

MNPS Kindergarten Readiness Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter to Help Your Family Prepare for Kindergarten



Dear Pre-K Families,

It's Kindergarten Registration Kick-Off Week in March! It's a great time to talk with your child about kindergarten, and get ready to register your child.

Also, join us in April for the free MNPS "Kindergarten Readiness" fair that will provide your family with information and resources to support your child's transition to kindergarten.

Warm Wishes, MNPS Pre-K Team

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MNPS District Important Dates

March 27 – April 7, 2017
MNPS Pre-K Application Weeks

April 1, 2017 (Saturday)
Kindergarten Readiness Fair
Lentz Public Health Center
10 am – 2pm

Family Activity Corner



Now that your child is getting ready for kindergarten, it's a good time for them to understand what to expect of their kindergarten experience. We recommend reading **Look Out Kindergarten, Here I come** by Nancy Carlson.

After reading the book, start talking about some of the differences between Pre-K and Kindergarten (i.e. school location, teachers, length of the school day). Encourage your child to ask questions.

Activity Idea: Create a "Kindergarten List." Create a list with your child of the items that they think they will need for their first day of kindergarten. Ask them why they need those items. Write out the list and have your child practice writing those words.



Get Ready for Kindergarten Tip

MNPS kindergarten registration will begin in March. If a language other than English is spoken in your home, you must register your child for kindergarten at the MNPS English Learners (EL) Office.

The EL Office can explain what English language services are offered to MNPS students.

Please call (615) 259-8608 for information and an appointment.



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Parent Spotlight

Get an early start on the first day of school with the MNPS Kindergarten Readiness Fair!

The Kindergarten Readiness Fair will be Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Lentz Public Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville TN 37203

The event provides a one-stop shop for incoming kindergartner families, featuring:

- Kindergarten Enrollment and Assessments
- EL Services
- Student Immunizations*
- MNPS & Community Partner Information Booths
- Kindergarten Transition Workshop
- Car Seat Safety Check
- School Bus Experience
- Door Prizes!

*For more information visit: <http://www.mnps.org/kreadinessfair>



Countdown to Kindergarten

Getting ready for Kindergarten can be an exciting and educational experience for both you and your child. Right now is a great time to practice how to follow directions and a routine.

Begin by practicing one step directions with your child. For example, have your child put away their toys. Once they have mastered a one-step activity, provide an activity that has two step directions. For example, ask them to wash an apple and then dry the apple with a towel.

To practice a routine, create a daily routine chart together. Start with morning activities such as brushing their teeth and washing their face. A chart can be created by drawing or using magazine cut-outs to show your child's daily activities. Make sure to have the chart displayed at your child's eye level in your home. Review the chart with your child, and speak positively of their efforts to follow their routine.

Remember children are young explorers and first time learners. Children need practice, and these opportunities will provide a learning experience.

Pre-K Family Support Corner

Friendship skills are just as important for your child's kindergarten readiness, as knowing their ABC's and 123's. Sometimes making friends is not easy for all children.

Discuss with your child that sharing, taking turns, and expressing their feelings are important skills that can help them in making friends. Also, it's important to say thank you and please, and listen and not interrupt our friends when they talk.

The next time you talk with your child about kindergarten speak enthusiastically about all the new friends that they will make in their new school adventure.

We would like to hear from you! Please take our quick survey to provide your feedback on this newsletter: <http://bit.do/mnpsprek>