



### **Ocean Breeze School Transitional Kindergarten**

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten, offering students an extra year to grow socially, emotionally, and academically in a developmentally appropriate environment. TK provides more structure than preschool while still embracing the hands-on, play-based learning that young students need. It gives students time to build confidence, strengthen foundational skills, and enter kindergarten feeling prepared and excited for learning.

The TK program at OBS runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This longer, consistent school day is an important part of the program, allowing students to build stamina, independence, and familiarity with the routines and expectations of a kindergarten setting. The extended day supports deeper learning, sustained focus, and meaningful engagement with both academics and peers.

The TK program focuses on early literacy, math, problem-solving, and collaboration through meaningful centers, small-group instruction, and rich exploration. A core component of our literacy work is Foundations, a research-based, multisensory program used throughout local public school systems in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. By introducing Foundations in TK, students become familiar with the same routines, terminology, and structured approach they will experience in elementary school, giving them a significant head start.

Foundations uses a Structured Literacy approach grounded in the science of reading to introduce the building blocks of early literacy. Students learn phonemic awareness, phonics, letter formation, handwriting, and basic spelling in a clear, systematic way. Lessons are multisensory and engaging, giving students plenty of opportunities to practice sounds, letters, and early reading skills. These concepts are reinforced during morning academic centers, where students apply what they're learning through hands-on activities and playful exploration.

The structure of the day supports students developmentally with focused academics in the morning when attention and readiness are highest, two outdoor play periods for movement and regulation, a quiet time, and a calm, community-oriented close to the day. The goal is to build students' confidence, independence, and readiness for the routines and expectations of a kindergarten setting.

### **What Makes TK at OBS Special?**

OBS brings its signature warmth, creativity, and child-centered philosophy to our TK program.

What sets it apart is:

- A play-based curriculum that supports the whole child
- Small class size that allow teachers to truly know each learner
- Strong relationships between teachers, students, and families
- Purposeful literacy, math, STEM, and writing centers that reflect best practice in early childhood
- A balanced day blending structure, exploration, and play
- Teachers who deeply understand early childhood development and meet every child where they are
- A nurturing, community-focused environment where students feel safe, confident, and connected

The OBS TK program is designed to give children the gift of time, time to grow, time to discover, and time to develop the foundational skills and confidence they need to thrive in kindergarten and beyond.

Eligibility:

The TK program accepts students who are 4.5 years old by December 1. Enrollment is based on director approval to ensure the program is an appropriate fit for each child.