Cross’s DK program is based on the kindergarten curriculum with focus placed on math and literacy instruction and the development of social and motor skills. Classroom instruction is designed to provide children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive environment that supports their development while maintaining the rigor and high standards of kindergarten.

**What Will My Child Learn in DK?**

*Key areas of learning include:*

Math

* Count aloud to 20
* Recognize the number of items in sets of 5 or 6
* Identify numbers 0-10
* Write some numbers between 0-10
* Compare sets of objects using the terms more, less, same equal
* Add and subtract small quantities using concrete objects
* Copy and create simple patterns
* Compare and sort objects by color, shape, size and other attributes
* Recognize and name shapes
* Put shapes together to make designs, pictures and larger shapes

Literacy

* Share and listen for information
* Answer questions about stories
* Hear rhymes
* Identify all uppercase and lowercase letters
* Identify all letter sounds
* Express self in dramatic play
* Write using pictures and symbols
* Increase vocabulary
* Recognize first name in print
* Put first name with a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lower case letter(s)
* Understand the concepts of print (front of book, back of book, read from left to right)

Motor Skills

* Strengthen hand muscles through cutting, coloring, drawing and painting
* Develop hand-eye coordination
* Show control in jumping, hopping, catching running and balancing
* Grips writing utensils correctly

Social Skills

* Work and play cooperatively with others
* Participate in individual, small-group and large group classroom activities
* Ask for help when needed
* Follow classroom rules and directions
* Take responsibility for personal belongings
* Attend to self-care (bathroom, handwashing and dressing)

Supporting School Readiness & Success

Parent support and involvement are critical for student success. There are a number of simple ways to impact your child’s preparedness for and success in school.

* Read to your child every day
* Encourage play, discovery and movement
* Give your child responsibilities at home
* Set firm and consistent guidelines
* Support daily school attendance
* Check your child’s backpack and folder daily
* Talk with your child about what he or she is learning.