

## Advanced Placement Kindergarten

With the increase in students attending academic day care systems and/or receiving high quality home schooling, many students are ready for kindergarten long before traditional admittance dates. Most children entering kindergarten are also educationally more advanced and need curriculum that is beyond what is typically taught. It is for these reasons that Presidio is offering advanced placement kindergarten (A.P. Kindergarten) or early kindergarten where children will be allowed to enter school at the earliest date allowed by the state of Arizona.

The Arizona Department of Education will allow students to enroll in an early kindergarten program as long as they reach the age of five by January 1 of the current school year and if the program being offered is designed to enable children to complete a kindergarten curriculum aligned with Arizona state standards and be advanced to first grade the subsequent school year.

In order to be assured that the enrolling child is ready for the advanced curriculum and will most likely be ready for promotion to first grade the subsequent school year, students must pass a readiness assessment in order to be eligible for enrollment.

Each student will be assessed based upon the following:

- Identify and write first name
- Attempt to write last name
- Identify and write age
- Listen politely to speaker
- Ask questions politely
- Identify and sort six colors (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, and black)
- Recognize and sort four shapes (circle, square, rectangle, and triangle)
- Express comprehension through art and activities
- Sort items and pictures into groups
- Sort items for color, size and shape
- Use crayons and pencil
- Use manipulatives that require small muscle groups
- Sequence capital letters in the alphabet with minimal assistance
- Be able to write at least three randomly selected letters
- Identify capital alphabet letters
- Sing the alphabet song or recite the alphabet sequence
- Recognize and write numbers 1 through 5
- Count items up through 10
- Recognize numbers 1-10

*Any student who meets Arizona eligibility requirements for first grade will be enrolled regardless of readiness status according to pre-enrollment assessments and available openings. Admission will also not be limited based upon ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability. Presidio will admit all eligible students who submit a timely application. If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of a program or class grade level, all applicants for that program or class grade level will be selected for the available slots in chronological order based upon completion of enrollment process.*