

Welcome to Kindergarten in Hamilton-Wenham

Buker School
Cutler School
Winthrop School

March 7, 2023 - 6:30pm



Our goal:

We will work together to nurture confident, cooperative, and independent kindergarten learners.



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Considerations for School Assignments

- Families with siblings already attending the school
- Class size
- Geography

Elementary Schedule



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:25am – 2:57pm

Wednesday
8:25am – 12:45pm



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Transportation

- Students living more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from school will be assigned to a bus route
- Bus routes are set up after school assignments and will be available late summer.



Important Dates

starting March 13	Online Registration opens @ 8:00am on Monday, March 13th
April 25,27,28	Screening appointments
End of June	Notification of School Assignment (summer registrants will be notified of school assignment in mid-August)
August 30	School Visits
August 30	Notification of Classroom Teacher
September 5	Classroom Visits (30 minutes)
September 6	First Day of School for Kindergarten



Kindergarten Registration:

Online registration will open through Aspen beginning March 13th. New HW families need to create an Aspen account.

Families unable to access online registration can stop by Central Office 8am-11am March 13-18 for assistance.

Evidence of Residency and Occupancy must be dated within 45 days of submission.

Students currently enrolled in the HW Integrated Preschool Program at Winthrop School do not have to re-register but parents must let the teachers know that their child will attend HW Kindergarten.

Students who are six years old by September 1st should register for First Grade.

Kindergarten Registration:

Registration directions will be posted on the
HW Website Registration Page

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Required Student Documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport
- Most Recent Physical examination (within one year)
- Immunization Record (requirements):
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/immunization-requirements-for-school-entry-0/download>
- Evidence of Lead Paint Screening
- Custody or Guardianship Documents if applicable

Evidence of Residency (must provide most recent copy of ONE of the following):

- Mortgage Statement, Lease or Rental Agreement, Section 8 Agreement, Property Tax Bill

Evidence of Occupancy (must provide most recent copy of ONE of the following):

- Excise Tax Bill, Pay Stub, Utility Bill (electric, water, not cell phone or cable)

Evidence of Identity of Parent/Guardian (must provide most recent copy of ONE of the following valid government-issued photo identifications):

- Driver's License, Passport, Government-issued photo ID

Please contact Jennifer Caufield, j.caufield@hwschools.net with any questions.



Kindergarten Screening:

When/Where:

Tuesday, April 25 @ Buker

Thursday, April 27 @ Cutler

Friday, April 28 @ Winthrop


Screenings can be done at any school.

- **Why do we screen?**
- **What areas do we screen?**
- **What to expect the day of screening.**
- **How/when are results communicated?**

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independent kindergarten
learners



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*How can I help my child
be ready for kindergarten
this year?*

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Independence is important...

- ✓ Taking care of clothes
- ✓ Tying shoes
- ✓ Eating (opening) snacks and meals
- ✓ Using restrooms
- ✓ Getting in/out of car (seatbelts)

Build your child's social vocabulary

It is helpful for your child to be equipped with 'feelings' words so that they are able to effectively express their wants and needs.



Consistency is KEY



- Bedtime routines
- Time to rise each morning
- Expectations of behavior
- Eating meals independently
- Helping with family chores



Buker Kindergarten Teachers

Linda McMahon

Kathy O'Shea



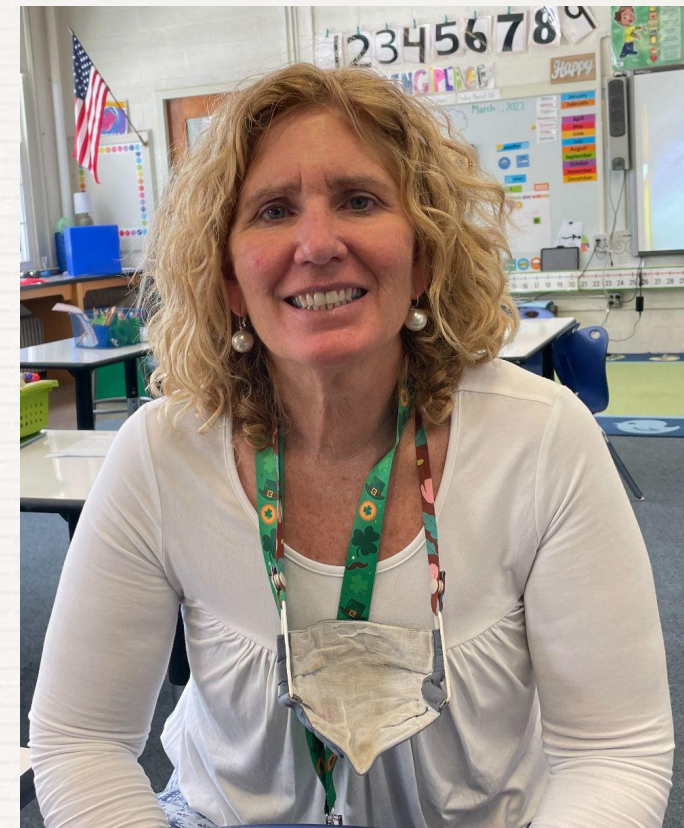
Welcome to Kindergarten!



Buker School



Mrs. McMahon



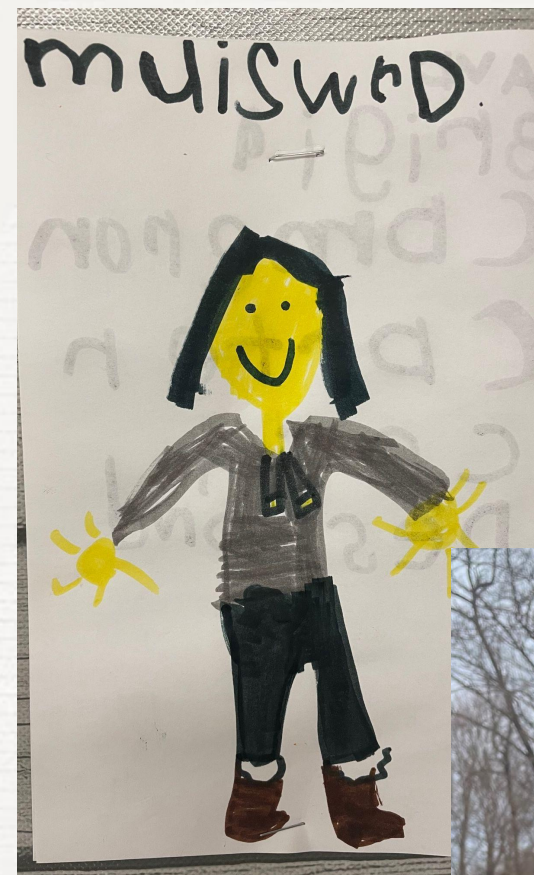
Ms. O'Shea



Cutler School



Mrs. Goodchild



Mrs.

Drinkwater



Winthrop School



Mrs. Gallant



Mrs. Mattera



Mrs. Kropilak





Welcome to SCHOOL!

**Morning arrival
includes:
staff greetings from
drop off points,
supervised recess,
and transition into
the school building**

Morning Responsibilities

Kindergarteners' morning responsibilities include:

- Unpacking their snack
- Unpacking their school folder
- Hanging up their backpack and jacket



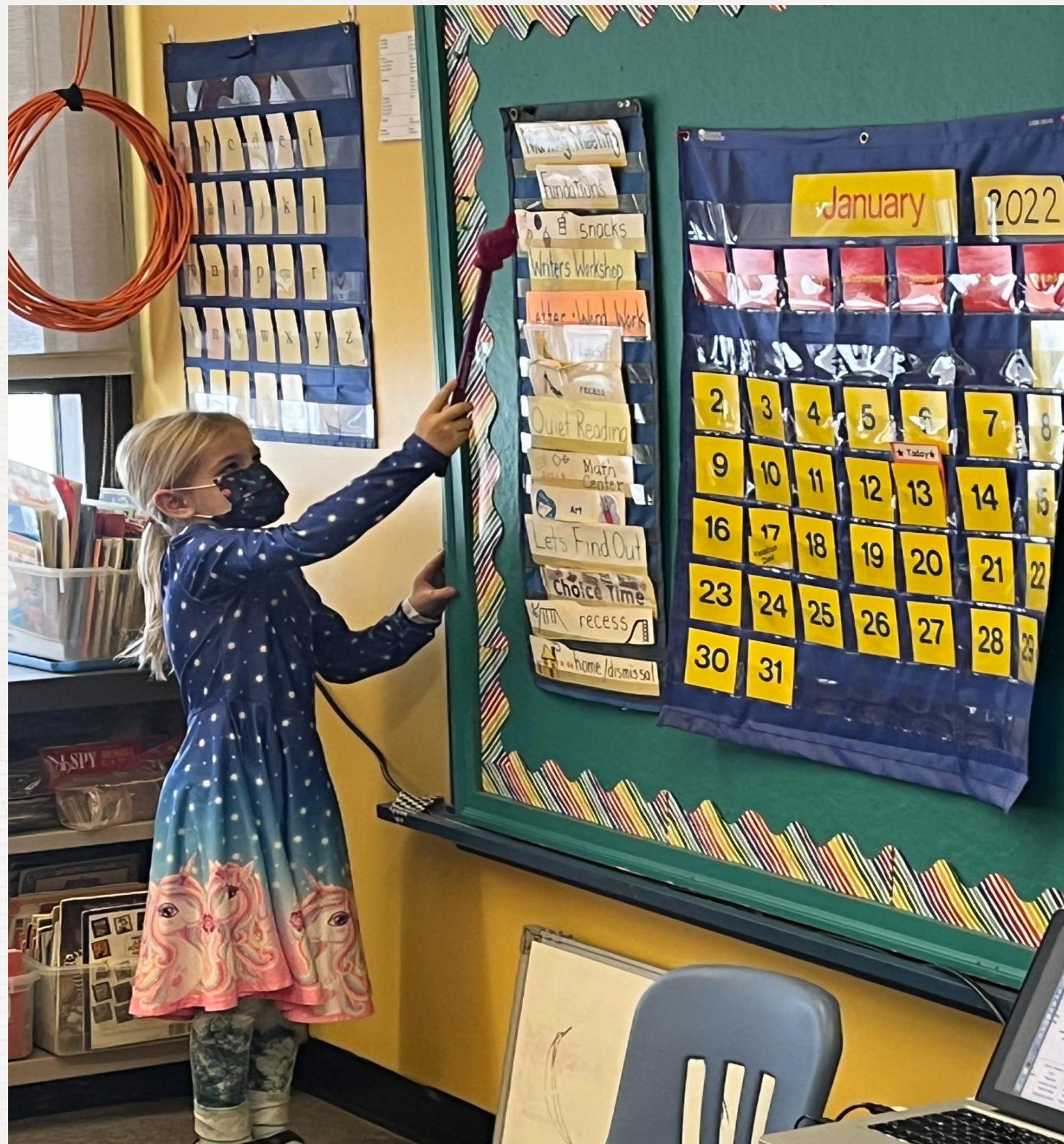
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Our Morning Meeting follows a format designed by the Responsive Classroom Approach.

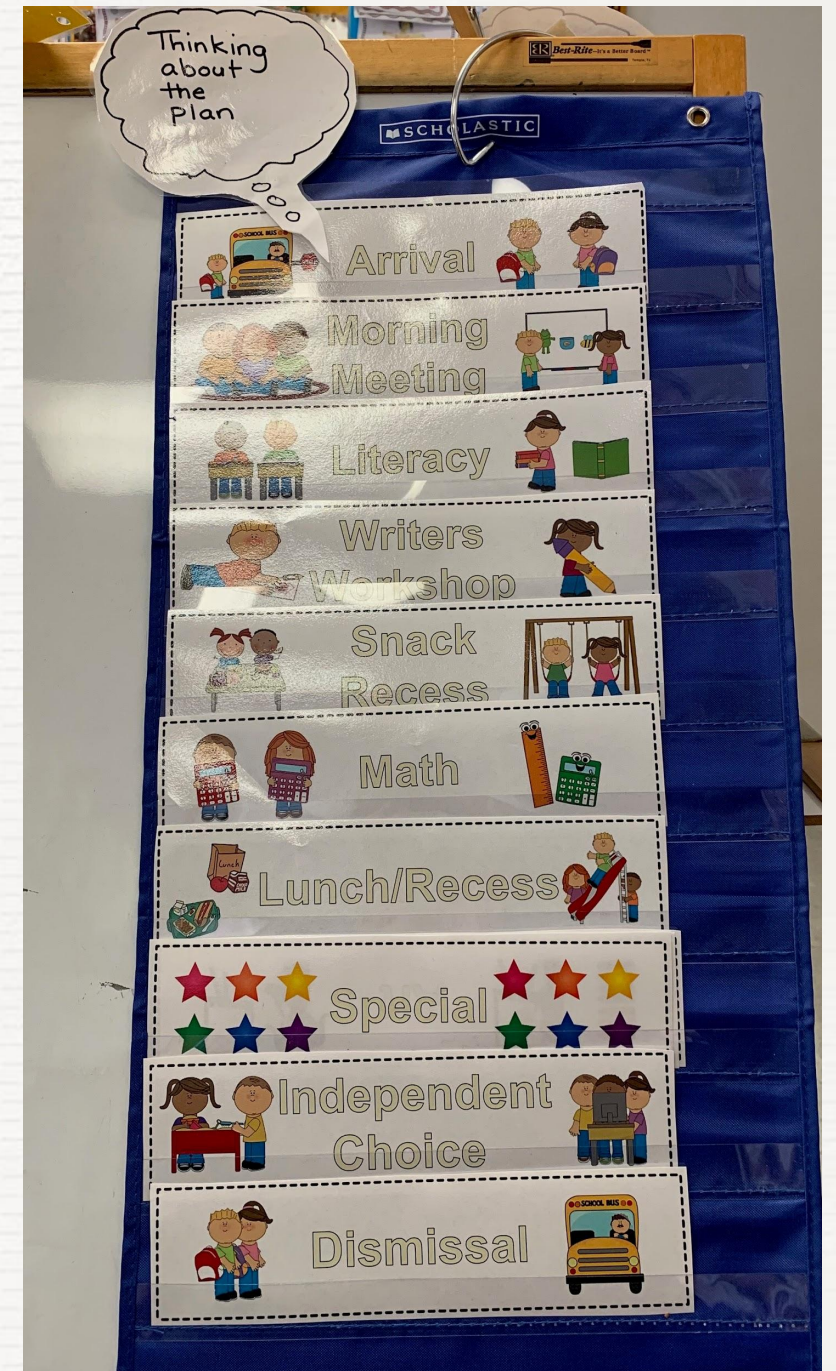
The routine includes:

- A greeting
- Share
- Song / movement / game
- Message





Calendar / Helper Jobs



Daily Schedule



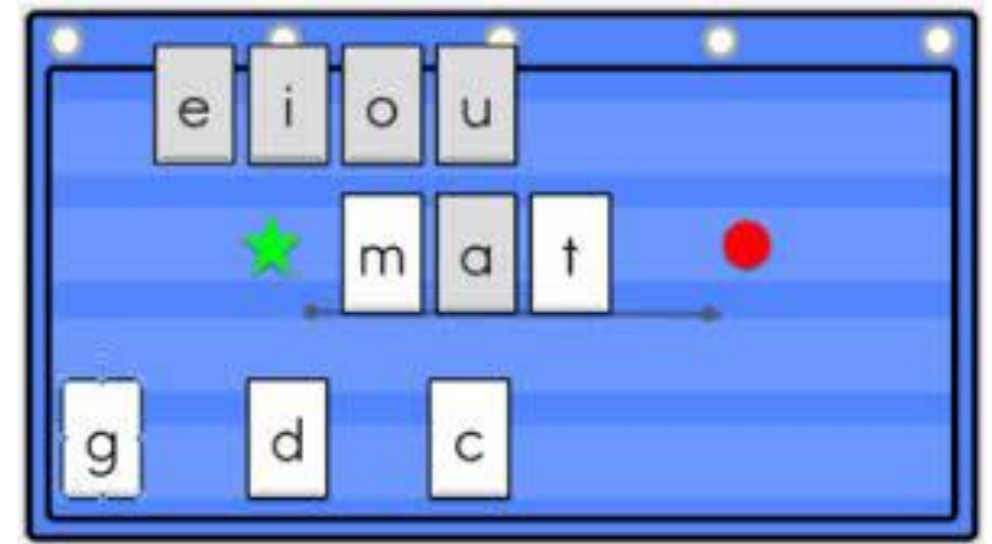
There are many components to our literacy instruction in kindergarten



CKLA Skills

Focus areas include:

- Learning the sounds letters make
- Letter identification
- Letter formation
- Blending sounds to read words
- Spelling words
- Learning high frequency words



CKLA Knowledge

- Build vocabulary
- Develop comprehension skills
- Make connections to text through writing, reader's theater and rich discussions.

	rhyme, n: a word that has the same sound as another
	roses, n: a bush that bears red, pink, yellow, or white flowers
	sweet, adj: having a pleasant taste of sugar or honey



CKLA Knowledge Topics:

- Nursery Rhymes and Fables
- The Five Senses
- Stories
- Plants
- Farms
- Native Americans
- Kings and Queens
- Seasons and Weather
- Columbus and the Pilgrims
- Colonial Towns and Townspeople
- Taking Care of the Earth
- Presidents and American Symbols



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Daily Phonemic Awareness Lessons focusing on:

- Rhyming and clapping out syllables
- Isolating beginning, middle and end sounds
- Blending and segmenting words, syllables, and phonemes
- Adding and deleting phonemes
- Substituting phonemes

Snack



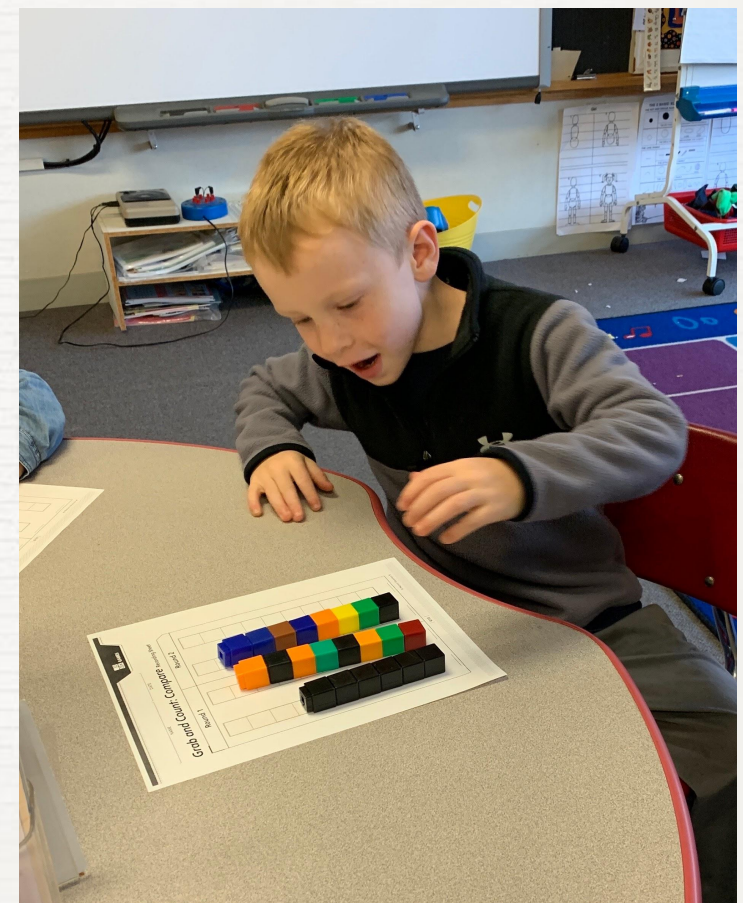
Math Curriculum – Investigations

Focus areas we will cover include:

- **Counting** – both rote counting and developing 1:1 correspondence
- **Geometry** – 2D 3D shapes
- **Addition and subtraction** within 5, and exposure to adding and subtracting within 10
- **Number Identification** numbers 1–20
- **Collecting and interpreting data**
- **Measurement**



Mathematics



Lunch



Students can bring lunch from home or have lunch from the school cafeteria.





Recess

Science



Units Include:

- Earth and Space Science:
- Seasons and Weather
- Life Science
- Physical Science

Hands on Learning



Specials:

- Art
- Physical Education
- Library/ Media
- Music



Why Is Play Important?



- ✧ Enables children to explore their world
- ✧ Develops social and cultural understandings
- ✧ Helps children express their thoughts and feelings
- ✧ Provides opportunities to meet and solve problems
- ✧ Develops language and literacy skills and concepts.



Choice Time...
A time to create,
explore,
experiment,
and build
problem
solving &
social skills



A time of growth and building friendships





Another great day in Kindergarten!

Ways To Support Your Child's Transition to Kindergarten

- ✓ Treat going to Kindergarten as a normal occurrence. Don't be overly anxious or build it up as a huge event.
- ✓ Make sure your child knows how they will get to and from school each day. Visit school playgrounds over the summer.
- ✓ Explain to your child that going to Kindergarten is his/her "job". Have conversations about the importance of her/his "job" as being a responsible and respectful kindergartner.
- ✓ Tell your child that all children will be looking for new friends. Remind your child that a smile is a great way to make friends.
- ✓ Read books about school and kindergarten.

some suggestions from:
How to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten by Karnofsky and Weiss



Thank you

Additional questions?

