K-Camp
July 5 - July 29, 2022
Monday - Friday, 8:30-3:30

The Acorn School
AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

WE ARE K-CAMP!
The K-camp Team

“Let Nature be your teacher.” ~ William Wordsworth

Pam McColl & Rachael Hoetker from Edgehill
Rashonda Escoffery from 18th
Marybeth Briney, Bryan O’Callahan & Charles Fedderman from 19th
Carson Kriedler from the Owls Program
Flow of the day

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Regular Program
Drop-off child at current childcare center location
Same parent / guardian sign-in procedure

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM K-Camp Hours

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Regular Program
Same parent / guardian sign-out procedure

Arriving on time to K-Camp and staying through 3:30 PM supports children’s readiness for the predictable schedule of kindergarten and engages them to feel a strong sense of belonging.
Objectives for K-camp to support the goal: the transition from preschool to kindergarten

- Joy through play.
- Facilitate children’s ability to know the Vanderbilt community.
- Gain a sense of self-confidence through new experiences and relationships. Support children’s positive self-image as capable and competent learners.
- Take risks by learning new skills
- Navigate through adult spaces (buildings, restrooms and city streets).
**Parent Involvement**

*Alone we are smart. Together we are brilliant*

Parent involvement is key to the success of k-camp. Parents and special guests help K-Campers engage with the building, the arboretum and the grounds at Vanderbilt. Through parents, the campers can embrace the opportunity to know their neighborhood and be known by the Vanderbilt community.
Water play on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
12:30-1:30

Your child needs:
- a swimsuit that will be worn underneath their clothes on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- towel
- a pair of water shoes
- plastic bag for wet clothes
- Change of underwear
- Please pack your child’s clothes in a waterproof tote bag with a closure
Supply List

- A backpack for everyday
- A waterproof tote bag with a clasp for water play day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- A sturdy sports-top water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellant
- Closed Toe and Heel Shoes with socks (please no jellies, crocs, ballet slippers or flip flops)
- Change of clothes and extra socks stored in a plastic Ziploc bag
- Each Child will be given one K-camp t-shirt.
- Please label your child’s first and last name on all their belongings

Managing personal belongings supports Kindergarten Readiness
Dates to Remember

- K-Camp Kick-Off - Thursday, June 23, 5:30 - 6:30
- First day of K-Camp - July 5th at 8:30
- Last Day of K-camp Friday, July 29
WE ARE K-CAMP,
WE ARE FEARLESS,
WE ARE KINDERGARTENERS!

Closing and Bridging Ceremony
Friday July 29 from 3:30 to 4:30
K-camp was helpful because it prepared Val to go out and try new things every day. She was fearless when she got out of the car (by herself!). When I dropped her off on the first day, she was fearless when she marched on to the bus; neither time did she look back😊 Thank you for inspiring her to be self-reliant and confident!

Mallory is loving kindergarten! K-Camp really helped with the transition! Being in a new location for K-Camp helped—instead of the same classroom, meeting new people at camp, exploring and gaining independence were huge helpful factors for her transition. Also, managing her backpack and water at camp helped her to be more confident starting kindergarten.

The transition was really a breeze, and I give credit to K-Camp for that. Getting her off naps a month in advance and preparing her for a full day of kindergarten was just what she needed. I can’t say enough about how much both of my girls loved K-Camp, and I’m so glad they were able to be a part of the first 2 years!

I believe that K-Camp prepared my daughter for kindergarten—especially, cutting out naps. Many children in Olivia’s class are still having difficulties transitioning through that but we had no problems at all.