

Registration Requirements

All registrations for students in the Discovery Kindergarten Program require that the following forms & documents be completed and brought with you to registration:

- Complete the district General Enrollment form.
- Notice of Possible Reassignment signed and dated.
- Declaration of Residency Signed and dated.
- Home Language Survey completed.
- Pupil Health Record completed and signed by parent.
- Immunization Record (blue card).
- Certified copy of your child's birth certificate with additional photocopy.
- Copy of immunization record.
- Proof of residency (two of the following) 1. Title, escrow, rental or lease or escrow papers 2. Utility bill 3. Driver's License or insurance bill with name and address.
- An approved District of Choice Transfer Application form for attendance if you are not an Oak Park resident. Contact Linda Gam 818-735-3253.



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Discovery Kindergarten Program 2011—2012



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The Program: This program was implemented in the fall of 2009. It is open to children who turn 5 between July 1 and December 2 in the school year. Instead of sending a child straight to Kindergarten, parents can choose to place them in a "Discovery Kindergarten" program if they think their child may not be ready for a traditional class. Discovery Kindergarten will expose students to Kindergarten standards and curriculum but at a differ-



ent pace. Students will be introduced to the curriculum but will not be expected to master it. At the conclusion of the year, children may either enter a traditional Kindergarten program or in some cases, advance to first grade. Students will have the opportunity to learn and practice important social and communication skills. They will have a chance to learn and express themselves at a pace that is not quite so hurried.

- ◆ The Discovery Program will be located at our Red Oak Elementary School and Brookside Elementary School.



- ◆ The program will be developmental and hands-on so that students can grow at their own pace.

- ◆ The children will receive grade reports three times a year so that there are constant updates on their progress.



The Community and School District: The Oak Park Unified School District is located in a suburban community of eastern Ventura County adjacent to Los Angeles County. The district was formed in 1978 and currently serves approximately 4085 students in grades K-12. The District supports a collaborative style of leadership and promotes the involvement of staff, parents and students in the educational process. The administrative, teaching and classified staff are highly committed and well trained in the current research and practice of teaching and learning.

The Oak Park Unified School District operates eight schools including three K-5 elementary schools, one 6-8 middle school, one 9-12 comprehensive high school, one 10-12 continuation high school, one K-12 Independent Study School and one Reggio Emilia based Preschool. All of our schools have received multiple state and national recognitions including California Distinguished, National Blue Ribbon, Newsweek Top 100, Golden Bell Honoree and Standard and Poor's top 29 Outperforming Districts to name a few.

We believe that the reason for our success is due to the fact that we as an organization have made a commitment to our students to meet their academic needs every day and to provide an appropriate level of learning through challenge, depth, complexity and novelty. Our teachers high degree of attention to providing our students with an engaging,

differentiated and meaningful curriculum is at the core of our vision.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ◆ What standards are taught in Discovery Kindergarten? Students are presented with the same standards as students in a traditional kindergarten class. Skills are introduced using a more hands-on developmental approach. The emphasis is on exposure (rather than mastery) of curriculum.
- ◆ What special classes will my child attend? Your child will have weekly Art, Music, Physical Education and computer classes, as well as a weekly visit to our library.
- ◆ Will my child be going on field trips? Yes ~ Age-appropriate field trips that coincide with the curriculum will be planned during the school year.
- ◆ Will child care be available? Yes~ Please con-



tact the school office.

- ◆ Will my child have to move campuses after completing the Discovery Program? ~ Students will be assigned to their neighborhood school in Oak Park for first grade, or if they will continue in Kindergarten. However, if a family would like their child(ren) to remain at ROES or BES, they may complete an Intra-district Attendance Permit Form, if they are assigned to a different campus. The forms are available in the school offices.
- ◆ Is this a tuition-based program? No, there is no tuition.