

# The Hartlake Early Learning Center (HELIC)

## Parent Curriculum Guide



Hartland North Elementary School

**Hartland North Office**

**262-369-6710**

Welcome to the Hartlake Early Learning Center and our 3-year-old Preschool Program (3K). We believe that there is a strong partnership between home and school. Working together, we can create optimum learning experiences for young children. We hope this curriculum guide will assist you in supporting your child's learning. Please contact any of the following individuals if you have further questions.

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***Mission:***

*"Motivated by our desire to help all children achieve their maximum potential, we will provide a safe, secure, nurturing, stimulating and developmentally appropriate environment that is responsive to the needs of every child."*

### **Educational Philosophy:**

Hartlake Early Learning Center was established for the expressed purpose of providing quality early education and childcare to young children in our school community, building a strong foundation around social and emotional well being and fostering the love of learning at an early age through inquiry and play as they begin their educational journey.

### **We use a play-based curriculum with a child-centered approach to learning:**

All children are given the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of individual differences as they experience life in the classroom, learning through play together.

**Play-based centers** are the main component of the classroom. The environment in which children learn becomes the curriculum itself. These centers are designed intentionally with each child's needs and interests in mind. The teachers will develop the activities and curriculum within these centers according to the Wisconsin Model of Early Learning Standards.

### **Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)**

These standards have been developed by the Wisconsin state departments of Public Instruction, Children and Families, and Health Services. These standards reflect the shared values and commitments of the citizens of Wisconsin to prepare young children for success in school. The Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards specify expectations for children birth to first grade.

- From the Wisconsin DPI website

More information about WMELS can be found at:

[www.collaboratingpartners.com](http://www.collaboratingpartners.com)

### **3-year-old Kindergarten Program Goals**

- Child knows first and last name.
- Child recognizes their name in print and their first letter
- Child sorts objects of two different colors accurately.
- Child names and briefly explains pictures.
- Child knows age.
- Child is able to follow simple one-step directions.
- Child comprehends concept of same-different.
- Child has increased understanding of functions and grouping of objects.
- Child recognizes basic shapes of circle, square, triangle, and rectangle.
- Child accurately identifies basic colors.
- Introduction to letters and numbers.

\*Please remember: all children develop at their own pace. We will work with each child to achieve their goals according to their needs.

## **Areas of 3-year-old Development**

### **Social:**

Parallel play	Cooperative Play	Dramatic Play
Role Playing	Sense of Community	Cultural Awareness
Use of Materials	Taking Turns	Social Problem Solving

### **Emotional:**

Self-awareness	Self-Concept	Self-Care
Self-control	Sense of Family	Transitions
Delayed Gratification	Age-appropriate attention span	

### **Health & Physical:**

Body Awareness	Gross Motor/Fine Motor	Sensory Organization
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### **Language Development:**

Listening and Understanding	Speaking and Communicating
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### **Other Curriculum Areas (including Cognition and General Knowledge)**

- ~Exploration, Discovery, Senses, Scientific Thinking
- ~Mathematical Thinking
- ~Early Literacy (including pre-reading and pre-writing skills)

Each of these areas are addressed through play, daily learning experiences, and small and large group activities. Also integrated into these developmental areas: Music involvement and appreciation, creative expression, and art appreciation.

*“The H&ELC program is geared to help each child develop to his/her highest potential. We want all children to develop an enthusiastic attitude towards learning that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.”*



## School Hours for Half-Day 3K

AM 9:00 -12:00 (Preschool Program)

PM 12:00-4:00 (Wrap around Care)

The days your child attends depends on your registration. Please adhere to your schedule as other children are enrolled on the days your child is not. Any change to their schedule must be coordinated and approved by office personnel. Wrap-around care is available according to pre-registration at an additional cost. Please contact Mrs. Grindatti or Mrs. Schnickel for more information.

Regular attendance is important and it sets the tone for your child's school career. If your child is ill, or must be absent from school for another reason, please notify the school before 9:00am. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day. Hartland North 262-369-6715

### **Extra Clothing**

Please provide your child with 1 set of spare clothes. The bag should include:

- 1 pair of socks
- 1 pair of underwear
- 1 t-shirt/blouse
- 1 pair of light weight pants

If your child uses diapers and wipes this must also be provided by the family. Please label everything with your child's name. The teacher will let you know when more is needed.

3K can be a fun but messy place. Please do not send your child to school in his/her best clothing each day. Thank you for your help-we will try to stay clean, but there are no guarantees!

If your child stays for wrap-around care: Please see guidelines and materials needed for lunch and nap.

**Thank you for choosing HELC for 3-year-old Kindergarten. We are excited to work with your child and your family. Never hesitate to contact us if you have questions. Together we will have a wonderful school year!**