

Legacy Preparatory Academy

Kindergarten Orientation



Our Mission

Legacy Preparatory Academy will cultivate intellectual and moral virtue according to the classically based pillars of truth, goodness, and beauty.



Legacy's Philosophy

Legacy Preparatory Academy builds the foundation of knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary for children to become independent learners for life.

We do this in several ways:

- Provide a classically-based curriculum that is thorough and challenging
 - Integrate fine arts to enhance learning
 - Teach the value of public virtue to promote respect
 - Engage parents as real partners to share in enriching student education
 - Honor each child as an individual and foster their innate curiosity and desire to learn
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Let's Get Ready For Kindergarten



Should I send a young kindergartner to school?



Is My Child Ready for School?

Are they emotionally ready for a day of school?

- Can they sit in a chair and listen to you read for at least 15 minutes or longer?
- Can they follow multiple step directions?
- Can they complete a chore on their own?

If needed, can I just repeat kindergarten with my student?

No, it is not recommended and the research does not support it.

Children need to be five years of age before September 2nd of the year in which admission is sought.

- Utah State Board of Education

Follow Directions & Self-Help Skills

SELF HELP SKILLS

- Eats Independently
- Uses restroom, including handwashing
- Puts on and removes outerwear (e.g. zips, buttons, ties)
- Asks questions and seeks help when needed
- Cleans up after self

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Patiently encourage your child to do things independently, even if it takes more time

- Follow multi step directions
 - For example:
 - Put away your pencil
 - Slide in your chair
 - Put your paper in your cubby
 - Line up for recess
- PLEASE Practice multi step directions at home

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS



- ❑ Tries new things
- ❑ Shares and takes turns
- ❑ Waits and listens while others speak
- ❑ Shows concern for others
- ❑ Plays cooperatively with others
- ❑ Works well independently and in small groups
- ❑ Separates from parent or guardian without undue anxiety
- ❑ Reasonably manages his/her emotions
- ❑ Knows his/her first and last name and can tell an adult

THINGS YOU CAN DO

- ❖ Provide opportunities for exploration, play and socialization with other children and adults.
 - These experiences allow your child to practice their social skills. Sharing objects or time with an adult is different from doing so with another child. Children develop their imaginations by role-playing and pretending.

MATHEMATICS



How To Prepare For Math

Count with your
child to 100
starting at different
numbers

9..10..11..12..13..14..15..

89..90..91..92..93..94..95

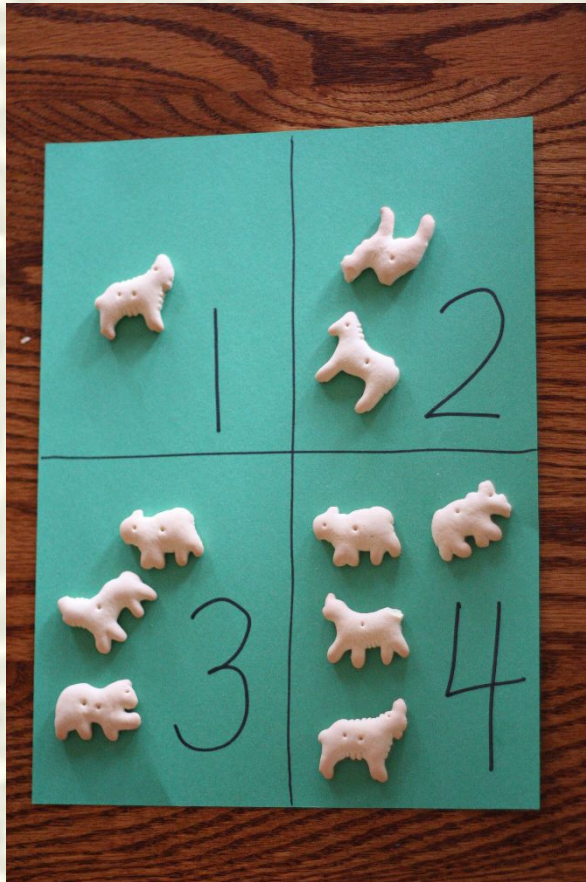
MATH SKILLS

- Counts out loud to 20 correctly
- Recognize numbers and be able to name them when they are out of sequence
- Counts objects by touching one object at a time while saying the number
- Identifies, names, and draws shapes (e.g. circle, triangle, square, and rectangle)
- Uses comparative words (e.g. more/less, bigger/smaller, longer/shorter, heavier/lighter)

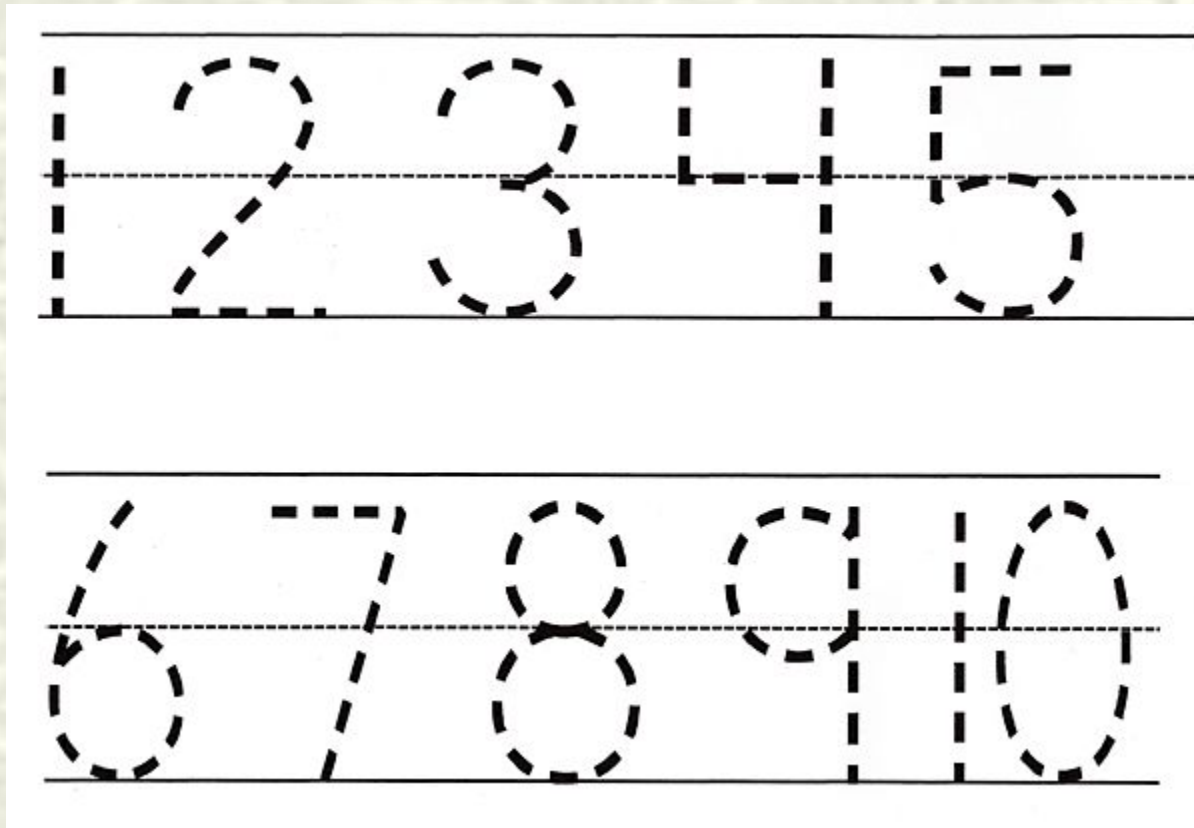
THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Play games in which your child counts out loud (e.g. hide and seek).
- Encourage your child to count objects in the environment (e.g. pieces of cereal, people in their family).
- Point out shapes and numbers in the environment (e.g. shapes and numbers on a sign)
- Play a game of what number comes next

**Teach your child to count ONE TO ONE.
Matching each object with a number.**



Learn to **write** and recognize the numbers



Reading & Writing



Reading Skills

Sound practice can be
done anywhere!

- Learn to hear the sounds of the English language (called *phonemic awareness*)
 - Practice beginning sounds of words
 - Practice isolating each sound in words
- Learn the letter names
 - Learn the letter sounds



You can make a difference!

Talk to your children.

Oral Language is fertilizer for the brain.

- Get close to listen and respond
- Use conversation starters
- Rephrase and extend your child's words
- Ask clarifying and open ended questions
- Model more complex vocabulary or sentence
- Talk about your day



Susan Hall and Louisa Moats of
Straight Talk About Reading.

MOTOR PRACTICES





Fine Motor Practice



- Cut with scissors
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Squirt Bottles
- Color
- Pop bubble wrap
- Play dough

SMALL MOTOR SKILLS

- Holds pencils, crayons, scissors, etc. correctly
- writes his/her first name
- Uses scissors to cut straight and curved lines
- Turns a single page in a book

THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Provide opportunities and support for your child to practice writing, drawing and cutting.
- Help them practice lacing items, such as shoes. Have your child pour, stir and participate in other functional activities around the home.

Handwriting



Research says that learning to write helps reading.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

- ❑ You can teach your children to **WRITE THEIR NAME** with a capital letter to start, and the rest lowercase.
- ❑ You can teach them to hold a pencil and form letters.

Large Motor Practice

- ❑ Performs activities that cross the midline of the body (e.g. right hand touching left foot, left elbow touching right knee)
- ❑ Hops, jumps, walks and runs
- ❑ Bounces, catches, kicks and throws balls
- ❑ Walks in a straight line forward and backward
- ❑ Balances on dominant foot for ten seconds

THINGS YOU CAN DO

- ❑ Provide opportunities to develop strength and coordination. Get outside and play games with your child



More ideas for Motor Practice Coats and Backpacks

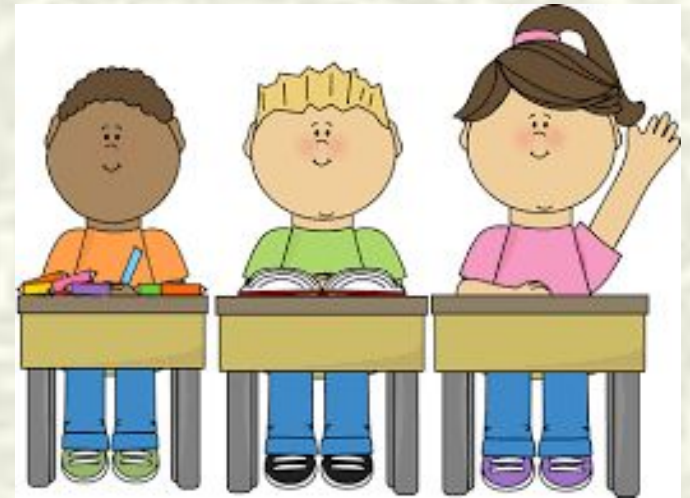


- ❑ Turn their sleeves inside out as needed
- ❑ Put on their own coat or jacket
- ❑ Zip up their jacket or coat on their own
- ❑ Put papers away in their folder
- ❑ Load their backpack
- ❑ Opening and closing lunch box, packages, and ziploc bags



Attendance

- Legacy Preparatory Academy attendance goal is 96% or higher.
 - That's only 2 days or less a term.
- Missing one day of school at Legacy is like missing three days somewhere else.



Uniform Tips

- The uniform company French Toast has our Legacy Plaid
- Gap, Kohls, Costco, Amazon, Children's Place, Target, Walmart
- Consider pants have a stretchy waistband or clip instead of a button with an adjustable waist
- LABEL EVERYTHING!
- Uniform Swap - Details on website



Velcro or slip on shoes

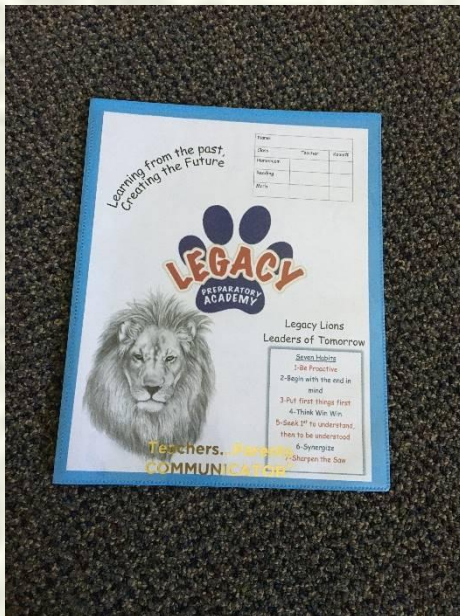
**No Light up shoes or sandals
are allowed.**

Wear socks everyday



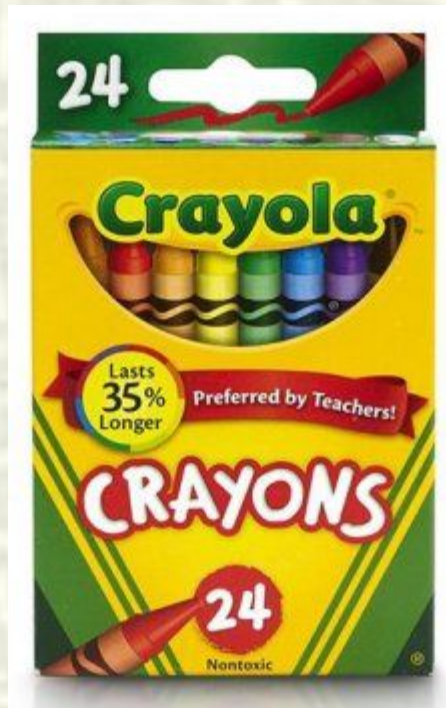
Backpack

- Buy a backpack that is big enough to hold our student folders.
- Student Folders are 10 inches by 12 inches.



Student Supplies

- We will send an email in the summer.
- Typical request for each student:



Registration Paperwork Tip

- At your Well Care Check, make certain that the doctor does a **VISION SCREENING**.

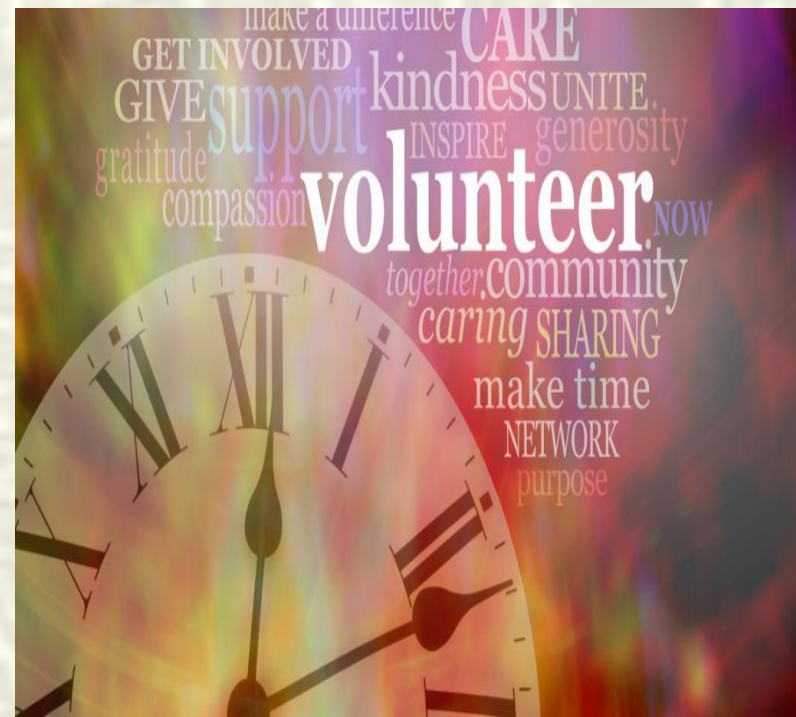


Make sure your child is up-to-date with all required immunizations



Volunteering Opportunities

- Classroom Activities
- Schoolwide Activities
- At home support
- Art
- Language Arts



Kindergarten Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

All Day 8:00 to 2:55

AM 8:00 to 11:10

Wednesday is early out

All Day 8:00 to 1:20

AM 8:00 to 10:20

Class Lists for Next Year

- Your student's teacher will reach out to you the first week of August.



Thank you for coming!

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