



Bridge Kindergarten FAQ

What exactly is Bridge Kindergarten?

Our Bridge Kindergarten program is designed for children who are not quite ready socially or academically for Kindergarten. Our Bridge Kindergarten benefits children who have mastered pre-school concepts but may not be ready for the rigor associated with the traditional Kindergarten classroom. The Bridge Kindergarten program gives children time to mature socially and emotionally using age appropriate methods and materials. Success in Kindergarten depends on many factors, and this program gives children opportunities to build their skills in many of these important areas.

Who is eligible for this program?

Children who turn 5 before December 1st are eligible for our Bridge Kindergarten program.

What if my child DOES meet traditional age requirements?

Children who have already turned five are certainly eligible for and welcome in this program. The small class size will allow the teacher to modify lessons for children who may be more advanced in their understanding of certain concepts. Because our curriculum is aligned with the Kindergarten standards for the state of Texas, children in our Bridge Kindergarten program will not “miss out” on learning any important concepts as they prepare to enter 1st grade.

What will my child learn?

The curriculum is aligned with the Kindergarten Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. Children in our program will learn what Kindergarteners throughout the state of Texas are learning – English Language Arts-oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics / word study, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Math foundations include counting, comparing, patterns and developing number concepts. Also included are Handwriting, Science and Social studies, units of study followed by the Day School as well as fine arts, technology, religion, physical development and Spanish.

What other skills are taught in the Bridge Kindergarten Program?

Our developmental curriculum incorporates whole group, small group and independent activities with frequent individual assessments. We prepare the children to learn to make their own choices, cooperate with others, listen to and follow several directions, take responsibility for their own behaviors and learn how to work and play with others. Our foundations include academic, social and emotional development and reinforce the structure of school to prepare children for a happy and successful transition to Kindergarten.

How will I know how my child is doing?

Each parent will be invited to participate in two parent-teacher conferences during the school year. One conference will be held in November and one will be held in April. The November conference has been scheduled to coincide with admissions deadlines for many private schools and the magnet/vanguard program deadlines for HISD. Parent or teacher may request conferences at other times during the year.

Where does my child go after the Bridge Program?

At the November parent-teacher conference, the classroom teacher and parents will discuss the most appropriate next steps for each child. Children completing the Bridge program may go on to a traditional Kindergarten program or to 1st grade.

Will my child nap during the day?

Children have a short quiet time after lunch. Children put their heads on their desks and the lights are dimmed.

How many children will be in class?

There will be up to 12 children in the class with 1 Texas certified teacher.

