questions about stories
- Rhyming
- Identify all upper and lower case letters
- Identify all letter sounds
- Write using pictures and symbols
- Increase vocabulary
- Recognize first name in print
- Print first name with a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lower case letter(s)
- Understand concepts of print (front of book, back of book, read left to right)

## Social Skills

- Work and play cooperatively with others
- Participate in individual, small-group, and large group classroom activities
- Ask for help when needed
- Follow classroom rules and directions
- Take responsibility for personal belongings
- Attend to self-care (bathroom, hand-washing and dressing)

