



# Belding Area Schools

The right size. The right choice.

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## Kinderstart Program

Belding's kinderstart program is designed for children who will be at least five years old on or before December 1, 2010, and benefit from an additional year of development before entering kindergarten. The focus of kinderstart is social, emotional, and academic growth for all students. Working on large and small motor skills, academic skills, and social and emotional school readiness, children are exposed to activities that will prepare them for kindergarten the following year and provide a solid base for future academic success. We believe we are the right size and the right choice for kindergarten.

### Curriculum Highlights

#### English Language Arts Readiness

Learn at least 17 upper and lower case alphabet letters

Understand rhyme

Recognize letter sounds

Recognize six or more sight words

Demonstrate concepts of print

Able to sequence and retell a story

Use invented spelling to write

Write first name correctly

Hold pencils and other writing utensils correctly

#### Fine Motor Skills

Cut on a straight, wavy, or curved line

Draw realistic pictures with detail

#### Math Readiness

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

#### Social Skills

Self-help skills (button, tie, 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