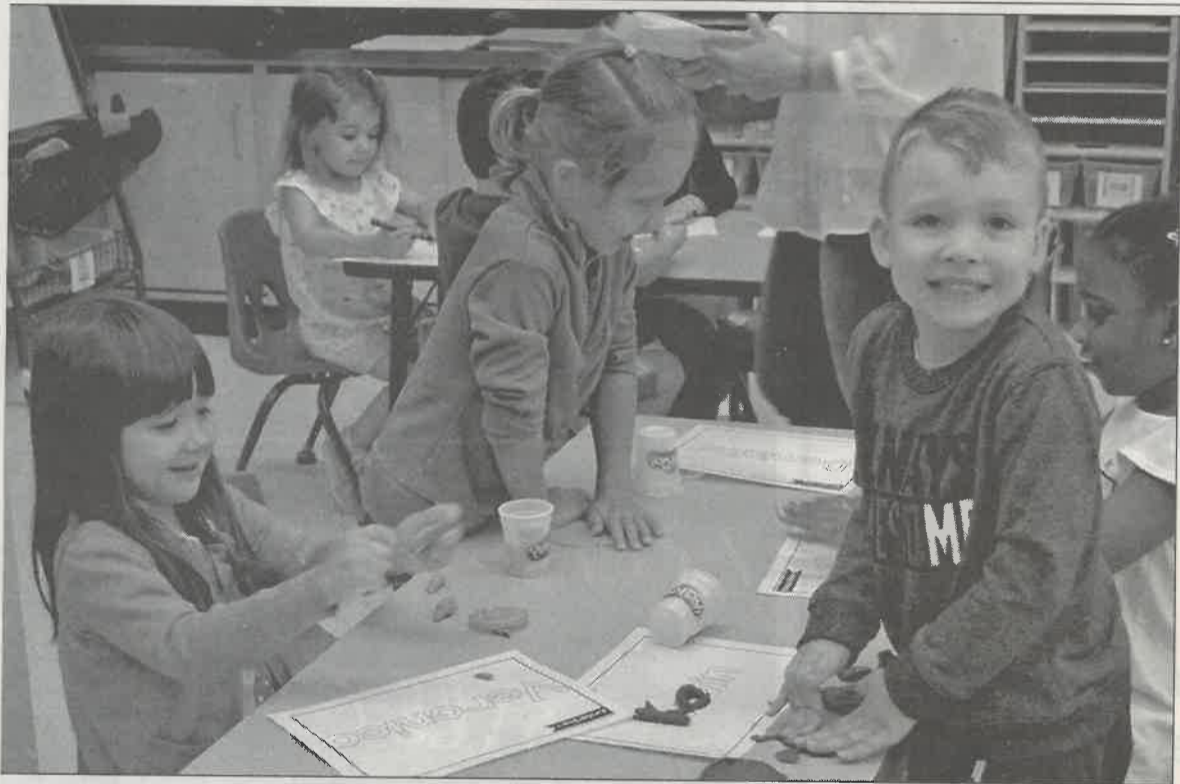




Skipping through Kindergarten Camp

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These children are taking part in physical education class as part of Kindergarten Camp offered by District 4 Schools. They enjoyed being outside skipping, galloping, running, marching, and walking backwards around the playground. Story and more photos inside this issue.



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Above: Who doesn't love PlayDoh? These students were rolling out letter shapes and making Playdoh pizzas. It was part of Kindergarten Camp offered by District 4 Schools, held at the Addison Early Learning Center (AELC).

Below: Ms. Zaccariello and her students were reading about the letter S, drawing S's in the air and naming things that begin with S, such as snake. It was one of the activities at District 4's Kindergarten Camp.



District 4 offers Kindergarten Camp

The Addison Early Learning Center (AELC) is the home for Addison School District 4's latest educational offering, Kindergarten Camp. On Monday, June 11, seven classes of 4- and 5-year-olds began to get a feel for what school will be like when they start kindergarten in August. The camp is three weeks long, running Monday through Friday mornings from June 11-29.

Some students are familiar with the AELC, having attended preschool at that location, but there are also students for whom this is their first experience with formal education.

A main goal of the camp is to help all of the students acquire the skills they need to be kindergarten-ready and this program is intended to help them learn and play together to reach that goal. Carmela Getz, administrator for the program, said that literacy, math, and physical education components are built into each day.

An additional part of the program includes coffee time for parents on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, where parents can drop their children off and then stay to learn more about kindergarten and their children's future school.