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Each spring, parents and families are encouraged to visit their children's schools to learn more about what their children are learning. Some parents are excited that their children are learning to read and compute basic math problems. Others are excited that their child has a new friend and is learning to express himself in an illustrated picture with a sentence describing the picture. I am excited that my grandson is learning to understand the individual differences of his classmates while naturally exploring how to read sight words and counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. His teacher also incorporates a variety of personal growth and study skill development activities during the school day.

Examples Personal Growth and Study Skill

The following are examples of how the teacher encourages students' growth:

A focus on relationship skills when respecting student's individual differences

Learning to understand another classmate's perspective when problem-solving a conflict

Playing in small groups and playground settings

Learning to read relevant sight words when academics are not emphasized

Learning to count in multiples and using problem solving skills

Having parents participate with children in small group activities

Participating in library activities that include group readings, games, and checking out books

Spending lots of time playing with classmates on the playground with a huge building structure and while leaping off a giant rock

Participating in a supportive afterschool program for younger children with a focus on messy art projects, water explorations, and sand play

My Grandson Is Having Fun

As my grandson learns how to navigate his daily activities on a large school campus, he is having fun and is confident of his learning successes. Academics will come in time when he is developmentally ready to sit for longer periods of time in the classroom.

May your child's kindergarten experience be filled with much exploring and creative learning!

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