

Grand Ledge **Public Schools**

Growing Learners **Preparing Students**

Grand Ledge Public Schools will provide every student a high-quality education, critical thinking skills, & social development to reach their highest potential in a safe and inclusive environment.

- We believe all students can learn.
- We believe it is the role of the school district to provide support and access for all students.
- We believe in an inclusive learning environment where every person is valued.
- We believe the GLPS staff are professionals who are vital to the health and future of the Grand Ledge community.
- We believe in a safe, inclusive environment where students can explore their interests and learn the skills they need to thrive in their communities.
- We believe in partnerships between the family, community, and education stakeholders for the success of GLPS.

- **Academics & Programs:** GLPS will align academic programs to meet individual needs and improve student achievement.
- **Learning Environment & Culture:** GLPS will develop and maintain a robust and sustainable culture focusing on diverse goals, needs, and experiences for all individuals.
- **Communication & Community Engagement:** GLPS will provide concise, regular, & proactive communication to all stakeholders and will foster meaningful community engagement.
- **Personnel & Leadership:** GLPS will recruit, develop, and retain high quality staff who meet the growing and diverse needs of students and the district.
- **Operations:** GLPS will continuously assess and improve operational needs to support a safe learning environment.

Our Programs

- ❖ Begindergarten
- ❖ Kindergarten

Student's Age

- Students need to be 5 years old on or before December 1 for Kindergarten
 - Parent Waiver
Turning 5 Sept. 1 - Dec. 1



Beginnergarten



GLPS Beginnergarten Program

The GLPS Beginnergarten program is designed for students who are on the youngest end of the kindergarten age group, and it is purposefully crafted to help students attain all aspects of kindergarten readiness.

By the end of Beginnergarten, our goal is to:

- ensure that students will be socially and emotionally prepared for kindergarten
- have kindergarten level fine and gross motor skills
- develop basic literacy and math skills

We know that students come into our schools with a variety of abilities, and our beginnergarten program builds on their areas of strength, while also creating space for them to learn and grow in areas that are not as well developed yet. So, while children may have strong literacy and math skills, they may need more time to develop socially or emotionally, or may need to build on their fine and gross motor skills, like paper cutting or body control, or they may need to work on school readiness skills like stamina or problem solving. BK is an outstanding program taught by child development experts, and we typically see tremendous growth in our students, which leads to a much more successful kindergarten experience.

Beginnergarten



- ❖ Full day, 5 day/week program
- ❖ Prepares students for kindergarten - teaches school readiness skills
 - Students will experience literacy, math, science, social studies, music, art, physical education, recess, play time, quiet time
- ❖ Beginnergarten students will have the same schedule as kindergarten students and have access to GLPS bussing

Students will be screened & evaluated by our staff for appropriate placement during Kindergarten Launch & parents will be contacted once students are placed.



Kindergarten



The goal of our Kindergarten program is to support each child's growth and development in these major areas:

- ❖ Social & Emotional
 - Building self-confidence
 - Demonstrate independence in making choices, self-help skills
 - Learning to take turns & share space
 - Move toward identifying appropriate behavior
 - Solving problems appropriately
- ❖ Physical
 - Practicing hand-eye coordination
 - Demonstrating fine/gross motor skills coordination in daily activities (e.g., PE, outdoor play, music, manipulatives, etc.)
 - Practicing appropriate pencil, marker, crayon, & scissor grasp and usage
- ❖ Intellectual
 - Developing problem solving skills
 - Learning to think critically
 - Showing an interest in learning new concepts

Curriculum Overview



Holbrook students participate in a child-centered focused learning environment. They have the opportunity to explore appropriate activities that focus on developing the whole child. Throughout their week, children are involved in standards-based learning activities in the core areas of language arts, mathematics, science, & social studies.

We use whole group, small group, & individual instruction to engage, instruct, and learn.

We integrate technology in all of our daily activities.

Students will travel to library, P.E., music, art, and outdoor play each week.

Curriculum Snapshot

Literacy



❖ Reading & Literature

- Concepts of Print
- Letter Names
- Letter Sounds
- Rhyming
- Word Recognition
- Comprehension

❖ Writing

- Grammar/Spelling
- Handwriting
- Fine Motor Skills

Curriculum Snapshot

Mathematics & Science



Math

- Numbers, Addition, Subtraction
- Patterns
- Geometry (2D shapes)



Science

- Force & Motion
- Earth Materials (Rocks & Soil)
- Living and Nonliving

Student Support Services

- ❖ OT/PT
- ❖ Speech & Language
- ❖ Reading Intervention
- ❖ Math Intervention
- ❖ Special Education
- ❖ School Counselor
- ❖ Diesel - Holbrook Facility Dog



Holbrook PRIDE

PBIS Overview



At Holbrook, we demonstrate attitudes and behaviors that are:

Positive

Respectful

Inclusive

Determined

Empathetic



General Schedule

- ❖ **Morning Meeting / Welcome:** Stories, songs, opening routine
- ❖ **Literacy Block:** Focus lesson, zoo phonics, 2-3 literacy rotations
- ❖ **Snack Break**
- ❖ **Math Block:** Calendar routine, daily math lessons, math rotations
- ❖ **Lunch & Recess**
- ❖ **Writers Workshop:** Mini lesson, independent writing, sharing
- ❖ **Quiet Time / Choice Time**
- ❖ **Specials:** Art, Music, P.E., Library
- ❖ **Afternoon Recess**
- ❖ **Science/Social Studies**



Kindergarten Launch Sessions

2 Sessions both Aug. 15 & 16

9:00am - 11:00am

-or-

4:00pm - 6:00pm



Kindergarten Launch Details

- ❖ Introduction to School
 - 2 days for students to interact with one another in a school setting
- ❖ Staff will learn about students' strengths
- ❖ Students will play, sing songs, go outside for recess, & have a snack

Students will be assigned to a classroom after completion of Kindergarten Launch. Families will be notified before Open House on August 29



Holbrook PTO

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**See you at Open House
August 29 5:30pm**

1. Complete student enrollment
<https://www.glcomets.net/enroll>
2. Create a PowerSchool Parent Account
<https://goo.gl/eyMGHa>
3. Sign up for Kindergarten Launch
<https://forms.gle/ft88NT19z1nvRcJr6>

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