



# Preparing for Kindergarten

Kindergarten students will play, explore, discover and grow. Support their learner readiness by reading together often, counting items in the grocery cart, talking about feelings and singing songs. Encourage independence in the bathroom and with dressing. Play together imaginatively. Write your names together and then talk about the letter names and their sounds. If your child finds it fun, practice their home address and phone number.

Some ideas to help prepare your child for kindergarten are listed below. Help your child:

- **Demonstrate increasing comfort with separation from family/caregivers**
- **Manage clothing, bathroom use and outdoor gear independently**
- **Speak their first and last name when asked**
- **Share their parents/caregivers first and last name when asked**
- **Ask for help when needed**
- **Try hard to complete a task of interest**
- **Enjoy reading together and is careful handling books**
- **Write their first name**
- **Recognize some letters and can make their sounds**
- **Ask: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How questions**
- **Label how she or he is feeling**
- **Label how a friend or family member is feeling**
- **Count to 10**
- **Identify “more” and “less”**
- **Enjoy puzzles**
- **Draw a picture and replaces the marker cap when finished**
- **Label 5 shapes**
- **Move safely from one place to the next, quickly and slowly**
- **Hold a scissors and pencil**

## Great Start to Kindergarten

PLSAS is committed to preparing instruction that caters to the unique learning needs of all children. “Great Start to Kindergarten” assessments for students will be held in August. Specific dates and information will come from your child’s schools.

Have you scheduled your  
Early Childhood Screening?  
Call: 952-226-0975 or scan the code



Children reaching age 5 after September 1 may meet specific criteria for early entrance into kindergarten. Visit the kindergarten enrollment website to access an Early Entrance application at [www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll)

