

# 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.

## December

- Learn how to find your child's zoned school at [pcsb.org/zone](http://pcsb.org/zone).
- Find out when Ready, Set ... Kindergarten! will be held at your child's zoned school. Visit [pcsb.org/KG](http://pcsb.org/KG).

## January

- Attend Ready, Set ... Kindergarten! Be sure to get a PCS user ID and password while you are there.
- Know the procedures for making a reservation and enrolling your child in kindergarten.
- Make a reservation for Kindergarten at [reservation.pcsb.org](http://reservation.pcsb.org).

## February-May

- Take the required paperwork to the school to complete the enrollment process (Birth Certificate or other proof of identity/age; Proof 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.
- Download the Vroom app. Every day Vroom will deliver a simple and fun brain building activity for you and your child right to your phone. Go to [vroom.org](http://vroom.org) for more information.

## 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, 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 each and 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.

