

**Transitional Kindergarten Teachers**

Mrs. Falck  
Mrs. Einck

**Kindergarten Teachers**

Mrs. Dodd  
Mrs. Johnson  
Mrs. Richert  
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In kindergarten...  
we will learn, make  
friends, and have  
fun!!



**Common Core Academics**

**Iowa Common Core State**

**Standards (KDG & TK)**

Math

Literacy

Social Studies

Science

21st Century Skills

"Everything I need to know I  
learned in kindergarten."

Robert Fulghum



Rick Varney - Principal

Chauncy Eggland - JCE Administrative Assistant

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Getting ready for  
Kindergarten

"Where children grow"

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### **Additional Programs and Supports:**

Art (KDG & TK)  
Computer Science (KDG)  
Music (KDG & TK)  
Physical Education (KDG & TK)  
Typing (KDG)  
Guidance (KDG)  
Wellness (KDG & TK)  
Library (KDG & TK)  
Primary Education Thinking Skills - P.E.T.S. (KDG)  
English Second Language Service (KDG & TK)  
Literacy Intervention (KDG)  
Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (KDG & TK)  
Second Step - Social/Emotional Curriculum (KDG & TK)

### **Transitional Kindergarten is designed to help children as they:**

Build confidence and self-esteem  
Develop small motor skills needed for writing  
Foster large muscle skills needed for balance  
Enhance skills such as sitting, listening, and following directions  
Increase vocabulary enrichment and memory skills  
Facilitate social interaction and encourages problem solving

We will introduce essential kindergarten standards while adding a developmental focus that will be taught at a pace designed to meet the children's individual social and emotional needs.

### **10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten**

1. Read **books** everyday.
2. Develop **fine motor skills**: holding a pencil, coloring, cutting with scissors.
3. Print **first name** with only the first letter capitalized.
4. Practice following 2-step **instructions**: "Please go get your shoes and put them on."
5. Use good **manners**: "Please" and "Thank you"
6. Talk about **social skills**: sharing, taking turns, positive words, talk about handling anger.
7. Help your child take **responsibility**: clean up messes, dress themselves, get their own snacks.
8. Practice **number recognition**: Count objects daily.
9. Practice **letter and sound recognition**. Practice saying the letters and their sounds every day.
10. Build **self-esteem**. Praise your child often because Kindergarten is hard! Their learning starts with you!

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A heart print is formed  
When you do something kind.  
Your love touches others,  
Leaving heart prints behind.

*P.K. Hallinan*

**"Teachers who love teaching  
make children who love  
learning."**

*author unknown*