



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School

Kasson, MN



### New Construction/Addition

#### Interior Design

#### ATS&R Planners/Architects/Engineers

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#### DESIGN TEAM

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Project Architect

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

Kasson-Mantorville Schools

Kasson, MN

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-4

Capacity: 210 students

Size of Site: 44.395 acres

Building Area: 33,355 gsf

Space per Student: 159 sq. ft.

Cost per Student: \$35,210

Square Foot Cost: \$221.68

Project Cost: \$7,394,136

Completion Date: August 2015

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The addition consists of a new Kindergarten wing and gymnasium. The existing school design has color-coded graphics for each classroom pod. "Orange" represents the new kindergarten pod with clear identity upon entering the area. Acrylic signage throughout provides wayfinding and serves as a teaching tool for students. Design features include breakout spaces with "niches" where students find a quiet place, work with a teacher, or work with other students—a variety of furniture makes each space unique! Floor-inlaid graphics (numbers, letters, and shapes) support learning activities.

Suspended circular acoustical ceiling clouds bring playfulness and color to the space. The classrooms have built-in window seating, creating "cave space" areas for learning. Flexible furniture enhances portability for different learning activities. Tables are of different shapes, and bookshelves are mobile for creating various

learning settings. "Puzzle" tables provide for teacher-student-student collaboration.

Portable hokki stools and soft-seating benches support movement and individualized learning preferences. Inlaid circles in carpet-tile flooring guide students with space definition. Student cubbies, natural day-lighting (with shelves), and restrooms/sinks are provided in each Kindergarten room.