



*A Positive Lifelong Impact on Your Children*

## **Kindergarten and First Grade**

**2012-2013**

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# WHY CHOOSE PEMBROKE?

## **Educating the Whole Child**

Children in Kindergarten and First Grade possess a natural curiosity and come to school eager to learn and eager to please. While exploring their sense of self, they begin to see their place in the world. Routine and structure are necessary for them. At this point they are developing a sense of responsibility and take pride in their accomplishments. Also, creative expression in various forms is quite evident throughout early childhood, the years of greatest growth and change -- physically, mentally and emotionally. For this reason, our teachers educate the whole child.



## **Educational Excellence**

The Kindergarten and First Grade experience lays a foundation of educational excellence and a love of learning by encouraging the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of each student in a safe and nurturing atmosphere. Children learn best in a diverse, active and engaging environment that recognizes individual talents and learning styles. Thus, students are inspired to develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and a respect for others. A Child-centered classroom focuses on the acquisition and development of basic, core skills and problem solving strategies through innovative educational activities. This approach enables our students to evolve into confident, lifelong learners who consistently strive toward their full potential while being aware of their personal learning styles.

## **A Safe and Supportive Environment**

Our teaching environment encourages children to become life long learners by carefully teaching to a child's individual strengths and weaknesses in such a way that both are bolstered. In this way, the child experiences success in all areas of their development. Teachers keep the following

educational goals foremost in their minds as they create learning experiences for children:

- Foster a love of learning
- Develop fundamental academic skills
- Apply and integrate intellectual processes
- Recognize and support various learning styles
- Develop physical and artistic expression
- Promote individual social and emotional development
- Instill the virtues of good citizenship and social responsibility

*One of our former Kindergarten parents, Shelly B, posted this comment on the Pembroke website last January...*

“My daughter is attending Pembroke for kindergarten this current school year, and we could not be more amazed at the excellence of this program. The small class size and the outstanding quality of the teaching have enabled our daughter to excel and grow in ways we could not have imagined, and the year is only halfway through! She began reading in a rudimentary way almost immediately at the start of the year, and she already has grown to the point of easily moving through “first readers” books that are full of blends and diphthongs (“ch,” “ou,” etc.) Impressive! What amazes me even more is the writing she brings home. Weekly she brings home multiple books she’s written complete with plots and pictures. Over the past two months we’ve noticed that these books have become more clearly written, showing that the teacher has emphasized the spacing between words and the clarity of the handwriting. The stories and pictures are also better developed recently, the result of the teacher’s support of our daughter’s growth in following tasks through to the end. Our daughter’s math skills are also becoming impressive, as she not only adds and subtracts, but she also is gaining strength in creating and interpreting graphs.”

“Pembroke stands out in what it does well. It also stands out in what it doesn’t do. I’ve never seen a “color this square blue” worksheet or any form of busy work come home. All homework and in-class products exhibit an emphasis on analytical, creative, and critical thinking. It is also obvious that fundamental work ethics, such as completing tasks, and social skills, such as collaborating in teams, are important at Pembroke. The curriculum is clear, creative, and capable of meeting each student where s/he is at...and taking that student to remarkable levels of progress and development. We are grateful that our daughter is a Pembroke kindergarten student, and we look forward to our son participating in the program when he is old enough.”

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- A completed application to Kindergarten and First grade includes the following:
- Student Application with a recent photograph
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- Recommendation Form from student's current teacher
- School Reports, and for First Grade Applicants, a Transcript Release Form to allow school records to be sent to Pembroke.
- A copy of your child's birth certificate
- Non-refundable \$75 application fee.

## **ADMISSIONS TIMELINE**

- Applications for the next school year are accepted beginning in December.
- During the months of December and January, upon receipt of a completed application, we will schedule individual assessments.
- A Kindergarten group session may be held on a Saturday morning in January for current preschool students and, new students not already enrolled at Pembroke.
- A class visit to our Kindergarten will be scheduled for first Grade applicants not already enrolled at Pembroke. An assessment will be done the day of the visit. All application forms must be received prior to the class visit.
- Following the group session or visit the admissions committee will meet.
- Notification of admission decisions will be made beginning February 1st.
- First month's tuition is due with a signed contract.

## **TUITION & SCHEDULE**

Pembroke closely follows the Avon Lake School's calendar. Our Kindergarten and First Grade meets 8:45 AM to 3 PM Monday–Fridays. Before and After School care is available.

Kindergarten and First Grade Tuition: \$4,680

Tuition may be paid in up to 12 installments. Credit cards are accepted.

Activity fees, TBD, will be required for special events or off-site programs and field trips.