



NEENAH

Little Rockets

4K PROGRAM

Welcome to Neenah 4K!



We are excited to begin our third year of 4K in the Neenah Joint School District!

*Welcome from Dr. Mary Pfeiffer,
NJSD District Administrator*

Welcome to four-year-old kindergarten!

We are so happy to offer this opportunity to our youngest students in our District and we are also thankful for the support of our Board of Education!

We have an amazing District with committed and dedicated staff members.

We take great pride in serving our students and families as our staff members approach students in their classrooms as they do their own children. We are looking forward to another exciting year and we appreciate being able to serve all of our families!

NJSD 4K Program Overview

- The NJSD Board Of Education approved the startup of the 4K program in December of 2014
- The first year of 4K was during the 2015-16 school year with 8 classrooms
- Each 4K classroom has a DPI licensed, NJSD 4K teacher
- Each 4K classroom has a full-time, NJSD Educational Assistant
- The class size for 4K is targeted between 18-22 students
- Increasing enrollment has led to the addition of a 9th classroom for the 2017-18 school year

4K Sites for 2017-18

4K Boundary Map: <http://bit.ly/2wxx336>

- A Child's Imagination (1 classroom; AM & PM session)
- Hoover Elementary (1 classroom; AM & PM session)
- Wilson Elementary (1 classroom; AM & PM session)
- Washington School (6 classrooms; AM & PM sessions)

A Child's Imagination (ACI)

Child Care Center, 1368 Cold Spring Rd, 920-729-6153

Child Care Hours: 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM*

Child Care Director-Mrs. Cyndie Piehl

Assistant Director- Ms. Kasey Wied

4K Program Administrator: Ms. Stacie Brethouwer

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Angie Calkins

NJSD 4K Teaching Staff: Ms. Alexis Kust & Mrs. Wendy Pfankuch

AM Session: 8:30 AM – 11:10 AM

PM Session: 12:05 PM – 2:45 PM

***Wrap-around care available from ACI
(please contact the child care center directly for information)**

Hoover Elementary School

950 Hunt Ave., (920)751-6960

Principal: Mrs. Melissa Chrisman

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kim Swanson

4K Program Administrator: Ms. Stacie Brethouwer

4K Teaching Staff: Mrs. Nicole Ropella & Mrs. Renee Reid Roehl

AM Session: 8:05-10:45

PM Session: 12:25-3:05

Wilson Elementary School

920 Higgins Ave., (920)751-6995

Principal: Mr. Ryan Hammerschmidt

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Amy Gunderson

4K Program Administrator: Ms. Stacie Brethouwer

4K Teaching Staff: Mrs. Valerie Moseng & Mrs. Tina Schroeder

AM Session: 8:05-10:45

PM Session: 12:25-3:05

Washington School of Early Learning

220 E. Franklin Ave, (920)751-6990

Principal & 4K Program Administrator: Ms. Stacie Brethouwer

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Angie Calkins

4K Teaching Staff:

Mrs. Sandy Miller & Mrs. Jean Gloudemans (Room 4)

Mrs. Erin Baus & Mrs. Vanessa Brayton (Room 10)

Mrs. Amy Thorson & Ms. Alissa Beyer (Room 11-Special Education)

Mr. Scott Dohms & Ms. Gina Guyette (Room 11 -Special Education)

Mrs. Jennifer Rosenbaum & Mrs. Geri Ferkel (Room 13)

Mrs. Jessica Martine & Mrs. Mary Bellmore (Room 14)

Mrs. Ashley Baumler & Mrs. Kelly Hagens (Room 15)

Mrs. Robyn Hall & Mrs. Lisa Franke (Room 17)

UW-Oshkosh Head Start Program

The Head Start program will have two classrooms at Washington School for the 2017-18 school year. Eligible students may attend both the NJSD 4K program and the Head Start program.

For more information about the Head Start program, please visit <http://www.uwosh.edu/headstart/>



YMCA Before and After School Care at Washington

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, the Neenah-Menasha YMCA will be providing before and after school care at Washington School for all three and four-year old children who are enrolled in NJSD for early childhood and 4K.

The BEFORE school program is only for students attending an AM session. The program will be held from 6:30-8:30 AM.

The AFTER school program is only for students attending a PM session. The program will be held from 2:45-5:30 PM.

For more information about transportation to/from Washington, please contact njsd4k@neenah.k12.wi.us

For more information about the YMCA program, please contact jabbs@ymcafoxcities.org

NJSD 4K Transportation Policy

Transportation will be available for 4K students as follows:

- Students will be transported to the AM session if they live outside of a two-mile radius from their 4K site. Transportation home from the AM session and to and from the PM session are provided without a radius limit.
- If a request to attend an alternate site, other than the 4K boundary site is approved, transportation services will not be provided at any time. Students who Open Enroll into the district do not qualify for transportation.
- The transportation service will be provided to and from the doors of the pick-up and drop-off locations.. These locations must remain consistent and be within the NJSD boundaries.
- In order to be considered for transportation, the Transportation Request Form **MUST** be filled out and returned to the district. The district will make all final decisions on eligibility.

The full transportation policy can be found on the NJSD website.

Transportation Procedures

- Transportation services are provided through Kobussen Buses, Ltd. Their office number is (920) 722-8572.
- Once the 4K Transportation Request Form is filled out and it is determined that a child qualifies for transportation services, the information is sent to Kobussen who will determine the route information.
- A letter is sent to the parents from Kobussen indicating the route information with pick-up and/or drop-off times.
- Children will be given a bus tag (for example: bear, cat, dog, elephant) from the school at Open House for their bus route(s). A RED tag is a TO school route and a GREEN tag is a HOME route.
- An adult is required to be present (at least a visual acknowledgement) before a child will be allowed to leave the bus. If an adult is not present, the bus will continue the route and bring the child back to the school. It will then be the parents responsibility to pick their child up from school.

Transportation Procedures

All changes need to be directed to Angie Calkins in the Washington office. You can reach Angie at 751-6990 x24100 or acalkins@neenah.k12.wi.us

All changes will take place on Mondays and requests for these changes need to be submitted by the prior Wednesday. Please note: Any changes submitted after Wednesday will take place the 2nd Monday after the request is received.



4K Assessments

All 4K students will participate in the following screeners and assessments:

- PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) in Fall, Winter and Spring. This screening is completed one-on-one with the classroom teacher. This is a state-wide required screener for all 4K students.
- NJSD Math Screener in Fall and Spring. This screener is completed one-on-one with the classroom teacher.
- Informal assessments given by individual teachers

Results of these screeners and assessments will be shared with parents through conferences and progress reports.

4K Parent-Teacher Conferences & Progress Reports

FALL: Parent Teacher Conferences

WINTER: 1st Semester Progress Report sent home with all 4K students

SPRING: Parent Teacher Conferences

END OF YEAR: 2nd Semester Progress Report send home with all 4K students

4K Curriculum

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

The WI Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) specify developmental expectations for children from birth through entrance to First grade. The standards reflect the domains of a child's learning and development.

The domains include:

- **Health & Physical Development**
- **Social & Emotional Development**
- **Language Development & Communication**
- **Approaches to Learning**
- **Cognition & General Knowledge**

Each domain is divided into sub-domains which include developmental expectations, program standards, performance standards & developmental continuum.

For more information on the WMELS, please visit the following website:

<http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/wmels-about.php>

Splash into PreK Curriculum

The NJSD 4K program has adopted the Splash into PreK curriculum by Houghton-Mifflin. This curriculum provides integration of literacy, math, science, social studies, and social/emotional skills in a meaningful format.



SPARK Physical Education Curriculum

The 4K students have a minimum of 30 minutes per week of Physical Education taught by their 4K teacher.

We adopted the SPARK preschool curriculum as a way to organize the learning and development of gross motor skills.



Play-Based Learning

“Play is the work of the child.” - Maria Montessori

“Play is the highest form of research.” - Albert Einstein

“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning.

Play is really the work of childhood.”

-Mr. Fred Rogers



Sample Daily Schedule (2 hour 40 minutes)

8:30-8:40 (10 minutes)

Arrival/Morning Jobs/Table Activities

8:40-9:00 (20 minutes)

Meeting Time/ Literacy Time

9:00-9:40 (40 minutes)

Small Group Instruction/ Stations (LITERACY, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, ART)

9:40-10:00 (20 minutes)

Bathroom/snack

Read Aloud/ Recess

10:00-10:40 (40 minutes)

Play

10:40-11:00 (20 minutes)

Final Activities (Social Skills, Writing, Theme Focus)

11:00-11:10 (10 minutes)

Closing Song/Home

Snack Time in 4K

Each 4K teacher will determine how snack time will take place in their classroom. Some may want a shared snack brought in and some may ask for individual snacks. We will not be serving milk or juice, but will have water available for students.

You will receive a note with additional information from your 4K teacher at Open House.



Parent Outreach

We will be providing 87.5 hours of Parent Outreach activities during the school year as part of our 4K program. These activities could include parent workshops, child/parent field trips, literacy & math nights, make it-take it opportunities, movie nights, at-home activities, and much more! Additional information regarding these activities will be provided during the school year.



Important Upcoming Dates!

Fees & Forms: Tuesday, August 22nd from 12:00-6:00 at Hoover, Wilson & Washington. ACI parents should come to Washington.

Open House

ACI: Monday, August 28th from 6:00-7:30 PM

Hoover: Wednesday, August 30th from 4:30-6:00 PM

Washington: Thursday, August 31st from 3:00-6:00 PM (Student Pictures!!)

Wilson: Friday, September 1st from 8:00-9:00 AM and 12:20-1:00 PM

Have a great school year!

