

Road to Kindergarten

Why are we here tonight? We believe:

- The transition to kindergarten is not a one-time event.
- Going to kindergarten is a developmental milestone.
- All families want the best for their children.
- Not all children have the same readiness for kindergarten.
- Schools must be ready for children and families.
- Kindergarten is the first step on the way to college and career readiness!

The seven domains of learning:

Fine Arts, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Physical Well-Being and Motor Development, Science, Social Foundations, and Social Studies.

The core components of the kindergarten program:

Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, Related Arts, Lunch/Recess, Quiet Time, Take Ten, Multiple Community Times, and Student Selected Activities. Instruction in kindergarten is *differentiated* in many ways to meet the needs of all students. Curriculum is aligned to the Maryland PK-12 College and Career Ready Standards.

Types of events to look forward to:

Registration, Visitation/Tours, Parent Information Sessions, Spring Picnics, Summer Playdates, Orientation, Back-to-School Night. Your child's school may offer a variety of these types of events; you will find out more after you register! Also: *Children's Discovery Fair* (Spring, HC Library) and *Kindergarten Here We Come* (Summer, HC Library).

Kindergarten Registration Kickoff February 27–March 3, 2017

Please register at your school. You will need:

- ☐ Picture I.D. (driver's license, military ID, or passport)
- ☐ Current lease or deed (to show address, valid dates, signatures)
- ☐ Current utility bill with name and address (non-cellular telephone, gas/electric, or cable)
- ☐ Child's proof of birth (original birth certificate, baptismal or hospital certificate, passport)
- ☐ Child's current proof of immunizations
- ☐ Proof of custody, if applicable



What does "ready for school" mean?

- R - real-life experiences
- E - early vocabulary and literacy exposure
- A - areas of competence/strengths
- D - developmentally appropriate activities
- Y - young, curious mind

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Demographic Information and Opinion Form can be completed on paper or by visiting <https://goo.gl/NiqAKz>. Please keep confirmation of completion visible on your phone to receive Toolkit as you exit auditorium.

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