# Welcome the Kidsborough!

The information provided below should provide answers to commonly asked questions.

# "A-Day-in-the-Life" at Kidsborough

## After-School Programming (3:30pm to 6:00pm)

Children thrive in an environment that is consistent and predictable, yet empowers them to explore their potential. Because we respect the daily investment teachers and school staff make in their students on an academic, social, physical, and emotional level, Kidsborough is committed to extending each child's opportunity for growth in these areas. After a friendly greeting, putting away personal items and enjoying a nutritious snack with friends, we settle into our after-school routine.

#### "Hey! Kidsborough"

Every afternoon begins with the callback phrase "Hey! Kidsborough" and the students respond with a generally very enthusiastic "Hey! Mr. Hastings" "Today is going to be great because..." We then ask the children what made their day great. We have found this to be a very positive way to start our afternoon. Sometimes, children will share why their day wasn't great and it is an opportunity for the student to be heard and for fellow students to offer encouragement and show compassion.

**Educational period if needed (15-30 minutes respective of grade level)** One of our objectives is to teach, practice and instill effective study habits and engage each child to become a lifelong learner. Therefore, our after-school program provides a structured, supportive, academic period. For some students, this includes a 30-minute period for homework completion. We feel this is an opportunity to develop early study habits that will serve the children well as they progress through the school system. The children generally work in small groups, usually by grade level, and are assisted by Kidsborough staff members. Our 1:8 staff to student ratio is essential in providing necessary academic support, guiding the children to achieve at their highest level, reviewing homework for understanding, accuracy and completion, while encouraging the role of personal responsibility in their academic success. The educational period is not required and is a student/family choice.

Kidsborough will have Chromebooks available for homework use at each location. Student Internet activity will always be monitored by a staff member. Sites are always outfitted such that all necessary homework demands are met.

Enrichment/Free-Choice Play Activities (30 minutes, rotates opposite Active Physical Play) Children are encouraged to explore their personal creativity by participating in a variety of enrichment activities such as: arts and crafts, science projects, or dramatic play. Children may also join our free, 8-week clubs that have included: Chess, Spanish, Sign Language, Dance, Outdoor Education, Knitting, Exercise Class, Music, Community Service, Karate, Young Rembrandts, Bricks4Kids, and Yoga. Free-choice play such as: board games, puzzles,

Legos, books and drawing, is always an option during this period. The social aspect of these activities allows the children to develop friendships, practice problem-solving skills, learn patience, and become independent thinkers.

### Active Physical Play (30 minutes, rotates opposite Enrichment Activities)

Following educational time, Kidsborough kids enjoy gym or outside play. We provide a balance of free play and organized group games and activities. In addition to building strong bodies, physical play provides an excellent opportunity to support and guide children in their social and emotional growth. We often use this time to help children navigate the intricacies of sharing, waiting our turn, including others, resolving conflict and respecting property.

#### **Vacation Days**

Kidsborough offers reasonably priced non-school day programming. These themed days generally include a combination of art, science, cooking and physical play.

# Program highlights include:

- Weekly Themes (i.e. Grossology 101, Sports FANatic, AtoZ in a Week)
- Ideal mix of enrichment activities and free time
- Daily activities include: art, cooking, science, outdoor play, computers and games
- Great balance of outdoor and indoor activities
- Field Trips each week
- Flexible attendance

# **Hours of Operation**

Per Lexington Public School policy, Kidsborough will be open when the schools are open as follows:

- School Day: 3:30pm to 6pm Monday-Thursday
- Early Release Days (currently Friday): 12:30pm to 6pm
- Vacation Weeks: 8am to 6pm

### **Tuition Rates 22-23**

# of Blocks	Tuition Fee
2 blocks	\$239.00
3 blocks	\$316.00
4 blocks	\$393.00
5 blocks	\$466.00
6 blocks	\$519.00

Enrollment requires a 2-Day minimum. Each day is 1 block, with the exception of Friday which requires a two block schedule and includes care from 12:30pm to 6pm. Friday blocks cannot be split.

### **Students with disabilities**

We encourage families with a student with disabilities to register for our program. Please proceed through the registration process and include your child's anticipated needs/supports. A Kidsborough staff member will reach out to discuss how we may best serve your child. We are unable to provide 1:1 aides, but we will have a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) on our staff, as well as, an Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist (ABA) at each location in support of all students.

Best,

The Kidsborough Team