



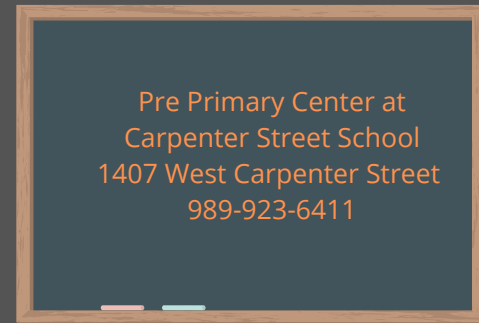
# Why Choose Developmental Kindergarten?



- Children might not be ready for the rigor of Kindergarten for cognitive or social reasons.
- Children who turn 5 years old between September 2 and December 1 or where space allows other young students.
- Will benefit from classroom instruction with frequent movement, learning through play, and a focus on social development.
- Classroom instruction is designed to provide children, an opportunity to learn in an interactive environment that supports their development

## Benefits of Developmental Kindergarten

- Early exposure to kindergarten curriculum.
- Familiarity with school routine to help build confidence.
- A learning environment tailored to meet developing academic and/or social needs.
- An opportunity to start school with same-age children.
- Provides an extra year to gain independence, problem-solving skills, fine/gross motor development, and social skills to prepare children for Kindergarten.



## Kindergarten VS Developmental Kindergarten



- Developmental Kindergarten is the first of a 2 year Kindergarten Program.
- Developmental Kindergarten serves as a bridge to Kindergarten by providing students time and support to develop core academic and social skills.
- Developmental Kindergarten is based on Michigan Department of Education Kindergarten standards. To ensure they will be able to complete Kindergarten with confidence.
- Michigan Department of Education considers both traditional Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten the same.

