



# Anchor Bay Schools



## Michigan School Readiness Program "Blossoming Fours"

This program is designed to foster each child's imagination; creativity and excitement for learning in a structured environment to an identified group of four year olds. Eligibility and placement is based on circumstances in the child's life that may place them "at risk" of having difficulty in school in later grades.

Children learn through direct, active, hands on learning experiences that facilitate each child's overall development. Children will be encouraged to experiment, problem solve, and take initiative in their learning environment through active play situations.

Children will practice recognizing and writing their names, learning to recognize and identify the letters of the alphabet as well as the beginning sounds each letter makes. They will practice counting, one to one correspondence, patterning, sequencing and a variety of other hands on math activities. They will be involved in the active exploration of various creative art materials as well as music and movement. Children will be challenged daily with a variety of activities that are designed to meet the children's interests.

Preschool provides a strong, solid foundation for success in school. Through ongoing observation and assessment the teacher's goals is to assure that each child is on target in acquiring the necessary readiness skills to be successful in kindergarten.

**Who may attend:** Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year;  
Live in the Anchor Bay School District;  
Must meet at least 2 of 25 identified "Risk Factors" as determined by the Michigan Department of Education

**Placement:** Children are placed in the program based on the number and the severity of risk factors documented during the screening interview.  
[Generally, a child with 5 factors would be accepted before a child with 2 or 3 factors]

**Transportation:** School Bus Available - bus routes determines a.m. or p.m. class placement

**Days:** Monday - Thursday

**Hours:** 2 ½ hours per day

**Class Size:** Maximum 18 per session (2 sessions available)

**Cost:** Free

**Snack:** Provided

**Parent Involvement:** 2 Home Visits & 2 Parent - Teacher Conferences  
Parent Meetings & classroom volunteers

**Location:** Early Childhood Center

**Curriculum:** High Scope Educational Approach  
Anchor Bay Preschool Core Curriculum

**Teacher:** State Certified with Early Childhood Endorsement

**Assistant:** CDA or 120 hours of Early Childhood Education training

**For additional information or to schedule an interview, please call 586-716-7862.**