

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AT GEORGE WASHINGTON ACADEMY!

Dear Parents,

We are glad you have chosen GWA for your child. Our Kindergarten is a full-day, academic program. Our math curriculum “Into Math” offers a STEM-based, engaging and interactive approach that builds a strong foundation for number sense and mathematical thinking. The Skills strand of Core Knowledge Language Arts program teaches students the decoding skills needed for independent reading and also incorporates letter formation and handwriting skills. The Core Knowledge Sequence for Kindergarten includes: science, social studies, literature, art and music (use this link for more information <https://www.coreknowledge.org/our-approach/core-knowledge-sequence/k-8-sequence/> ).

Our dedicated Kindergarten staff is ready to partner with you in educating your child! Preparation is important to be most successful at GWA. Kindergarten students should come to school prepared to:

- Write first name
- Identify letter names a-z
- Count to 20 or higher
- Write numbers 1 - 10
- Recognize basic colors and shapes
- Listen and follow directions
- Share with others
- Manage clothing (buttons, zippers, snaps, ties)

These are things you might work on over the summer. You may also be interested in purchasing *"What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know,"* by E.D. Hirsch.

Prior to the first day of Kindergarten, you will receive your class placement and make an appointment for the Kindergarten entry assessments. You will also be notified of opportunities for you and your child to visit the classroom and meet your teacher before school begins. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into the GWA family!