



# The Dr. Jerry Hamm Early Learning Center

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# Where we started.....

- ECAT team formed after the flood
- USD 445 collaborated with:
  - Tri-County
  - SEK-CAP
  - Four County Mental Health



# 2008-2016... Flash Forward....

- Coffeyville Coalition for School Readiness (replaced ECAT)
- Capacity for 220 students
  - 6 Full Day Rooms
  - 3 part day rooms with am and pm sessions
  - Hope to have increased spots for Infant/Toddler services
- Fully Blended program
- Tri-County and Four County Services

# Staff at ELC

- Principal/Secretary/Receptionist/Transition Coordinator/Literacy Coach
- 3 Family Advocates
- 2 Interpreters
- Early Childhood Resource Teacher/Speech Pathologist
  - 2 full time paras for EC
  - 1 full time para for Speech
  - 1 full time floater para
- 9 Early Childhood Teachers and Teacher Assistants
- 2 Lead Teachers for Early Head Start/ 4 Teacher Assistants
- 2 Custodians

# USD 445

- Provides the facility, business management, Payroll, IT Support, and all maintenance costs
- Lead teachers (negotiated agreement)
- Assistants
- Administrator
- Secretary
- Transition Coordinator
- 1 ½ Custodians



# SEK-CAP Head Start

75 half Day slots

- SEK CAP provides:
    - receptionist
    - interpreter
    - 3 family advocates
    - 1 para floater
    - 1 preschool assistant
    - chef and kitchen staff
- All staff for infant/toddler room



# Tri-County Special Education

## Always on site:

- Resource Teacher for Early Childhood
- 2 paras for cognitive support
- Speech para

## Itinerant/Shared Staff

- School Psychologist
- Speech pathologist
- OT/PT staff and paras



# Four County Mental Health

## *Mental Health Consultant On Site*

- Provides classroom support in the areas of self-regulation and self-care skills
- Helps implement Second Step curriculum
- Provides mental health consultations and completes CLASS observations
- Provides trainings and support to teachers concerning environment



# Parents As Teachers

1 Director  
5 Parent Educators

Serving Birth-Five



# Community Health Center of SEK



- On site health clinic, Wednesday 7:45-12:00
  - Physician Assistant and Nurse
- Services: immunizations, health assessments/physicals, well-child appointments, regular office visits for illnesses and injuries
- Extended hours at Community Elementary and Field Kindley High School
- Hopeful for a full-time school nurse – November

# Coffeyville Community College

## Scholarships

- Now offering scholarships to parents of students that attend the ELC!!



# Boys and Girls Club of Coffeyville

## Boys and Girls Club- Tots

- After-school child care for working parents
  - 3:00pm-5:30pm
- Summer program on site so that children have age and developmentally-appropriate equipment and manipulatives



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

# Windsor Place Nursing Home

## Age-to-Age Kindergarten Classroom

- One Kindergarten classroom is housed in the middle of Windsor Place. Students and “grandparents” participate in activities together daily.
- Parents must fill out an application. Students are chosen through a lottery process.
  - 10 girls and 10 boys



# *Coffeyville Coalition for Early Education, Inc.*

*Made up of early childhood professionals and area business leaders*

- Bi-monthly meetings to share important information about the ELC and to listen to business experts about what works*
- Collaboration in the areas of marketing, strategic planning, family engagement*
- Short-term and long-term goals*
- 501c3*



Through a private partnership, USD 445 has increased full day spots and is able to provide 2 storm shelters to students.



*Classrooms before windows and roof*



*A glimpse of the new storm shelter.*



*The trusses going up.*



*Almost ready to deck  
before adding the roof.*



*Walls going up.*



*April 2016*

*Almost fully  
enclosed so weather  
doesn't slow down  
the construction  
crew.*



*And now...*





## Kindergarten Readiness



# Kindergarten Readiness

## Physical Readiness

Able to write names legibly

Able to sit without wiggling, laying down or falling over

Can hold and use writing utensils and scissors



# Kindergarten Readiness Continued

## Social Emotional Skills

Increased self-regulation skills  
Fewer students exhibiting separation anxiety  
Want to help other students (empathy)  
Compliment and encourage each other  
Well thought out manners



# Kindergarten Readiness Continued

## Learning to Learn Skills

Tremendous listening skills

A love of reading (or being read to)

Understand teachers expectations

Parents of ELC children know kiddos are responsible for academics and have a heightened awareness of their role as an educational partner.

Homework is coming back with parent assistance



# Kindergarten Readiness Continued

## Communication and Literacy Skills

Enhanced literacy skills compared to peers  
(letter recognition and rhyming)



# Kindergarten Readiness Continued

## Mathematical Knowledge and Skills

Good at counting  
Count objects in a set  
Number recognition



A stylized, minimalist landscape illustration. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with varying shades of green. To the left, a small tree with a dark brown trunk and a cluster of pink and purple rounded foliage stands on a hill. At its base are several orange and brown rounded shapes, possibly representing bushes or flowers. The background consists of layered, wavy bands of light blue and white, suggesting a sky or distant hills. The overall style is flat and graphic.

*Questions??*

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