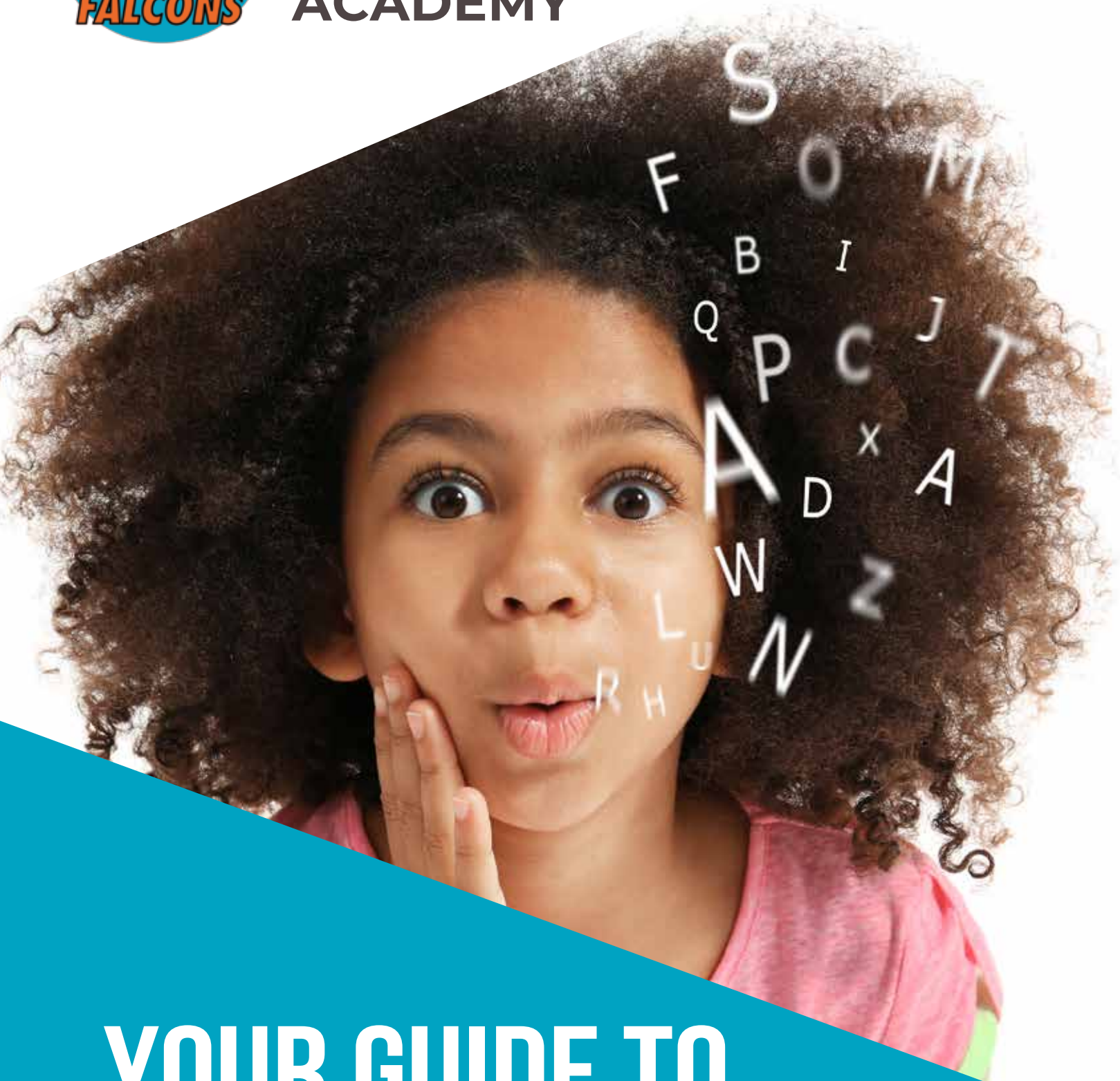




**WELCOME TO  
MIDDLEBURY  
ACADEMY**



# **YOUR GUIDE TO KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

# ABOUT MIDDLEBURY

**Middlebury Academy is a tuition-free elementary charter school serving scholars grades K-8 in Akron, Ohio.** We are dedicated to improving the lives of our scholars through authentic learning experiences in a collaborative, nurturing environment that will build a foundation for scholar success in school and in life. Our project-based learning curriculum incorporates new and emerging practices and technologies.

We view the entire world as our classroom and provide a variety of face-to-face, virtual and other learning activities outside of school. Our staff is dedicated to creating positive outlooks for each scholar's personal and academic goals. With small classroom sizes, we have the ability to work one-on-one with each scholar throughout the day! Call to schedule a campus tour at Middlebury Academy today!







# WHY CHOOSE MIDDLEBURY?



**Free iPads & Chromebooks\***

\*available while supplies last



**Dedicated  
Teachers &  
Staff**



**Weekly Meal  
Distribution  
for Families**



**Free Summer  
Learning  
Program**



# WAYS TO PREPARE

Children learn many new skills during the kindergarten experience. Below is a list of activities and tactics that you and your child can work on together to better prepare them for when they start school.

- + Say body parts
- + Learn names of immediate family
- + Say phone number & address
- + Visit public places like parks & libraries
- + Initiate frequent social interaction
- + Teach acceptable ways to disagree
- + Play that teaches hand-eye coordination
- + Encourage work values (effort, persistence, initiative)
- + Recognize basic shapes
- + Count from 0-10
- + Say (not sing) the ABC's
- + Talk positively about school
- + Encourage physical activity everyday
- + Establish reasonable limits on behavior
- + Read to them & discuss the story
- + Encourage social values (helpfulness, cooperation, sharing)

# ESSENTIAL SKILLS CHECKLISTS

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## Intellectual: Does your child...

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a book upright and turn pages left to right? | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize at least ten letters of the alphabet? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tell and retell familiar stories?                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Know colors, shapes, and sizes?                 |

## Social: Can your child...

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Play with other children without hitting or biting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sit for short periods of time?                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperate with other children?                      |

## Personal: Without help, can your child...

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tie their own shoes?             | <input type="checkbox"/> Eat with silverware unassisted?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snap, button, zip, & buckle?     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash their hands?                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize their own possessions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Blow their nose & cover a sneeze? |

## Health: Has your child...

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had all required immunizations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Developed a regular meal schedule? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had a recent health check-up?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Learned to run, skip, jump, climb? |





## READING

Prior to kindergarten, children typically learn the concepts of reading through games and activities. Many of these skills are learned through modeling.



Recognize spaces between words



Identify the different types of punctuation



Recognize upper and lower case letters



## MATH

The development of number concepts—classifying, ordering, counting and time and space relationships—is directly related to children's ability to perform mathematical tasks throughout their school years and the rest of their life.



Observe page numbers



Compare sizes: big, little, middle



Observe position in space: up/down, under/over, in/out, beside/between



## SCIENCE

As children mature, they become more curious about their environment and begin to interact with their surroundings. This is the best time to introduce them to science. Rich sensory experiences (seeing, tasting, touching, hearing, and smelling) can help children become even more observant about the world around them.



Observe what is happening



Predict what might happen



Try to make sense of observations

# THE BASICS

Set your child up for academic growth and success before they start kindergarten by discussing and reviewing the basic principles of reading, math and science listed above.





# TESTIMONIALS



"When you invest in scholars and create great schools and great opportunities, it changes generations."

**Earl Martin Phalen**

*Founder & CEO,  
Phalen Leadership Academies*

"When it comes to learning, every second counts! We are happy to welcome our scholars to a quality education, personalized instruction, and the resources to continue to learn at their level."

**Principal Testimonial**

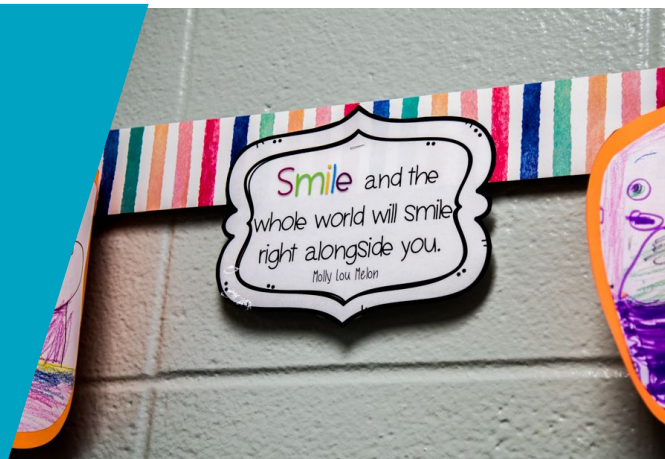


"This school celebrates kids. They praise children so well and they balance it with high expectations. It is a game-changer for these students—hearing how great they do and how capable they are."

**Parent Testimonial**

"If you're really interested in a great school with good academics for your child and they're not as good on learning, send them to Middlebury. Good school. Good staff. Great kids!"

**Parent Testimonial**



# Dear Parents,

Kindergarten is a major turning point in the lives of children and parents alike. Early school experiences have lasting effects on a child's attitude about school, their self-esteem and future achievements. Fortunately, the best person to ensure that your children arrive at school ready to succeed is you! Allow us to partner with you on this new journey at Middlebury Academy. We truly love our scholars and we believe in their ability to achieve. We hope that you find this information helpful. We look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

*Earl Martin Phalen*

**Earl Martin Phalen, Founder & CEO  
Phalen Leadership  
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