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# Getting Ready for Kindergarten

2023-2024

DeSoto Trail  
Elementary School



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## WELCOME TO DESOTO TRAIL ELEMENTARY

**Michele C. Keltner, Principal**  
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Office Phone 850-488-4511  
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### School Office Staff:

Secretary — Melissa Bruner  
Admissions Liaison — LeJina Payne  
Financial Accountant — Tamra Swain

**First Day of School is  
Thursday,  
August 10, 2023**

### Registration Process:

1. Visit [www.leonschools.net/register](http://www.leonschools.net/register)
2. Register for a Parent Account
3. Add your child to your account
4. Email required documents to our registrar ([lcsadmissions@leonschools.net](mailto:lcsadmissions@leonschools.net))

### Documentation Needed to Enroll Your Child:

- Birth Certificate issued by Office of Vital Statistics
- Proof of Health Examination from physician's office
- Certificate of Immunizations from physician's office or County Health Department
- Two (2) proofs of residence such as:
  - a) Primary: rental/lease agreement, mortgage statement, homestead exemption, or property tax bill, **and**
  - b) Secondary: recent utility bill, homeowner's insurance bill, government mail
- Court documents pertaining to custody, if applicable

### School Hours

8:25 AM to 2:50 PM



### Supervision Hours

7:45 AM to 3:20 PM

### Essential Websites



[www.leonschools.net/desototrail](http://www.leonschools.net/desototrail) — School Website  
[www.leonschools.net/dteslistserv](http://www.leonschools.net/dteslistserv) — ListServ Registration  
[www.facebook.com/desototrailschool](https://www.facebook.com/desototrailschool) — Facebook Page  
<https://volunteers.leonschools.net> — Volunteer Application  
[www.leonschools.net](http://www.leonschools.net) — School District Website

# DeSoto Trail Elementary

Michele C. Keltner

*Principal*



Megan J. Keen

*Assistant Principal*

Dear Parents:

Welcome to Kindergarten! Just as seedlings need sun, fertile soil, and water to blossom, children need a positive, caring, and creative atmosphere in which to learn and grow.

All children need to feel accepted as they are. This allows your child to reach his or her highest potential. We encourage positive self-esteem and confidence by building on each child's strengths and interests. We help children to see how what they learn in school relates to everyday experiences. When children are understood and appreciated, they thrive.

We invite parents to become involved in school life. We believe in the importance of maintaining close communication between families and school staff. There are many things you can do to prepare your child for school. It is important to reinforce at home what your child learns at school.

Here are a few ideas:

- **Talk to your child.** The more a child can say, the easier it is for him or her to learn to read.
- **Listen to your child.** Encourage your child to tell you about the things he or she sees and does.
- **Read to your child.** Reading aloud becomes fun for the child and they soon want to read on their own.
- **Make your house a reading home.** If your child sees you reading books, magazines, or newspapers, he or she will know that reading is an important value in your family.
- **Take your child places.** Going to parks, on walks, to museums, or to stores all help to give your child new interests. Make these outings valuable to your child by pointing out interesting sights and discussing them. This builds their vocabulary. Ask your child questions and LISTEN to the answers.
- **Provide opportunities** for your child to play with other children.

At DeSoto Trail Elementary, our goal is for every child to have a successful learning experience. Commitment to excellence is accomplished when families and schools work together purposefully, with mutual respect and trust, in the pursuit of educational excellence for their children.

We are happy to have you with us and look forward to meeting you personally when school begins. We are confident that it will be a rewarding and successful experience for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Michele C. Keltner  
Principal

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# DESOTO TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL HOURS 8:25 AM — 2:50 PM

### ORIENTATION DAY

- Wednesday, August 9, 2023 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, and/or by appointment at times TBD (watch for email from your child's teacher in August)
- Classroom rolls will be posted in the covered area.
- Students with incomplete registration packets will **not** be placed on a classroom roll.
- Contact the School Office for any enrollment-related questions.
- Booths will be set up in the cafeteria with information about volunteer activities.

### TRANSPORTATION

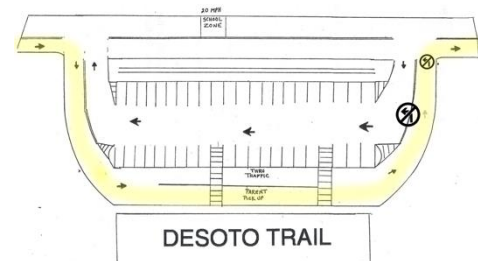
- **Transportation changes must be sent in writing to the teacher if different than set method of departure.**
- **Emergency (same-day) transportation changes require a phone call to the front office.**
- School dismissal time is 2:50 PM for buses, walkers, and car riders.

### BUSES

- Bus route schedules will be posted in the August "Back to School" issue of the Tallahassee Democrat; also available on Leon County Schools website at [www.leonschools.net/buses](http://www.leonschools.net/buses).
- Classrooms will have a copy of bus route schedules on Orientation Day.
- The first week of school, students will be marked with a colored dot sticker corresponding to the color of the bus the child rides. Volunteers will also walk the children to the bus loading area at dismissal time.
- Teachers will have a transportation poster displayed near the exit door with modes of transportation.

### CAR DROP-OFF/PICK-UP; WALKERS/BIKERS

- Drivers must follow the flow of traffic for drop-off and pick-up (see diagram). Do not park and walk students onto campus; it is not safe to cross the traffic loop on foot at these times of the day.
  - The **front traffic loop** (off Tredington Park) is for K-5 student drop-off and pick-up; the back loop (off Velda Dairy) is for buses, pre-k, and faculty/staff only.
  - Parents may accompany walkers/bikers to the outside gate (on Tredington Park) in the morning.
  - School staff will escort kindergarten walkers/bikers to the outside gate in the afternoon.
    - If there is precipitation, thunder, or lightning at dismissal, students will remain on campus until a parent/guardian arrives to get them. To maximize safety, we prefer for all students to be picked up by car during inclement weather. Parents of kindergarten-fifth grade walkers may walk from the gate to the edge of the car pickup covered area to get their child(ren). Kindergarten walkers will not be walked to the gate by a school employee. If you have an older child who has an umbrella, please let the front office and their teacher know that you give them permission to walk/bike in the rain to the gate to meet you.
  - Before school supervision begins at 7:45 AM. Students arriving between 7:45 AM — 8:00 AM will be directed to the cafeteria. After 8:00 AM, students will report to the kindergarten playground until their teacher picks them up.
  - No student should arrive before 7:45 AM unless they are enrolled in before school care.
  - The tardy bell rings at 8:30 AM. Students must be inside the classroom at 8:30 AM to be marked present.
- Tardy students must be signed in by a guardian on the kiosk in the front office.**



## CLINIC

- The school clinic is staffed with a trained school health care assistant.
- Medications, prescription or non-prescription, **are not** to be transported through the student. An adult must come by the school clinic to drop off meds and fill out the **Administration of Medication Permission** form.
- It is vital that we know of any medical problems, such as food allergies, chronic conditions, etc.
- ***Please keep current work, home, and cell phone numbers in the school office.***

## OFFICE

- School Office Hours: 7:45 AM — 4:15 PM
- Telephone Number: 850-488-4511
- Fax Number: 850-487-1623
- Extended Day program: 850-488-3316
- Guidance Office: 850-488-1757
- Cafeteria: 850-488-8435
- Attendance: send a detailed email to [dtesattendance@leonschools.net](mailto:dtesattendance@leonschools.net) any time your child will be absent
- Notify day care/after school program of any absences from school, or of any transportation changes.
- ALL visitors are to check in at the school office and have their state-issued ID scanned by our Raptor system.

## CAFETERIA

- Student lunch is provided free of charge for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Menus are posted on the Leon County Schools website at [www.leonschools.net/nutrition](http://www.leonschools.net/nutrition).
- DeSoto Trail has a nut-free kitchen and Leon County Schools menu will not contain nuts for DTES. However, we are not a nut-free school and cannot be responsible for items sent from home.
- Our cafeteria manager is available at 850-488-8435 daily from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

## EXTRA CLOTHES

- Put underwear, shirt, pants, and socks in plastic baggie in backpack.
- Soiled clothes will be returned in baggie; remember to send back clean clothes.

## SPECIAL AREAS

- Classes will attend special areas at the same time each day, on a schedule that rotates daily.
- Special areas may include: PE, Art, Music, Guidance, Media, and SEL (social-emotional learning).
- Parents will receive a monthly calendar that shows which special area falls on each school day.

## OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

- **Label all jackets, coats, sweaters, lunch boxes, backpacks, etc. with student name or initials.**
- Lost and Found will be set out in covered area between Art and Music Room every two weeks, then boxed up and sent to Goodwill.
- Students are allowed adult lunch visitors. Please notify teacher prior to lunch date and remember to stop by the school office to sign in.
- Join Listserv for weekly school-wide activities at [www.leonschools.net/desototrail](http://www.leonschools.net/desototrail), scroll down and follow the directions.
- A Volunteer Application must be completed to volunteer in Leon County Schools.
- Always sign in at the school office when you arrive on campus.

## FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the school year, educational field trips will be planned for the students.

- Parent chaperones may meet their class at the field trip destination.
- For the safety of ALL students, parents are required to chaperone without other siblings.
- Parents or other adults chaperoning field trips must complete and submit a Volunteer Application form at least two weeks prior to scheduled field trip: [volunteers.leonschools.net](http://volunteers.leonschools.net)
- All students are required to have on file an Application for Activity Participation form. School insurance is available for students with no insurance. Forms are available in the school office.
- All students will receive a free t-shirt as part of our Trailblazer Fitness Adventure in February. Students should wear their TFA t-shirt on field trip days.



## TRAFFIC RULES

As an on-going safety concern, please observe these rules when dropping off and picking up your child:

- Arrive between 8:10 AM and 8:20 AM.
- Follow the instruction of staff, traffic guards, and patrols.
- Stay in your car in the drop-off/pick-up area.
- Always pull all the way forward in the drop-off/pick-up line.
- Do not park and walk your child in nor let your child off in the parking lot during drop-off or pick-up. Students must be dropped off and picked up in the drop-off/pick-up loop.
- Do not use your cell phone in the drop-off/pick-up loop.
- Insist that your child exit your car on the passenger's side. (Car seats should be installed on the passenger's side.)
- Cross only at the designated crosswalk when coming in to the front office.
- Do not go around cars in the parking lot.
- Stay off the grass and yellow curbs.
- Be patient.



Thank you for putting the safety of our children first!



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A school supply list is provided with student registration information and posted on our website. We will work with a third-party vendor to make kits available for purchase containing everything on the supply list. Kits are delivered to your child's classroom on orientation day. If you do not purchase a kit, please bring items in a bag or box labeled with your student's name on the first day of school.



In addition, we will be asking parents to purchase a Kindergarten Bundle which includes our Star Folder (for behavior charts, communication to and from school, and graded papers), Star Poster (to use when the student is “Star of the Week”), and our Primary Journal. Payment envelopes will be available in the classroom at Orientation Day.

## ATTENDANCE

**Florida law requires parents to notify the school when a child is absent.** The law allows **excused** absences for illness or medical care, death in the family, religious holidays, and certain other **prearranged** special circumstances approved by school administration.

## Reporting Absences/Tardies

Report your child's absence or tardy by emailing a detailed note to [dtesattendance@leonschools.net](mailto:dtesattendance@leonschools.net).

## Trips

Students who are absent for an “educationally valuable experience” (other than a field trip or school-sponsored function or activity) may receive an excused absence if the following criteria are met:

- A written request, identifying the educational benefits, must be submitted by the parent/guardian.
- Must be pre-approved at least one week in advance by the principal.
- Students are responsible for work missed during this absence.

## Religious Holidays

Excused absences for religious holidays must be approved in advance by administration. Please complete and submit to Mrs. Keltner for pre-approval the Religious Holidays Exemption Request found on our school website under "School Information" and then "Forms."

## No “Free” Absences

There are no “free” unexcused absences or tardies. Unexcused absenteeism (including tardies meaning late arrivals or early departures) sufficient enough to jeopardize academic progress at the elementary level is defined as a student being absent (or tardy) without an acceptable reason five (5) times in a calendar month or ten (10) times in a 90-calendar day period.

# DeSoto Trail Elementary

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*Principal*



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Dear Parents:

In order to keep all campuses secure, our district has made several improvements to the procedure for adult visitors entering the school building. We have a physical security system on the front office doorway. If you need to come onto campus, just press the doorbell-like button and someone will interact with you through the intercom and/or buzz you into the door.

The first time you enter the office to come onto campus, you will be asked to present a valid state-issued ID for us to scan into the Raptor Visitor Management System. Raptor performs a quick background check and alerts us of individuals who may jeopardize the safety of the campus. We use the most current version of the Raptor system. Once your ID has been processed, a name badge is printed for you to wear while you are out on our campus.

Most people only need to present their ID card one time; on subsequent visits, you'll be able to check in quickly by typing your name into the Raptor kiosk. If you happen to visit our campus over the summer, to turn in registration documents or just to say hello, this would be a great time to go ahead and scan your ID, so you can go straight to the kiosk when you visit during the school year.

The Raptor system is for visitors who are coming onto our campus. If you are just picking up your student, dropping off a forgotten item, etc., you won't need to check in to Raptor.

The safety and security of your young Trailblazer will always be our first priority, and we feel certain that our check-in procedures, including the Raptor system, are a critical component of our safety plan. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following our procedures.

Sincerely,

Michele C. Keltner  
Principal



## Leon County Schools General Clinic Information

It is hard on a parent when his/her child is not feeling well at school. Parents are busy, and it always seems to be the worst possible time when you receive a call from the school saying your child is not well.

When a student comes to the clinic, we first try to determine what the problem is. We see lots of headaches and stomachaches.

Most of the time, we take a temperature, let the student rest for 15-20 minutes, and the student is sent back to class, as long as there is no fever. There are times when the child does not seem to think she/he can make it the rest of the school day. We then call the parent and inform them of his/her child's condition and let him/her talk with the child. The parent can then make a decision regarding the care of his/her child.

Sometimes we have a child who has a "nervous stomach", or something does not agree with him/her at lunch and he/she vomits. As best as we can, we try to determine if the child is truly ill, but generally, when he/she vomits, you will be called to pick your child up from school. Also, if your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, you will be called to come and get him/her. If your child wakes up in the morning with a fever, please do not give Tylenol or Advil and send them off to school. Most of the time, the medicine will wear off and you will be contacted to come pick up your child because the fever has returned. ***School Board policy states that your child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school per the American Board of Pediatrics.***

There are a few other conditions for which students must be sent home: head lice,



persistent diarrhea, rashes of unknown origin, etc. If you are new to the school, do not be surprised when your child comes home and says he/she was checked for head lice.

Periodically, school-wide checks are done. Leon County Schools has a NO NIT policy. If your child has head lice, he/she must be treated and all nits must be removed before your child may

return to school. You must bring your child to the clinic to be checked before he/she can return to class (please do not send them on the bus).

We are not allowed to give your child any medication for bumps or scrapes. The wound is cleaned with soap and water and a bandage is applied. Also, it is amazing how many clinic ailments are "cured" with a small bag of ice.

We do not call the parent every time a student is in the clinic. Most of the time, it is for something very minor, and your child can quickly return to class. However, if your child is seriously injured or ill, we will call you.

Therefore, it is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to keep current work and home phone numbers in the school office. If you are going out of town for a period of time, please send a letter providing us with the names of the persons responsible for the care of your child in your absence.

Our goal is to have a safe, healthy, and happy school year. Please stress to your children the importance of proper hand washing. Please do not send sick children to school to infect others. If you have any questions concerning medications or the school clinic, please contact the school clinic personnel.

## Leon County Schools Medication Information

Below are key points of the Leon County Schools medication policy:

- Only medications that are **medically necessary** for school attendance will be accepted. Most medications can be given at home.
- **Medication must be transported to and from school by the parent/guardian, not the child.**
- All medications must be within the **expiration date**. In addition, all medications must be in their original packaging (i.e., prescription bottle from pharmacy or all manufacturer's packaging including outer carton with dosage information). This includes non-prescription medication as well.
- Medication and doses of medication must be **age-appropriate**. Some non-prescription medications are not recommended for children. Check the box/bottle for this information.
- Parents may not provide the school with a supply of medication "in case the medicine was forgotten and not given at home".
- Please do not supply large quantities (i.e., no bottles of 100).
- Medications containing aspirin (aspirin products, Pepto Bismol, etc.) will not be accepted without a physician's written order, due to the association with Reye Syndrome.
- Only FDA-approved medications will be accepted. No vitamins, nutritional supplements, etc., will be accepted without a written order from the physician.
- The parent/guardian must complete a Medication Permission Form for each medication. Emergency medications may require additional forms to be signed by the child's physician. New forms must be completed each school year.
- Parents may not change the dose or time of administration of a prescription medication. A written order from the physician or a new prescription bottle reflecting the change is required.
- Students requiring over-the-counter (OTC) medicine for a temporary medical condition (i.e., cough and cold medicines, pain relievers, allergy medicines, skin conditions, etc.), do not need a written health care provider order for the first five (5) days of medicine administration, although the Medication Permission Form shall be completed by the parent/guardian. If the non-prescription medicine is needed for more than five (5) days, a written health care provider's order is required.
- Students who take medicine and who are going on an extended day/overnight field trip (i.e., a trip that is longer than the school day) must have a separate permission form for each medication to be given on the trip. A Medication Permission Form for extended day/overnight field trips must be completed by the parent/guardian, even if the student is already receiving medication at school. A separate supply of medication must be supplied by the parent for the trip. If asked, a pharmacist will provide an extra labeled prescription bottle for this purpose.



## THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

At DeSoto Trail, the kindergarten program is designed to develop each child's knowledge and skills in all developmental areas: physical, social, emotional, and intellectual. Teachers help children "learn how to learn" and establish a foundation for lifelong learning. Students are viewed as individuals and the instruction is responsive to individual differences in ability and interests.

Florida recently adopted the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. The B.E.S.T. Standards for English Language Arts lay the foundation for reading success. They focus on phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Our district-adopted reading curriculum, *Savvas MyView Literacy*, is built on the B.E.S.T. standards. Daily instruction includes oral language, letter names, concepts about print, writing, phonics, high-frequency words (sight words), vocabulary, and comprehension skills and strategies. Teachers incorporate daily opportunities to read aloud a wide range of texts, using both narrative and expository material. Reading aloud (shared reading) is critical to promoting children's success with literacy. Listening to stories develops valuable concepts of print and other pre-reading skills and increases vocabulary development. During small group guided reading time, children will meet with their teacher to work on skills such as letter sounds, sight words, and comprehension. Our goal is to make sure that every child will develop a love for reading so that it will become a part of their daily life.

Our math series, *Go Math! Florida*, by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, is also built on the B.E.S.T. standards. The program incorporates hands-on experiences with math manipulatives, cooperative learning, technology, direct instruction, and independent practice.

Center activities are selected to reinforce and enrich specific skills being covered in the curriculum. Children explore and discover through hands-on experiences related to art, literacy, math, and science activities. Computer and technology skills are integrated into the curriculum, and every student is assigned a Chromebook to use to access math and reading skills practice programs and the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST). FAST is Florida's standardized assessment, which is administered three times per year to students in VPK through grade 10 and is designed to show student progress throughout the year. Kindergarten students take the FAST Reading and Math through the STAR platform developed by Renaissance Learning.

The kindergarten team welcomes all volunteer support! Parents are encouraged to share their time and ideas.





# Kindergarten Readiness Expectations

*Prior to kindergarten, your child should be able to:*

## Approaches to Learning

1. Ask questions about things in the classroom.

## Social and Emotional Development

1. Follow simple classroom rules and routines.
2. Put materials away in designated places during clean-up time.
3. Manage transitions (change activities or move place-to-place in an orderly manner).
4. Play cooperatively with other children.
5. Seek adult assistance appropriately.
6. Seek adult help when needed to resolve conflicts.

## Language and Communication

1. Ask questions and add information related to current topics of conversation.

## Emergent Literacy (Early Reading, Writing, Language, Listening, and Speaking Behaviors)

- Identifying Concepts of Print
  1. Identify the front/back of the book.
  2. Identify the title of the book.
  3. Identify the first word on the page of a book.
- Comprehension
  1. Make predictions during a story.
  2. Answer questions about story elements (who, where, what happened, etc.).
  3. Retell a story or experience (telling, drawing, and dramatic play).
- Writing
  1. Use scribble to convey a message.
  2. Use known letters and approximations of letters to represent written language.
  3. Write own name (e.g., first name, last name), not necessarily with full correct spelling or well-formed letters, using capital and lower-case letters.
  4. Identify a minimum of ten lower- and upper-case letters of the alphabet.
  5. Recognize written name.
  6. Recognize basic category labels used in classroom.

## Scientific Thinking

- Inquiry
  1. Describe observations using simple tools, such as a magnifying glass or magnets.

## Mathematical and Scientific Thinking

- Number Sense
  1. Point one-to-one while counting objects to ten or higher.
  2. Count two different sets of objects (10 through 15) and determine which set has more or less.
- Number and Operations
  1. Name “how many” are in a group of objects after counting up to ten objects.
- Patterns and Series of Patterns
  1. Create simple patterns using colors, shapes, or sounds.
  2. Distinguish between a pattern and a non-pattern.
  3. Sort objects into groups by one attribute (color, shape, size, etc.).
- Geometry
  1. Identify circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles in various forms.
  2. Build shapes with objects (i.e., craft sticks, play dough, etc.).
- Spatial Reasoning
  1. Place objects above, below, next to, beside, inside, or outside.
- Measurement
  1. Answer simple questions about real and pictorial graphs.

## Social Studies and the Arts

- Human Interdependence
  1. Give simple explanations of what community workers do.
- Expression and Representation
  1. Use a variety of materials (i.e., crayons, various sized pencils, clay, markers) to create original work.
  2. Respond to music of various tempos through movement.

## Motor Development

- Gross Motor Development
  1. Run, jump, kick, and throw during play.
- Fine Motor Development
  1. Use fine motor tools without assistance (i.e., scissors, markers, various sized pencils, tape, clothes pins)

## HELPFUL SKILLS CHECKLIST

**How many can your child do?**

- ☐ I can say my first and last name.
- ☐ I can write my first name.
- ☐ I know my birthday, address, and phone number.
- ☐ I can recognize my own printed name.
- ☐ I know how to use zippers, shoelaces, and buttons, and can take my outer garments on and off.
- ☐ I know how to use a handkerchief or tissue and can ask for one.
- ☐ I can go to the restroom without help.
- ☐ I know what to do (and what not to do) with crayons, paste, and scissors.
- ☐ I can take responsibility for my own actions. (If I spill something, I can clean it up.)
- ☐ I can listen and sit quietly while others are talking.
- ☐ I can share things, take turns, and play by the rules.
- ☐ I can name basic colors.
- ☐ I can name and count numbers 1 to 10.
- ☐ I can identify missing parts of a picture.
- ☐ I can identify pictures of common objects.
- ☐ I can recognize most letters of the alphabet.
- ☐ I respect other people's property.
- ☐ I respect adults.



## READING TIPS FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTNERS

Play with letters, words, and sounds! Having fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.



- **Talk to your child.** Ask your child to talk about his day at school. Encourage him to explain something they did, or a game he played during recess.
- **Say silly tongue twisters.** Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help children become sensitive to the sounds in words.
- **Read it and experience it.** Connect what your child reads with what happens in life. If reading a book about animals, relate it to your last trip to the zoo.
- **Use your child's name.** Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say, "John, the word *jump* begins with the same sound as your name: *John, jump*. And they both begin with the same letter, J."
- **Play with puppets.** Play language games with puppets. Have the puppet say, "My name is *Mark*. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does *park* rhyme with *Mark*? Does *ball* rhyme with *Mark*?"
- **Trace and say letters.** Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.
- **Write it down.** Have paper and pencils available for your child to use for writing. Working together, write a sentence or two about something special. Encourage your child to use the letters and sounds he or she is learning about in school.
- **Play sound games.** Practice blending sounds into words. Ask "Can you guess what this word is...m — o — p?" Hold each sound longer than normal.
- **Read it again and again.** Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time! As you read, pause and ask your child about what is going on in the book.
- **Talk about letters and sounds.** Help your child learn the names of the letters and the sounds the letters makes. Turn it into a game! "I'm thinking of a letter and it makes the sound mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm."



# DESOTO TRAIL EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (K-CLUB)

**Program Director: Mrs. Jeriesha Carter-Johnson**

**Assistant Manager: Ms. Sarah Koenitzer**

**Questions? Contact Us!**

**Phone: 850-488-3316**

**Email: [carterj@leonschools.net](mailto:carterj@leonschools.net)**

**[koenitzers@leonschools.net](mailto:koenitzers@leonschools.net)**

## What is K-Club?

K-Club is our afterschool care program for kindergarten. They have their own area separate from the rest of afterschool called the K-Club Mansion. K-Club consists of **30 students**.

## K-Club Daily Schedule

**2:30-3:00 Roll**

**3:00-3:15 Bathroom Time**

**3:15-3:45 Snack and Movie**

**\*snack is provided daily, however if your child has specific preferences you may want to send an extra or alternative snack.**

**3:45-5:30 Daily Activity (Ex: Craft, Experiments, Cooking Activities, Outside Play, Centers)**

**\*daily activities may be shorter or longer depending on the day.**

**5:30-6:00 Dismissal (Car Pickup M-TH)**

**Disclaimer: Please keep in mind the schedule is subject to change.**



## How and When do I register?

We only have **30 spots!** **K-Club registration opens April 20<sup>th</sup>** and is first come, first served. We do not collect the registration fee until July when the school year opens. Our registration form can be found on our website. Click or scan the link below and find our K-Club registration form and our Welcome to K-Club PowerPoint under 'forms and flyers'.



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