PRE-KINDERGARTEN FALL 2026 OVERVIEW

HAMPSHIRE Township Park District

TIGERS CLASS

(ages four and five)



Building Kindergarten-Ready Learners Through Play

The Tigers program prepares children for kindergarten through hands-on exploration, guided instruction, and meaningful social interactions. Our classrooms are designed to spark curiosity, encourage independence, and support each child's unique learning style.

Our philosophy is simple:

A nurturing environment opens the door to learning.

We create opportunities for children to discover, create, manipulate, absorb, interact, and explore building the foundation for academic and social success.

CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

Literacy & Language

We build essential early literacy skills through:

- Alphabet & letter-sound recognition
- Phonemic awareness & blending
- Vocabulary & communication development
- Writing begins through drawings, storytelling, dictation, and guided journaling — helping students express ideas with confidence.

Social-Emotional Growth

Developing confidence and strong peer relationships is a central part of Pre-K. Students learn to:

- Communicate feelings respectfully
- Work through conflicts using words
- Build empathy and cooperative play skills
- Children also participate in rotating classroom "jobs," building responsibility, leadership, and a sense of community.

Science & Inquiry

Students engage in hands-on investigations that promote:

- Observational thinking
- Questioning & hypothesis building
- Experimenting & drawing conclusions
- Science learning encourages curiosity, problem-solving, and real-world connections.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO REGISTER

- Annual Non-Refundable preschool registration fee of $125
- Birth Certificate
- Current DCFS medical form showing vaccinations
- Completed registration form with signed waiver
- Emergency contact form completed and signed
- Documented food allergy information if applicable

Documents found on the Park Districts website www.HampshireParkDistrict.org or picked up at location

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYTIME

441 East Jefferson
Hampshire, IL 60140

Mathematics

Math learning is embedded throughout the day, using manipulatives, technology, and small-group instruction. Students explore:

- Counting & number sense
- Quantities & symbols
- Measurement & patterns
- Introductory addition, subtraction & estimation

Social Studies & Community

Using Scholastic Weekly Reader and interactive activities, children learn to:

- Recognize personal identity & family structures
- Appreciate similarities and differences
- Understand roles within the classroom, community, and world
- Students recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily and explore the importance of community helpers and shared responsibilities.

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CLASS TIMES and TUITION

Attendance based upon availability

Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Resident $359 per month/ NR $369

Extended Day Option

Families may extend the Pre-K day until 3:00 PM through our Extended Day program. This optional afternoon session provides:

- Additional gross motor & outdoor play
- Creative centers & enrichment activities
- Socialization and cooperative play
- A seamless transition for working families

Extended Day allows students to remain in one consistent environment throughout the day — supporting both flexibility for families and continuity for children.

(Cost Separate from program)