

Preparing for Kindergarten

We are happy to welcome your child to our Kindergarten. Read the below note and assist your child with working on skills to transition from Preschool to Kindergarten.

Parents often wonder what the teacher will expect of my child. Expectations, as well as programs differ among schools, but some skills appear to be common:

- Children will be able to follow simple rules and instructions
- Children will be demonstrate self control
- Children are able to recognize authority
- Children will be able to concentrate and maintain focus on a task for 10 to 20 minutes
- Social skills and self-control such as sharing and taking turns will be emphasized. These skills help children get along well with teachers and other children.
- Children will be expected to do as much for themselves as possible, such as taking care of their personal needs, personal belongings, hanging up their own clothing, putting on / taking off outer clothing, putting away their work materials (crayons, glue, pencil, etc...)

On the first day of school, teachers want to see children who are healthy, mature, capable, ready and eager and ready to learn.

What should I work on prior to Kindergarten starting?

- Practice buckling belts on school uniform shorts and pants (children will be expected to do this independently)
- Practice dressing yourself with jackets/sweaters
- Practice tying shoes by "doing the part I know"
- Practice opening your lunch box and taking out the snack / lunch
- Practice repacking your lunch box to put things away
- Practice sitting and listening to stories
- Practice asking your child questions and having him/her respond by answering questions about the story to aid in developing comprehension

What are the concepts my child is expected to know prior to coming to Kindergarten?

- A child ready for Kindergarten can: print his/her name (first letter uppercase, remainder of the letters lowercase).
- A child ready for Kindergarten can recognize numbers up to 10.
- A child ready for Kindergarten can count by ones to at least 20.
- A child ready for Kindergarten can recognize most of the letters of the alphabet, as well as recite the alphabet in order.

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- A child ready for Kindergarten can:
 1. state his/her first and last name
 2. state parent's first and last name
 3. state address (city and state was learned in Preschool) - begin to practice zip code (full mailing address is required for Kindergarten)
 4. state telephone number
 5. state birthday (month/ day was learned in Preschool) - begin to practice year (month, day and year are required for Kindergarten)

What school supplies does the school provide for Kindergarten and what do I need to provide?

Parents are to provide:

- 3 jumbo Elmer's glue sticks (.77oz)
- 2 packages of a 4-count pack of fine/thin Expo dry erase markers (black only)
- 3 large pink erasers
- 4 boxes of Crayola 24 count crayons
- 1 8 count of Crayola crayons for Spanish class
- 2 packages of 12 count Ticonderoga pencils (yellow wooden only)
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 1 box of tissues

- It is suggested that you purchase extra supplies from the store to be used at home for homework, as well as to be replenished throughout the school year.

Children need a soft lunch box (metal lunch boxes are not allowed) and drink container.

We look forward to working with you and your child at the beginning of Kindergarten.

Questions, please ask.

The Kindergarten Staff