# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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Stormonth Elementary has consistently been ranked one of the top elementary schools and continuously receives a designation of Significantly Exceeds Expectations by the state of Wisconsin. We are proud of the strong academics we offer, as well as the opportunities for students to grow socially and emotionally. New families are encouraged to visit Stormonth for a tour and see some of the amazing things happening firsthand at our school.

### HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE TO BEGIN SCHOOL AT STORMONTH?

Stormonth offers both four year old kindergarten (K4) and five year old kindergarten (K5). Students must be four years old by September 1 to enter K4 in the fall, or five years old by September 1 to enter K5.

#### WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE IN K4 AND K5?

Our program balances top-notch academics with the social-emotional needs of the whole child. Students engage in developmentally appropriate activities, including the foundational skills for literacy and numeracy, as well as learning through play. Our teachers focus on the individual needs of each child to help move them forward, delivering instruction both in whole group and small group formats as needed. Our program incorporates a lot of movement, song, dance and a focus on outdoor education.

# WHAT SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU OFFER?

Students in K4 and K5 attend weekly physical education, art, music and Spanish classes. Students also participate in library class and social emotional learning lessons with a school counselor. We have a partnership with the Schlitz Audubon Center where every grade level has a series of field trips and experiences with naturalists from the nature center. We hold monthly all-school assemblies called STORM Rallies where students are recognized for being safe, respectful and responsible.

### HOW WILL YOU PREPARE MY CHILD FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS LATER IN LIFE?

Our students benefit from the expertise of reading specialists, math specialists, instructional coaches, talent development teachers and school counselors. Our Special Education program includes full inclusion of students with special needs in the general education environment, with the support from special educators, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and more. Our goal is to promote college and career readiness for every child, beginning in the early grades.

# HOW DO YOU MEET THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD?

Our teachers and staff focus on building strong relationships with our students. It is our top priority for every child and family to feel welcome, safe and comfortable at school. Family connection and engagement are critical to our students' success, and we invite families to volunteer and participate in monthly family engagement activities.

