



## Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

Transitioning to kindergarten is an educational milestone for your child and your family. Many parents feel overwhelmed by the process of preparing for this transition. We have prepared a checklist for you to help you plan for all of the things you need to do in order to ensure that this transition is a smooth one.

### February-April

- Complete enrollment paperwork. Most school districts allow you to either register online or in person. In addition to the enrollment packet, you will need to provide the following documentation:
  - Original birth certificate
  - Immunization records
  - Proof of residency
  - Parent's driver's license or state ID
  - Custody papers (if applicable)
  - IEP or 504 plan (if applicable)
- Your school district may also require:
  - Medical assessment/physical
  - Dental assessment
- Review the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist with your child's preschool teacher. If necessary, create a plan with the teacher to encourage any developmental milestones that your child needs help reaching.

### April-May

- Schedule a visit to your child's school. Arrange to meet the kindergarten teachers. Take pictures of the school building, classrooms, cafeteria, and office to share with your child.
- Plan to attend any Open House events the school offers and introduce yourself to other parents.

### June-August

- Plan for the everyday activities provided in the Kindergarten Transition Calendar to encourage readiness skills.
- Make arrangements for transportation.
- Choose a before and after school program and complete registration.

- Attend any Open House or orientation events that your child's school offers. If one is not offered, call the school to schedule a time when you and your child can meet his or her new teacher.
- Buy school supplies (your child's school should provide a list) and label everything, including backpacks, lunch boxes, and jackets.
- To reduce stress and get used to new routines, adjust new bedtimes and wake-up times a few weeks before school begins.