

Youngest Brickie's Assistance



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

School City of Hobart parents may enroll their child if they are five years old on or before August 1st.

Enrollment Requirements

Parent/Guardian will need to provide the following documents:

- an Indiana Driver's License or Indiana State I.D. listing current Hobart address
- 2 additional proofs of residency (i.e. utility bills/mortgage papers)
- child's original birth certificate
- immunization records
- custody papers if necessary



THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT GEORGE EARLE

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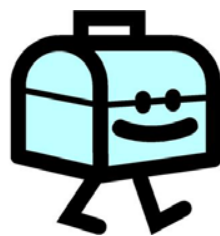
Mrs. Sara Gutierrez
Principal
Mrs. Peggy Ciesla
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Peggy Buffington
Superintendent
Mrs. Shannon O'Brien
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Transportation

The transportation department will inform you of the pick-up & drop-off times for your child. It is highly recommended to have your child at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is due to arrive.

After school, please be outside and visible to the bus driver five minutes before the bus is due to arrive. Bus assignments will be communicated to families before the start of school.



Free and reduced lunch program information as well as textbook assistance, can be found on our website at <http://www.hobart.k12.in.us/Information/Registration/Registration> (current school year) or call 219-947-2413 ext 8952.



Welcome
to the
Early Learning Center
at George Earle



THE MISSION OF ELC

At my school I pledge today
to show respect in
every way.
Reading, math, technology,
exploring with curiosity.
I will learn in many ways,
and do my very best
always!
I'll be proud of my class
and me
because we are
Brickies!



EXPERIENCE

THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

The School City of Hobart Early Learning Center is focused on Hobart's youngest citizens. The district is committed to providing opportunities for learning from the very beginnings of life!

It provides a special school for important early childhood programs in one building. The Early Learning Center is home to Parents As Teachers, Ready, Set, Go Preschool Network, Early Childhood Development classes, and Full-day Kindergarten.

Full-day Kindergarten

Our full day classrooms are designed to create a learning environment that is developmentally appropriate for the early learner and meet the needs of each child. A full day provides the students with an opportunity to learn the curriculum in depth.

Early Childhood Development

Our ECD preschool classrooms meet the needs of three and four year old students with disabilities. It prepares the students for kindergarten. Students learn academics, self help skills, and social skills. If you think your child might qualify for our preschool, contact the Northwest Indiana Special Education Co-operative at 769-4000 for more information.

Parents As Teachers (PAT)

PAT is a FREE program for the School City of Hobart families with children prenatal to kindergarten entry. They provide home visits, playgroups, developmental/health screenings, and resource networking.

Get Ready, Get Set, GO To Kindergarten

The ELC is partnered with PAT and local preschools to promote learning for our youngest Hobart citizens.



Children are one-third of our population and all of our future.

EXCEL

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

In the kindergarten curriculum, skills will be addressed at a time that is developmentally appropriate for the kindergarten child. Instruction will include cooperative learning, paired activities and play to promote communication skills.

Reading Workshop

Utilizing leveled readers in a Reading Workshop setting, students will develop an understanding of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Students will also be introduced to Guided Reading through small group instruction.

Writing Workshop

Our students are writers! They participate in Writer's Workshop each day to develop six traits and learn genres.

Printing

Kindergarten students will develop writing skills through the use of the Handwriting Without Tears Program and Zaner-Bloser.

Math

Through hands-on exercises and inquiry methods, students will learn number concepts including counting, graphing, numeral values and equations. Students will learn shapes, patterns and problem-solving skills. They will use math journals to record findings and questions.

Science

Students use concrete, hands-on experiences and experiments, to understand science in the physical and natural world around them and question through an inquiry model.

Social Studies

Kindergarten students develop an awareness of the people, communities, cultures and citizenship.

Art

In kindergarten, students will have the opportunity to explore various art forms and art from other cultures.

Music

Kindergarten students move freely to music and use patterns in singing and movement.

Library

Students will learn how to use the library and enjoy reading.

Physical Education

The kindergarten students will learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle including gross motor skills, balancing and movement in games.

Technology

The computer lab and classroom computers are used to integrate and develop technology skills. iPads & iPods are available for students in kindergarten. Further, all classrooms utilize Smart Boards as another tool for learning. Students experience greater brain fitness through the use of *Fast ForWord*

Thematic Playrooms

Be sure to visit our thematic playrooms that emphasize creative play and learning.

Character Education

Lessons and activities are taught throughout the year to promote respect for one's self, others, and the environment.

ENGAGE

Learning Opportunities

Students will enhance learning through real world experiences in the classroom, on study trips, and with guest speakers. Look out for our themed learning weeks too. Students can also join one of our after school clubs or sign up for play groups.

Get Involved

You can take an active role in your child's education by volunteering. As a volunteer, you may sign up to work in our front office, library, or help with special classroom activities. More information regarding volunteers will be available at the start of school. You may also want to consider joining our *Parent Pal* group. This allows you to work with other parents to assist the Early Learning Center.

Parent Resources

Our home-school coordinator/counselor is available to meet with students individually or in small groups. Parents are always welcome to call to discuss concerns, answer questions or get resources to help their child be successful. Books, videos, pamphlets, and more are available in our parent resource room. We also offer various parenting classes for support.

Lifelong Guidelines

Trust, Truth, Personal Best, Active Listening, No Put-Downs

