

## Preparing for Kindergarten

We are happy to welcome your child to our kindergarten. Below are skills to work on during the summer to assist your child in transitioning from preschool to kindergarten.

- Children are able to follow simple rules and directions/instructions.
- Children will be able to demonstrate self-control.
- Children are able to recognize authority.
- Children are able to concentrate and maintain focus on a task for up to 20 minutes
- Children are able to take care of their personal needs and personal belongings such as hanging up their own clothing, putting on outer clothing, putting away their work materials (crayons, glue, pencil, etc...).
- 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.

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

### What should I work on prior to kindergarten starting?

- Practice **buckling** belts on school uniform **shorts** and **pants** (children are expected to do this independently).
- Practice **tucking** school polo shirts into pants/shorts.
- Practice **dressing yourself** with jackets/sweaters, as well as **zipping and buttoning**.
- Practice **putting on** shoes and begin to learn how to **tie** shoes by "doing the part I know."
- Practice **opening** lunch box, **taking out** snack /lunch, and **opening** the packaging of food.
- Practice **repacking** lunch box to put things away.
- Practice **sitting** and **listening** to stories.
- Practice **predicting** what will happen next in the story.
- Practice **answering questions** about the story to aid in developing comprehension.

### What are the concepts my child is expected to demonstrate when entering kindergarten?

- A child ready for kindergarten can: **print** his/her name with the first letter uppercase and the remainder of the letters lowercase.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **recognize** his/her name in print.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **recognize** and **name** basic colors.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **identify** positional words such as: on, over, up, down, top, bottom, left, right, in front of, in back of, etc...
- A child ready for kindergarten can **recognize** and **name** numbers up to 10, even when they are out of order.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **count "how many" in a set** up to 10, pointing to each object as counted or use the "slide and count" method, then state how many there are in the set.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **count** by ones to at least 20 without skipping numbers.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **recognize** and **name** basic two dimensional shapes: square, circle, triangle, heart and oval.

- A child ready for kindergarten can **recognize most** of the upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet and properly **recite** the alphabet in order.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **recite** simple nursery rhymes such as Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock, Humpty Dumpty, etc...
- A child ready for kindergarten can **listen and identify** words that rhyme.
- A child ready for kindergarten can **hold a book the proper way, follow the print from left to right and turn the page to read the next page.**
- A child ready for kindergarten can:
  1. **state** his/her first and last name and begin to learn how to state his/her middle name.
  2. **state** parent's first and last name.
  3. **state** address (city and state) and begin to practice zip code (required for kindergarten).
  4. **state** telephone number.
  5. **state** birthday (month, day) and begin to practice year (required for kindergarten).

### What school supplies do the children need to bring on the first day of school?

#### Kindergarten supply list:

- 3 jumbo **Elmer's** glue sticks (.77oz)
- 2 packages of a 4-count pack of fine/thin **Expo** dry erase markers (black only)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 4 boxes of **Crayola 24** count crayons
- 2 packages of 12 count **Ticonderoga** brand pencils (yellow wooden only)
- 1 pair of **Fiskar** brand scissors
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 large containers Clorox wipes
- 1 large container of antibacterial hand sanitizer

(bring supplies to school in a large Ziploc bag)

Also,

- Backpack to carry items to and from school (label with child's name).
- **Soft** lunch box (**metal lunch boxes are not allowed**) and drink container (label with child's name).
- **Aluminum/metal** bottles are not permitted.
- Small fingertip towel to be used as a **placemat for food**. This will be packed in lunchbox.
- Label sweaters, sweatshirts, as well as jackets/coats.
- If your child attends extended care, print your child's name under the tongue of each shoe.

It is suggested that you purchase extra supplies to be used at **home** to complete homework, as well as to be **replenished** throughout the school year.

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

The Kindergarten Staff