

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of
February 26 , 2024

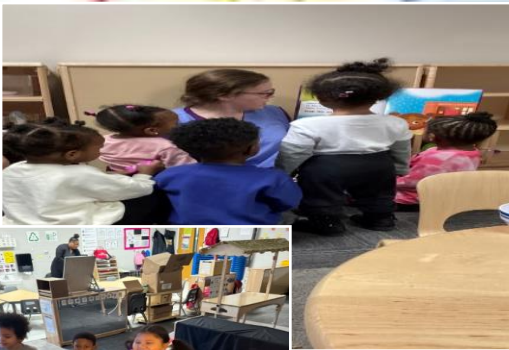
Alger Head Start
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Open and honest communication will create a lifelong closeness with your child. Routines and responsibilities will let your child know what to expect. When a rule is broken, a natural consequence needs to follow. As you teach your child how to be independent, you also teach how to be safe. Learning how to be a good friend is an important skill you can teach your child.

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Calendar of Events

- Last week-
Parent/teacher
conference
- Spring Break April 1-5
- March 18th -
NO SCHOOL
- March - Family Event



<https://www.facebook.com/pg/hs4kc/events>
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 **CFC Start
Readiness Program**
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten

Build the Habit of Good Attendance

DID YOU KNOW...

The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

Why Fluoride?

If you live in Kent County, chances are your tap water has fluoride in it. If your child has been to the dentist, chances are they've put fluoride on your child's teeth.

What is so important about fluoride?

Fluoride helps prevent tooth decay by...

- Making teeth stronger so they can fight decay.
- Naturally fixing teeth that have very small cavities started.
- Making the germs that cause cavities make less of the acid that actually causes the cavities.



Preschool Activities

Find out if spring field trips are planned to a farm, park, or garden.

Discuss your family's interests in growing flowers or food with the educator.

Family Activities

Look for shapes (circle, square, triangle), patterns (red, green, black ... red, green, black), or numbers with your child when you drive, ride the bus, or go on walks.

Kindergarten Activities

Ask early childhood educators about what they expect of kindergarteners. Do children sit at desks and raise hands? Write their names by themselves? Count to ten?

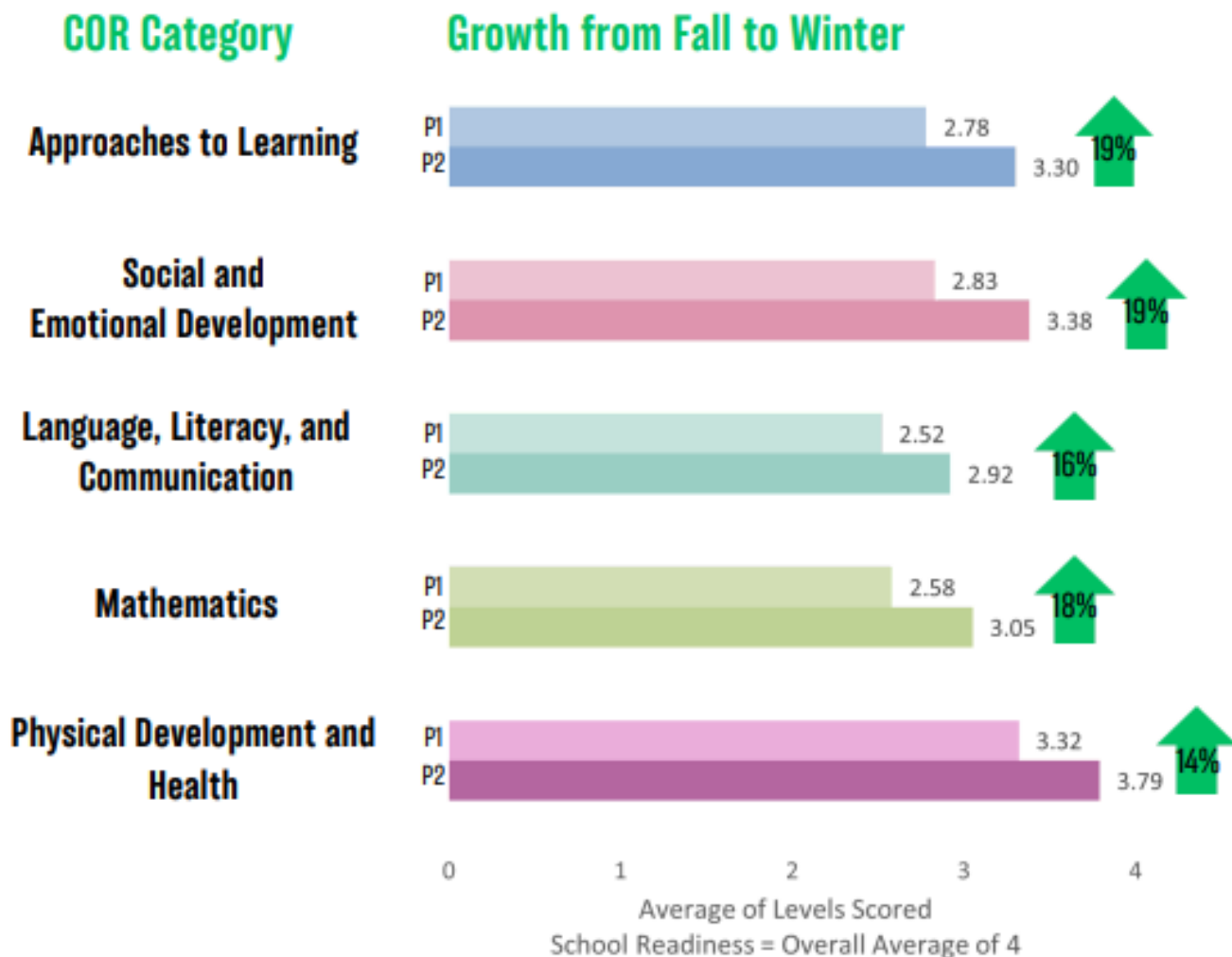
Go to the elementary school website, or contact the principal, to find out about the attendance policy and transportation options when your child starts kindergarten.



CHILD OUTCOMES

WINTER 2023-24

Below shows the growth from period 1 to period 2 for our children ages 0-5!



STRENGTHS

- 1. Personal care and healthy behavior**
(Physical Development and Health)
- 2. Fine-motor skills**
(Physical Development and Health)

AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

- 1. Reading**
(Language, Literacy, and Communication)
- 2. Phonological awareness**
(Language, Literacy, and Communication)