

UPSTART

Kane School District and The Waterford Institute provide UPSTART to students for free. UPSTART is an in-home, technology-delivered kindergarten readiness program that gives preschool-aged children individualized reading, math and science instruction with a focus on reading. It is offered to students the year before they go to Kindergarten. UPSTART will also provide a summer program for first grade students to use from June 1st - August 30. It will help students retain what they have learned during the school year to prevent decay in their learning during the summer between 1st and 2nd grade. UPSTART can close learning gaps early and give every child an early start with adaptive learning curriculum. Research by an independent evaluation team, "Shows it (UPSTART) significantly increased literacy skills for preschool-age children, especially among at-risk populations. Longitudinal data shows those gains lasted beyond kindergarten with participants still outperforming state averages on standardized tests through the fourth grade". UPSTART is made possible to the students in Kane School District through a Federal i3 Grant that was written by Claudia Miner at the Waterford Institute. The UPSTART program has provided proven success to students who use it 15 minutes a day, and 5 days per week.

For further information go to <http://www.waterfordupstart.org/> or contact our district liaison Melinda Dalton at [435-418-0110](tel:435-418-0110) or daltonm@kane.k12.ut.us.

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