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All Day Kindergarten Continues to Grow at Charlotte Public Schools

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Charlotte Public Schools is proud to continue offering an all day Kindergarten experience to new five years olds of Charlotte for the coming school year. If your child will turn five years old before December 1, 2010, please plan to attend the Kindergarten Fair on March 2nd, at Charlotte Middle School, to find out more about this exciting adventure in your child's life.

All day Kindergarten is a research-based approach to helping our youngest learners have time to broaden and lengthen their experiences within many different curriculum areas. Aspects of traditional half day kindergarten, such as instilling the love of learning, motivation to try new experiences, and learning to make friends are also incorporated through the all day experience.

Much of the full day kindergarten curriculum revolves around language development and preliteracy experiences that involve children with hands-on projects. Due to the gift of time during the school day, children are learning in small and large groups, as well as being given individual attention in an unhurried setting.

All Charlotte teachers are trained in using the Balanced Literacy approach to learning, and many of the teachers hold masters degrees. This method allows students to progress at their own developmental rate, while receiving experiences to promote learning to reach grade level milestones and beyond.

Students learn letters and sounds through movement, song, and association with animals in a method adopted by Charlotte Public Schools called Zoo Phonics. Students also become writers, as our teachers have extensive training with the Lucy Calkins process of writing. Direct instruction is given to introduce strategies that will help students make their writing meaningful to their readers. Additional activities are planned to celebrate the progress of students as writers.

All day Kindergarteners in Charlotte have the opportunity to take part in weekly experiences that include Spanish, music, physical education, and technology. Other traditional school activities, including quiet time, lunch, and recess are part of the school day and quickly fill the time needed to develop social and communication skills with peers.

Please plan to attend the Kindergarten Fair on March 2 and meet the teaching staff. Feel free to ask questions and find out more about the superb all day Kindergarten opportunity Charlotte Public Schools can provide to your five year old. If you need additional information, please contact Becky Frazier, District Registrar, at (517) 541-5182.