

Dear Best in Class Families,

The State of North Dakota is investing in families with young children. All North Dakota families are eligible to participate in Waterford Upstart. Waterford Upstart is used to supplement what your children are learning with us. Children use the fun learning software at home for 15-20 minutes a day, five days a week. You will be assigned an Upstart coach to partner with you to make sure your child is successful. Computers and Internet service are provided if your home does not have them. Children entering kindergarten in 2024 can sign up now!

To help you determine if you would like to sign up, here are some facts about the program in North Dakota:

- Last year more than 1,000 children used the program in North Dakota.
- At the end of the program, 94% of children scored at least at the Kindergarten Beginning level, and most scored even higher.
- At the end of the program, 98% of parents said the program helped prepare their child for kindergarten and 92% said their child enjoyed using the program.

And here are some things parents said about the program:

- I am beyond happy with how ready my son is for kindergarten in the fall. This program really has set him to excel next year.
- We absolutely love this program and are so thankful we did it. Our coach was amazing!
- I am very thankful for the program. I have taught Kindergarten for five years and three years in first grade, so I know the importance of those foundational skills that were offered.

You can sign up now and until October 1st! If you would like to learn more before signing up, please visit **bit.ly/420Vp7a** to register for our information webinar taking place September 7, 2023 at 5:30pm MT/6:30pm CT.

The program is FREE, and you can receive a computer and Internet if you need them. We hope you will take advantage of this great program!



