

Academic Kick-Start

Rising 3rd - 4th

July 6 - July 24



What is Academic Kick-Start?

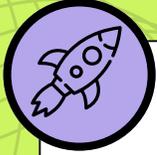
Academic Kick-Start is a three-week small-group summer program designed to give rising 3rd–4th graders a strong foundation in **reading, writing, and math** before the new school year. With **engaging lessons, hands-on activities, and personalized instruction**, students build confidence, strengthen essential skills, and develop independent learning habits—all in a fun and supportive environment. **Led by experienced teachers**, this program offers a more in-depth and interactive approach than traditional tutoring, ensuring each child is prepared and excited for the year ahead.



Benefits of Academic Kick-Start over Traditional Tutoring

- **Personalized Attention** – Small group setting ensures individualized support and guidance.
- **More Value Than Traditional Tutoring** – Five sessions per week at a lower cost than private tutoring.
- **Extended Learning Time** – Three-hour sessions allow for deeper understanding and practice.
- **Comprehensive Curriculum** – Covers reading, writing, and math for a well-rounded foundation.
- **Expertly Designed Program** – Created by experienced teachers who understand student progression.
- **Smaller Class Sizes** – A small teacher to student ratio ensures more direct interaction compared to larger camps.
- **Fosters Independence** – Helps students develop confidence and strong learning habits for school success.

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Rising 3rd - 4th: Sample Curriculum

Below is a **sample** of our three-week curriculum, designed to build confidence in **reading, writing, and math** through engaging, hands-on activities. Each lesson is **carefully structured** to develop key skills while keeping learning fun and interactive.

Because every child learns at their own pace, our curriculum is **flexible and personalized**—teachers assess student progress and **adjust instruction to meet individual needs**. Whether your child needs extra support in foundational skills or is ready for more advanced challenges, we tailor lessons to ensure they grow and succeed!



Week 1: Building Strong Foundations

Reading Focus:

- **Reading Fundamentals:** Daily, teacher-led read-aloud sessions featuring selected narratives designed to enhance listening comprehension and facilitate in-depth discussions.
- **Phonics:** Targeted phonics instruction, focusing on whatever phonics gaps the student has.
- **Evidence-Based Comprehension:** Practice reading and answering questions using complete sentences. Students learn to reread key sections to find supporting evidence.

Writing Focus: Narrative Writing Process

- **Planning:** Brainstorming story ideas with prompts, group discussions, and graphic organizers.
- **Drafting:** Writing a short personal story using beginning, middle, and end structure.
- **Editing & Revising:** Focusing on capitalization, punctuation, and neat handwriting while adding small details to make writing more engaging.
- **Finalizing:** Students read their stories aloud to a partner or small group, building confidence.
- **Journal Writing:** Respond to daily prompts with detailed, expressive journal entries.

Math Focus:

- **Multiplication Review:** Engage in fun, competitive math games focused on multiplication, laying the groundwork for fluency.
- **Math Partner Games:** Fun and engaging games to reinforce skills in an interactive way.
- **Math Mystery Challenge:** Solve multi-step puzzles that integrate two- and three-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division for real-world problem-solving practice.

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Week 2: Process Mastery & Analytical Thinking

Reading Focus: Process Mastery

- **Read-Alouds and Small Group Discussion:** Build on Week 1 by deepening comprehension through guided reading and discussion.
- **Comprehension Work:** Sentence-building exercises to ensure responses contain a "Who does what, when, or where?"
- **Evidence & Independence:** Strengthen skills in locating text evidence and constructing well-supported, complete sentence responses independently.

Writing Focus: Opinion Writing Process

- **Opinion Paragraphs:** Work through the complete writing process—from brainstorming and organizing ideas to drafting, editing, and finalizing an opinion paragraph.
- **Peer Sharing & Revision:** Learn the value of feedback and self-correction by revising initial drafts for improved clarity and impact.

Math Focus: Mastery

- **Advanced Math Mystery:** Tackle puzzles that review multiplication, rounding numbers, comparing fractions, and three-digit addition.
- **Concept Reinforcement:** Engage in activities that challenge students to find missing factors in multiplication sentences, along with interactive graphing and game-based learning to solidify concepts.

Week 3: Creative Thinking & Independent Learning

Reading Focus: Fluency & Accuracy

- **Fluency & Accuracy:** Small-group reading activities focusing on specific phonics patterns to build reading confidence.
- **Reading Mysteries:** Enjoy a fun "reading mystery" where students reinforce analytical skills to uncover clues, reinforcing comprehension, and attention to detail.
- **Language Arts Skills:** Review parts of speech and advanced grammar topics—to enhance overall language understanding and comprehension.

Writing Focus: Independent Writing & Daily Journals

- **Building Writing Stamina:** Encouraging independent sentence formation and creative expression.
- **Free Choice Writing:** Students to take charge of their writing by engaging in free choice writing. They select topics that spark their interest, explore ideas through self-directed brainstorming, draft their narratives, and independently revise their work for a polished final piece.
- **Creative Revision:** Emphasize the importance of revision and detail, encouraging students to re-read and improve their work for clarity and engagement.

Math Focus: Fast Fluency

- **Integrated Math Mystery:** Solve puzzles that integrate key concepts, focusing on exploring division, fractions, and multiplication through engaging problem-solving activities.
- **Fluency Games:** Participate in interactive games designed to deepen understanding of division, fractions, and multiplication while building logical reasoning skills.