

We're a Ready-for-Kindergarten Family

Time has a way of creeping up and even though your child may have just started Pre-K, before you know it, it will be time to begin thinking about kindergarten! Below is a monthly checklist to guide you and your child as you begin the transition to kindergarten!

November

- ☐ Learn about school choice and how to apply for District Application Programs (magnets and fundamentals).
- ☐ Attend a Discovery Night to learn more about specific District Application Programs.
- ☐ Learn how to find your child's zoned school at pcsb.org/zone.

December

- ☐ Find out when Ready, Set ... Kindergarten! will be held at your child's zoned school. Visit pcsb.org/KG.

January

- ☐ Know the procedures for making a reservation and enrolling your child in kindergarten. Visit www.pcsb.org/registration

February-May

- ☐ Attend Ready, Set ... Kindergarten!
- ☐ Take the required paperwork to the school to complete the enrollment process (Birth Certificate or other proof of identity/age; 2 proofs of residency; Florida Certificate of Immunization; Physical examination obtained within the last 12 months). Be sure to ask for your child's Ready, Set... Kindergarten! certificate.

May-August

- ☐ Help your child develop independence by learning how to work belts, zippers, and buttons on clothing.
- ☐ Read books together about starting kindergarten.

Two Weeks Before School Starts

- ☐ Talk with your child about what will happen during the school day and about making new friends in kindergarten.
- ☐ Start to establish an evening going-to-bed routine and a morning getting-ready-for-school routine with your child.
- ☐ If your child will bring a lunch, practice opening, and closing food storage containers and bags.

One Week Before School Starts

- ☐ Plan to attend a back-to-school event to learn more about your child's school, and the kindergarten program, and to meet your child's teacher.
- ☐ Practice walking the route from the car or bus circle to the classroom with your child before school starts to develop confidence in new routines.
- ☐ Help your child lay out clothes and backpack the night before.
- ☐ Talk with the school nurse and your child's teacher if your child has allergies or special needs.

First Day of School

- ☐ Allow plenty of time to get ready for school.
- ☐ If you are taking your child to school, leave early to allow time to find parking and navigate the school campus.
- ☐ Have fun and celebrate the first day of kindergarten with your child!

Throughout the Year

- ☐ Begin to establish good attendance habits by making sure your child attends kindergarten every day.
- ☐ Make backup plans to be sure your child can get to school on rainy days.
- ☐ Set aside time after school each day to talk with your child about the day.
- ☐ Read everything the school sends home.
- ☐ Learn how you can become involved in your child's education.

