

Kindergarten Readiness



First day of school

- * It's a day you'll never forget.



Kindergarten is a new adventure

- * Learning new things
- * Making new friends
- * Being away from home
- * New beginning



Parents are first teachers

- * Children are constantly learning from parents by watching, listening to and interacting with them.



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- * Children who arrive in kindergarten are more ready to learn



Ready to Learn

Readiness to learn involves:

Physical well-being:

- * Healthy nutrition
- * Physical activity
- * Regular checkups



Social and Emotional Skills

Social and Emotional Skills:

- * I love you-foundation for positive self-esteem
- * Positive feedback-Good job!
- * Avoid comparisons-everyone is unique, provide opportunities to meet others
- * Model positive social skills-taking turns, sharing, etc.
- * Discipline-explaining the rules and having appropriate consequences for your child's age

Language and Literacy

Language and Literacy:

- * Talk, and talk some more
- * Ask open-ended questions: What do you think about that?
- * Read with your child every day
- * Get your child used to holding a pencil and writing things



Attitude, or approach, toward learning

- * Talk positively about school
- * Curiosity-helps them learn
- * Creativity-children are naturally creative



Ways to be creative

Ways to be creative are:

- * Speech-make up the words together
- * Singing-make up songs together
- * Artwork
- * Crafts
- * Dancing



Independence

Ways to teach independence at home:

- * Teaching how to wash and dress without help
- * Age-appropriate chores
- * Giving choices: what to wear



Persistence... try, try again!!

- * A persistent child gains independence quickly



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Cooperativeness

Teaching cooperativeness at home:

- * Taking turns
- * Sharing responsibilities
- * Participating without interrupting



Cognitive Skills

Cognitive-or Thinking-Skills:

- * Observation
- * Noting similarities and differences
- * Planning ahead
- * Solving problems



As the first day of school approaches..

- * Find out how your child is feeling
- * Find a book about starting school and read it together.
- * Visit the school together
- * Meet your child's teacher
- * Arrange before-and after-school care
- * Know the route to school, and, if your child will take the bus, where it picks up and drops off
- * Start those new bedtimes and wakeup times a few days early (10-12 hours of sleep a night).



Make the day special!



Let your child make some choices:

- * What to wear
- * What to have for breakfast
- * A comforting item to bring, such as a photo



Stay involved

- * Attend parent-teacher conferences
- * Attend open houses
- * Volunteer at the school
- * Attend parent workshops



New Student Registration KG Registration

To register for kindergarten, children must Be 5 years old on or before Sept.1

- * Be able to show proof of residency (home address)
- * Have a Florida Certificate of Immunization (shots record)
- * Have a physical examination certificate.

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Registration

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How to register?

STEP 1: Find Your Zoned School

Parents will first need to find their child's zoned school by using the [Zoned School Locator](#) or calling Student Assignment, (727) 588-6210.



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To reserve a seat at a zoned school, use the online [Student Reservation System \(SRS\)](#) located on the district website, www.pcsb.org. You can use any computer, including a school computer, to reserve a seat.

To use the Student Reservation System, you will need a PCS Portal User ID and password.

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- * The final step is to visit the assigned school and deliver the Required Documents: Birth certificate or other proof of identity/age, two documents proving residency, Florida Certificate of Immunization, physical examination certificate, child's most recent report card (for students in grades 1-12), Individual Education Plan (if your child participates in exceptional student education) and Social Security number (optional).

Important Phone Numbers

- * School number
- * Student Assignment: 727-588-6210
- * ESOL Office: 727-588-6068
- * Helpline for Spanish Speaking Families: 727-623-4414

What do Parents Need to Know?

What are the Florida Standards?

- * The Florida Standards are learning expectations in English and Math designed to prepare K-12 students for **college and career success.**

The Florida Standards

- * The Florida Standards correspond to what is expected of students at each grade level in **English and Math**.

The Florida Standards

- * Are aligned with college and work expectations

What are the benefits for parents of Florida Standards?

- * Ensure that all students will be focused on graduating from high school prepared for college and careers.
- * Standards will be the same for all students in states adopting the Florida Standards, 46 US states.

A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

English Language Arts & Literacy:

- * Naming upper-and lower-case letters, matching those letters with their sounds, and printing them
- * Comparing the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories, such as fairy tales and folktales
- * Retelling familiar stories and talking about stories read to them using details from the text

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Mathematics:

- * Counting objects to tell how many there are
- * Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group, if either, has more; comparing two written numbers to tell which is greater
- * Adding with a sum of 10 or less; subtracting from a number 10 or less; and solving addition and subtraction word problems.