



## What we do in 4K:

- Circle Time (calendar, weather, community circle)
- Story Time (learning through books, finger plays, nursery rhymes, games, and song)
- Developmentally Appropriate Centers focused on math & literacy skills
- Fine and Gross Motor Activities
- Art Activities
- Exploration Through Play (dramatic play area, book and block area, creative arts)
- Healthy snack
- Library, music, gym, guidance, computer time, art and Spanish
- Inclusive Setting– giving all children the opportunity to learn in a positive environment.
- Develop social/emotional skills through play, problem solving, and making friendships
- Parent Outreach Events



## Developmental Profile of a Four-Year-Old

### Social-Emotional

- Enjoys playing with peers
- Helps friends when they are sad or upset.
- Has one or two special friends

### Cognitive

- Names colors and shapes.
- Counts and identifies numbers 1-10
- Recognizes his/her name and names of friends.

### Communication

- Asks and answers “wh” questions.
- Retells a simple story.
- Uses up to 8 words in a sentence.

### Fine Motor/Gross Motor

- Cuts out simple shapes.
- Holds a pencil correctly.
- Hops on one foot.
- Ball skills (catch, throw, kick)

### Self-Help

- Dresses/undresses with little help.
- Can zip, button and snap jacket.

## Frequently asked questions:

### **How long is the program and what are the times?**

Our program follows the normal school day schedule running each week Monday-Friday.

### **When does my child need to be 4 by to be able to register for 4K?**

Your child needs to turn 4 on or before September 1st to be eligible for 4K.

### **How do I register?**

Registration forms are available in the school office. You will need basic contact information, and also names/numbers for your child’s doctors and emergency contacts. There is no registration fee for 4K.

### **Am I eligible for bus/van transportation?**

Children living in our school district, but outside the city limits are normally eligible for transportation by bus & van. If you meet eligibility, you will be contacted in summer to see if you need this service.

### **Do you have any wrap around childcare available for when my child is not in 4K?**

Our school does have a child care facility in our building that is open before, during, and after school. You will need to contact Karen Bishop, our child care lead teacher, to determine if there is space for your child for before and after school. Call the elementary school office (487-7001) to reach her.

### **What if I am uncomfortable sending my child all day every day for school?**

The school district is willing to work with families to come up with a schedule that would work best for your child.

### **Does my child need to be potty-trained to attend 4K?**

No, we encourage you to have a routine at home but we will work with your child at school to help them be successful with potty-training.

### **What does the schedule look like in 4K?**

Our day is about 50% play based, which includes recess, play time, and table top activities. The rest of the day is filled with academics, specials (gym, art, music), rest time, whole group learning, and story time.



## School-to-Home Connections

Our 4K program has a lot of opportunities for families to be involved in their child's learning at school. Here are some examples:

- ⇒ Weekly newsletters highlighting themes, learning activities, and schedules
- ⇒ Family events (including field trips, at-school events, and 4K graduation) where families are encouraged to come and visit
- ⇒ Class Dojo is a playform used to share updates, classroom news, and pictures of your child
- ⇒ Weekly activities sent home for parents to work with their child on specific skills
- ⇒ Mini readers and a "Book of the Month" to foster beginning reading skills
- ⇒ School and classroom dress-up days
- ⇒ Volunteer opportunities for family members (parents, grandparents, older siblings)



## Our Philosophy

*We believe that all children are capable of learning in a positive environment. Children who are at a young age need hands-on learning and developmentally appropriate activities. Social interaction and play experiences are a fundamental part of our program. We believe that parents are the most important teachers in their child's life. Therefore, we strive to promote a strong school/home relationship. We have an open door policy and parents are welcome into our classrooms at any time.*

It is the policy of the School District of Algoma that no person, on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin (including LEP), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation or physical disability, mental disability, emotional disability or learning disability/handicap or homeless status, may be denied admission to any school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program.

# 4K

(4 year old Kindergarten)

## Information



Algoma Elementary School  
514 Fremont St.  
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Algoma School District

**920-487-7001**

**Principal:** Katie Servi  
**Superintendent:** Nick Cochart

**4 Year Old Kindergarten Teachers:**

Mrs. Emily Krueger  
Mrs. Rachel Vandermause  
Mrs. Tina Madson

**Early Childhood Teacher:**  
Mrs. Rachel Schneider





# Full Day 4 Year-Old Kindergarten



Runs normal school hours Monday-Friday  
50% play-based program which includes  
play time, story time, group work, and recess  
Academic focus on letters, numbers, shapes,  
colors, and counting  
Specials (music, art, gym, spanish, library)  
Social-emotional skills and routines

**Registration due May 14**

Due to COVID protocols, our regularly scheduled open house in April will be rescheduled in August before the school year starts. Once your child is registered for the 4K program, you will receive paperwork in the mail in late June with more details.

If you have questions or want to set up a time to discuss the program, please call  
Emily Krueger @ 920-493-2013.