



Our Junior Kindergarten program will focus on all stages of development through interactive play and incidental learning experiences with an emphasis on each individual child's needs.

Children will be engaged in center-based play to further develop concepts and skills through hands-on-learning experiences. The classroom environment will stimulate curiosity and a love of learning while encouraging cooperative play and collaboration with other children.

Our goal is to have all children become lifelong learners through a meaningful and enjoyable start within the school environment.

Junior Kindergarten (JK) is not a replacement for regular kindergarten.

It is an opportunity for children to achieve mastery of basic developmental areas such as fine/large motor skills, social/emotional development, self-regulation, language development, cooperation and basic academic skills that are the foundation for early learning.



**“Childhood should be a journey, not a race.”**

*-Author Unknown*

Our mission is to provide the most meaningful and successful journey for each child.

### **JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM**

The Junior Kindergarten curriculum will use kindergarten standards as well as SD Early Learning Standards as our goals for learning.

- Use of thematic units to introduce academic concepts in reading, language arts, pre-math, listening, and oral expression.
- Development of social skills through interactive play.
- Development of fine and large motor skills through movement and engagement.
- Handwriting Without Tears (Kick Start Kindergarten version)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. Who will be teaching the program?**

A. Our Junior Kindergarten program will be taught by a teacher certified in early childhood/elementary education.

**Q. What is the schedule for the program?**

A. The program will follow the same schedule as the Huron School District and the Buchanan K-1 Center. (M-F; 8:15-3:10).

*\*A half day option may be available by request.*

**Q. Is my child eligible for this program?**

A. We will be accepting students who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> with primary consideration to those whose birthdays are in May, June, July and August.

**Q. Where will my child be placed after a year in Junior Kindergarten?**

A. Children completing a year in Jr. Kindergarten will be placed in Kindergarten the following school year.



## Huron School District 2-2 Junior Kindergarten

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## Junior Kindergarten Overview

Junior Kindergarten is a new option to the Huron School District for students who are age eligible for Kindergarten, but would benefit socially and academically from a less formal environment before entering kindergarten. We strive to make the K-12 school experiences successful and enjoyable for each student and for some young children, another year of development is beneficial for future achievement.

