

## A Focus on Readiness

### Social Skills

- Self-help skills (button, tie shoes, etc.)
- Take initiative
- Sit for at least five minutes
- Follow two-part or more directions
- Use proper manners
- Cooperate with adults and other children
- Share and take turns
- Use appropriate listening skills
- Able to separate from parents or guardians
- Use self control

## Belding Area Schools Kinderstart

### Kinderstart

Belding's Kinderstart program is held at Ellis Elementary. For more information, please contact the Ellis office at 616-794-4100.



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## Ellis Elementary Kinderstart Student Learning Objectives

Ellis Elementary School  
Grades Kinderstart - 2  
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## Kinderstart

Belding's Kinderstart program is designed for kindergarten-aged children who will be five years old on or before December 1 and who would benefit from an additional year of experience before entering kindergarten. The focus of Kinderstart is:

- Kindergarten preparation skills
- Large and small motor skills
- Academic skills
- Social school readiness
- Emotional school readiness

Kinderstart students are exposed to activities that will prepare them for kindergarten the following year.

This brochure lists a few of the highlights of focus for our Kinderstart students.

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### Math

- Count to 30 or more
- Recognize several shapes including abstract ones
- Sort objects different ways
- Create, extend, and describe difficult patterns
- Recognize numbers to 12 or more
- Write numbers 0-9 in order
- Match numbers to sets of objects

### Fine Motor Skills

- Cut on a straight, wavy, or curved line
- Draw realistic pictures with detail

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### English Language Arts

- Learn all upper and lower case alphabet letters
- Understand rhyme
- Recognize letter sounds
- Recognize six or more sight words
- Demonstrate concepts of print
- Sequence and retell a story
- Use invented spelling to write
- Write first name correctly
- Hold pencils and other writing utensils correctly