

# Lien Elementary 2024 - 2025 4K Curriculum Handbook

### Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 4K Program at Lien Elementary School. We hope this handbook will give you a better understanding of what your child will experience and learn each day at school.

Please feel free to call us at anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Trish Meyers

Mrs. Kylee Black

Mrs. Darla Hughes



# Lien Elementary School Philosophy

At Lien, our 4K Traditional program believes that children learn best through child-led, investigative play. Play is familiarizing themselves with the world around them while exploring and testing their limitations.

We provide the preschool child with an educationally sound program in an atmosphere of warmth, friendliness, and freedom. We offer opportunities for exploration, experimentation, and inquiry while encouraging curiosity and expression of ideas.

We accept each child as an individual, helping the child grow in many dimensions. Our teachers plan a program that is developmentally appropriate, focusing on the "whole child" in terms of his/her social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.



### Goals of the Lien 4K Program

In an environment where children's development is being nourished, we can expect children to grow in the following ways. These goals will help build the foundation for lifelong success:

- I can wait and be flexible.
- I can follow classroom rules with occasional reminders.
- I can meet my own needs (dressing, toileting, and with supplies)
- I can initiate, join in, and sustain positive interactions in small groups of 2-3 children.
- I can sustain a friendship with one child even though it may only last a short while.
- I can share materials.
- I can suggest solutions to social problems.

\*Our goals are aligned with Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

# **Classroom Family Partnership**

- Our classroom family includes you! You are the most important piece to your child's success in school. We will give you a multitude of opportunities to participate in classroom activities and your child's learning. Some of these opportunities will include the following:
- Daily Book Bags
- Parent Teacher Conferences (Mandatory)
- Field Trips
- Weekly Newsletters
- Holiday Family Fun Night
- Reading Incentive Family Celebration Night
- School Carnival
- Classroom Volunteers
- Parent Experts
- Positive Solutions Training
- End of the Year Family Picnic

**Parent Advisory:** Each family is encouraged to be a part of the Lien Parents as Partners Organization (LPO). We welcome you to be part of this parent organization.



# **Printing**

We will encourage your child to print the letters of their first name this way.

Only the first letter of your child's name should be capitalized.

All letters should start at the top.



### **Daily Activities**

Breakfast/Lunch/Snack

Exploration Time-investigations in Science, Sensory, Math, Literacy, Physical and Social Emotional learning

Recess

Rest time

Large and Small group time

Specials-Library, Art, Music and Phy-ed



### Curriculum

The Legacy 4K program uses the following curriculums to provide a well-rounded experience for each child.

Creative Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears, Heggerty and Second Step

### **Possible Investigation Topics**

We base our investigations around children's interests.

Seasons, Holidays, Cooking, Clothing, How things move, Plants, Animals, Author Studies, Building

Our investigations will include developmental milestones from the following domains

- Social: how the child interacts with other children and adults and their environment
- Emotional: how the child feels about him/herself and the ways the child accepts and expresses personal feelings and ideas
- Cognitive: the thinking skills that are needed to catalog new information, formulate ideas and solve problems
- Physical: the awareness and control of the physical body that the child acquires through the five senses, rest, exercise, and nutrition

Development in these four areas occurs simultaneously. Together they form the foundation for life-long human development.

### **Important 4K Information**

### **Contact Information:**

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Hours for 4K: The Lien 4K Program runs all day, every day from 8:00 - 3:17.

Our 4K program can be flexible to meet the needs of each child. Families can choose full-time or part-time for their child.

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