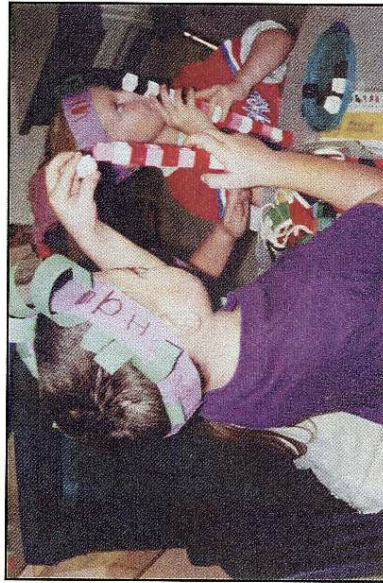


How Are the Programs at the Early Learning Village Developmentally Appropriate?

Our programs focus on the children by:

- ~Addressing the age, development and individuality of the child.
- ~Encompassing the "whole" child's development - intellectual, language, emotional, social and physical.
- ~Emphasizing hands-on learning through the use of manipulatives and learning by experience.
- ~Immersing the children in a print-rich environment
- ~Encouraging creativity through the arts.



JELV Mission Statement

The Jessamine Early Learning Village team of educators, along with our students, their families, and the community, is committed to a high-quality, child-centered environment that promotes success for all children.

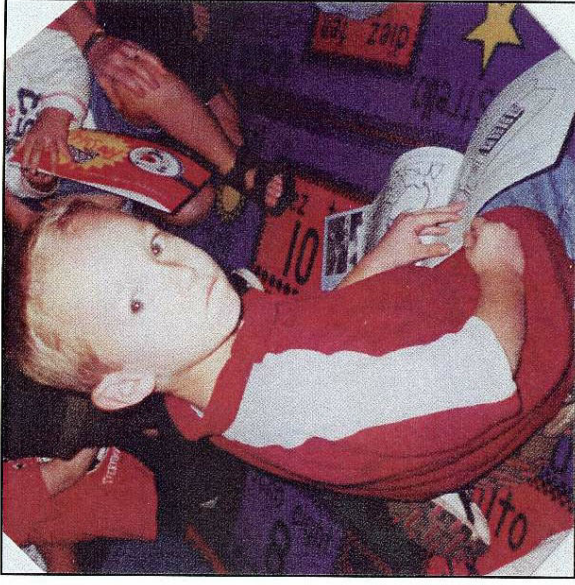
We strive to provide a strong foundation with high expectations, which supports our community of life-long learners. We believe fostering positive, caring attitudes with our children and their families is essential to their education and future.

How Can I Enrich My Child's First Educational Experience?

- ~Read stories and encourage your child to look through and become familiar with books.
- ~Talk to your child and encourage two-way communication.
- ~Make your child aware of colors, sizes and shapes
- ~Give your child appropriate responsibilities, such as putting away toys and hanging up clothes.
- ~Encourage your child to talk about the school day and review things learned
- ~Limit television program selections and viewing time.
- ~Be consistent with discipline
- ~Practice counting throughout the day; snacks, spoons or forks when setting the table, number of doors in your home...anything you can find.



JESSAMINE EARLY LEARNING VILLAGE



Welcome to the Jessamine Early Learning Village, a school created specifically for Jessamine County's youngest citizens! Child sized furniture, a child centered curriculum and prominent displays of children's work all help us to create an atmosphere that is welcoming, loving and secure. We know that giving children a strong start is the first step to a positive school experience.



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What Programs are Available For Children Attending the Village?

KERA Preschool

We offer 1/2 day preschool sessions 4 days a week and provide transportation to and from school. Breakfast or lunch is served and opportunities are provided for children to make discoveries daily about themselves and their world.

Eligible children include:

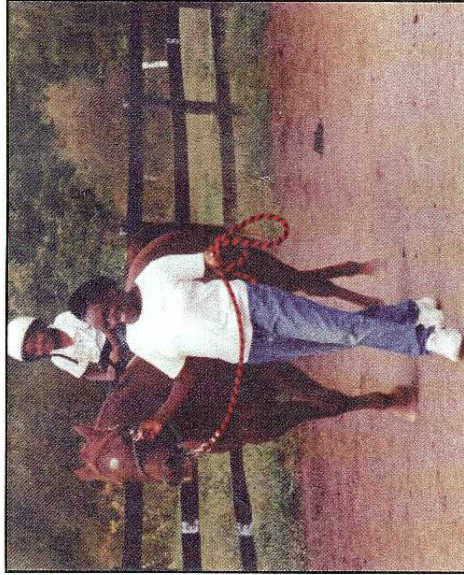
- ~any child 4 years of age on or before October 1, 2001 that is eligible for free lunch
- ~any child 3 or 4 years of age with special needs, which may include difficulties with speech, language, motor skills or other developmental delays
- ~children 4 years of age on or before October 1, 2001 who, under the KERA guidelines, are not eligible but choose to pay tuition.
(Limited space available)

Half-Day Kindergarten

The focus of our half-day program is to develop a positive attitude toward learning and a strong educational foundation. Math, reading, writing, listening and speaking readiness skills will all be enhanced through this program. Science and social studies will also be taught through literature and hands-on activities. Children will be immersed in a print-rich environment that allows children to learn through experience.

Hi Fives Kindergarten

Hi Fives Kindergarten is designed to meet the needs of those children who are five by October 1, but may not be ready either socially, emotionally, physically, or cognitively for the regular program. Socialization, fine and gross motor skills, language development and listening skills will be addressed, along with opportunities to develop foundational reading/writing, math, science and social studies skills. A smaller class size and tailored schedule allow the children to have ample time to work with concrete and sensory materials. Hi Five students often have a May - September birthday, although birth date is not the only way children qualify for this program.



All Day Kindergarten

Our all-day program looks similar to our half day program. It is designed to enhance math, reading, writing, listening and speaking readiness skills along with science and social studies experiences. The major difference between the two programs will be the time children spend at school and the additional opportunities that time will provide. Again, hands-on experiences and a print rich environment will encourage children's growth.

Children enrolled in the all day kindergarten will be chosen through a random selection process.

If your child is selected through this process, we encourage you to consider your child's emotional and social well being, along with his/her academic readiness. We know that each child is unique and we know that the Early Learning Village will have a program that best fits the unique needs of your child.

What Additional Educational Opportunities Are Available For Children Attending the Village?

- ~Humanities classes, including Art, Music, and Physical Education.
- ~Early Childhood Media Center
- ~Health and safety classes provided by U.K. student nurses and our Health Services Coordinator.
- ~Technology in every classroom.
- ~Weekly classroom visits with the school's Early Childhood Specialist.
- ~Cooking activities supported by the Village's "Cooking Room"
- ~Self-Help and Cooperation opportunities provided during meals through our "Family Style" approach
- ~Beginning Spanish instruction.

How Does the Village Support Parents As Team Partners?

- ~Monthly Family Fun Nights
- ~Home visits throughout the school year
- ~On-Site Family Literacy Program which includes instruction and support to obtain a GED
- ~Family Resource Center
- ~Parent Teacher Organization
- ~A Parent Lending Library
- ~On-Site Parent Resource Center for families of children with special needs.