



Important things to remember as your family begins this educational journey:

- You are your child's first teacher.
- Your child will grow and develop at his/her own rate.
- Young children learn best when they are actively supported by caring adults.
- Play is an essential learning tool for young children.
- Continue reading with your child as often as possible. Encourage children to recognize high frequency words in books.
- Have a quiet workspace for the child to do homework and read.
- Encourage meaningful and engaging conversations.
- Look for examples of mathematics in everyday life to discuss with your child.

“All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be ~ I learned in kindergarten.”

-Robert Fulghum

“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”

-Fred Rogers



**Holyoke Public
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**Welcome
to
Kindergarten**



*Creating a community of learners
through exploration, academics
and technology*

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Our Vision Statement

Literacy

Children will move toward becoming successful lifelong readers and writers by exploring a literacy-rich environment. Students will develop understanding and critical thinking skills by connecting their own real life experiences to authentic literature. Through sharing and presentations, children will become effective communicators.



25 Book Campaign

Motor Development

Children will develop the coordination to move and work safely and independently while building strong bodies.



The Arts

Children will discover their ability to create, perform and respond to the visual arts, music, dance and drama.



The Holyoke Public Schools welcomes your family to our school family. We are pleased to share this important year of your child's growth with you. We honor the rich diversity that is Holyoke's history and design instruction that is respectful of individual differences and capabilities.



The early childhood curriculum of the Holyoke Public Schools is designed to be developmentally appropriate and child-centered. We teach the whole child ~ focusing on all domains of development ~ cognitive, physical, social and emotional.

Our high quality kindergarten program is designed to meet the criteria established by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



Science

Students will use their natural curiosity to explore the world through science in daily work and play. Using inquiry skills, children will become investigators.



Social Studies

Children will begin to understand their place in the world as they become productive, responsible citizens.

Language

Children will develop the rich vocabulary needed to be successful listeners and speakers in personal, social and academic settings.

Mathematics

Children will explore number sense, patterns, geometry, measurement and data through a student centered, inquiry-based program that develops problem solving strategies.



Counters in a Cup activity