Frequently Asked Questions!

Q. Who will be teaching the program?

A. Our J-K program will be taught by a teacher certified in elementary education.

Q .What is the schedule for the program?

A. The program will follow the same hours and schedule as the Dakota Valley District.

Q. Is my child eligible for this program?

A. We will be accepting students that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1st with primary consideration to those whose birthdays are in May, June, July and August.

Q. Where will my child be placed after a year in Junior Kindergarten?

A. Children completing a successful year in Junior Kindergarten will be place in Kindergarten the following school year.



Dakota Valley Panthers!

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Junior Kindergarten Overview







Our Junior Kindergarten program is play based with emphasis on the whole child, as an active learner.

Children are given opportunities through center based play to develop early learning concepts through concrete experiences. Our classroom environment stimulates curiosity, a questioning attitude, and an eagerness for learning. In our planning for daily lessons we recognize the needs and interests of the individual child.

Through positive social interaction with teachers and their peers, our goal is to have all children become lifelong learners through a healthy, happy start within the school environment.



Junior Kindergarten is not a replacement for regular kindergarten. It is an opportunity to concentrate on the basic skills that are the foundation for early learning.



The mission of the Dakota
Valley Schools is to ensure
all students receive an
enriched educational
experience in a safe
environment.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

The Junior Kindergarten curriculum will use Kindergarten Common Core Standards as our goals for learning in combination with:

- Kindervention Language Arts
- Saxon Math
- Handwriting Without Tears

