

FLC 4K/5K Soft Start



Helping your child start with confidence

What is a Soft Start?

To help our youngest learners ease into the school year, we are introducing a **Kindergarten Soft Start**.

Instead of all kindergarten students starting on the same day, **your child will attend school in a small group (around 6 students) on an assigned day during the first three days of school.**

This smaller setting allows your child to:

- ✓ Learn routines
- ✓ Meet their teacher
- ✓ Get comfortable in their new space
- ✓ Build early connections with classmates and staff

Why Are We Doing This?

Eases the Transition

- Full-day kindergarten is a big shift—especially in a large school with over 600 students.
- Starting in small groups helps students feel more comfortable with routines like **lunch**, **recess**, and **specials**.

Builds Early Relationships

- Teachers can spend more focused time with each child.
- Early connections help children feel **safe**, **known**, and **supported**.

Supports Thoughtful Classroom Placement

- Many students enroll late in the summer, often with limited background information.
- This soft start gives teachers time to **observe students** and make any needed adjustments to ensure **balanced classroom communities**.

Allows for Early Assessments

- State law (Act 20) requires teachers to conduct **one-on-one assessments** with each student early in the year.
- With smaller groups, we can complete these assessments in a **calm, child-friendly way**.

You will sign up for your soft start date during **Back to School Night on August 11th**. The options are *August 26th, 27th, or 28th*.

Your child's classroom placement letter will be provided when you check in at **Back to School Night**.

On Your Child's Soft Start Day, They Will:

- ✓ Meet their teacher & complete some early literacy screening
- ✓ Explore the classroom and school
- ✓ Practice key routines (arrival, dismissal, lining up, lunch, recess, classroom expectations)
- ✓ Start making friends in a **small, low-stress setting**

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the school office 920-929-3757 or email: **Mrs. Biolo** at lbicolo@nfdlschools.org

We are so excited to welcome your child and your family to Kindergarten and help them start the year with confidence!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Biolo & our 4k/5k Team

