

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The K.I.D.S. Club provides quality school age child care with before and after school programs.

The K.I.D.S. (Kids In Darien Schools) Club began in 1991, and currently serves over 150 kindergarten-fifth grade students in District #61. We operate under the supervision of a Board comprised of the Superintendent, the Chief School Business Official, the Program Director and 2 Social Workers.

Our vision is:

...to be recognized as a quality child care program that strives to surpass the expectations of our students and their parents in a safe, friendly, and fun-filled environment.

We feel we accomplish this by:

- *providing a program with a variety of choices for the children
- *promoting a positive self-concept in each child
- *offering flexibility in the program to meet the needs of the parents
- *hiring qualified staff

This handbook contains important information. Please read it carefully.

We look forward to serving you and your child/children this year! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: mandersen@darien61.org

Sincerely,

Mary Andersen
Program Director



Program

The program is open to all kindergarten through 5th grade children who are enrolled in District #61's elementary schools. Each school - Lace and Mark DeLay - has a site for the before and after school program.

OPTIONS	TIMES	WHO ATTENDS
Before School	6:30 a.m. - Start of School Day	All students
After School	End of School Day - 6:00 p.m.	All students

The before school program, which includes a simple breakfast, begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs until the start of the school day. Breakfast gets put away 10 minutes prior to morning dismissal. The after school program, which includes a snack, begins when school is dismissed and runs until 6:00 p.m.

The K.I.D.S. Club offers students the opportunity to rotate through a variety of selected activities. The program benefits are listed below:

****Program Benefits****

- Peace of mind is the foremost benefit. Knowing your children are in a safe environment with a caring staff is paramount.
- A quality program offers your children the opportunity to broaden his/her base of experience through exploration of planned activities.
- Reasonable and flexible fees for a program that your children will enjoy attending makes the whole experience worthwhile.
- Our staff consists of trained personnel. The director has completed her college degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Education and holds two Masters of Education. Our site coordinators are either certified teachers or certified in child development and our child care workers have backgrounds in education and several years of experience.
- The children have the opportunity to have fun and learn. The program offers inside and outside activities with hands-on experiences, children-chosen activities and special activities.