



Sweet Apple
Elementary

Top 5 Ways to Prepare for Kindergarten!



I. Transition to Kindergarten



The transition from preschool to Kindergarten can be a BIG adjustment for some students. Be mindful of the following:

~Full academic day (ELA, Math, Science/ Social Studies, Special Areas, Lunch, & Recess)

~No naptime in Kindergarten (try to transition from mid-day naps over the summer).

~Please provide a snack for your child each day to eat in the classroom.

~A full change of seasonally appropriate clothes needs to be kept in the backpack in case of accidents or spills.

~We will be working toward building stamina with both academics and independence throughout the year. Students will work with teachers and will also be expected to work independently and stay on task. We follow the gradual release process: teacher-led to student-led.



2. Tips to Prepare for Kindergarten

~Practice eating lunch at home from a lunchbox. Be sure your child can open all items in their lunchbox (containers, sealed bags, zip-top bags, twist caps, drinks, etc.). Go ahead and set a timer and try to finish within 20-25 minutes.

~Please ensure your child can go to the bathroom and wash hands independently. It is also helpful to practice blowing noses with tissues.

~Shoes! Tennis shoes are required on P.E. days. Make sure your child can fasten or tie their shoes independently.

~Full-size backpacks work best for Kindergarten (large enough to fit a daily folder, lunchbox, snack, books, water bottles, etc. inside). Have your child practice packing and unpacking their backpacks as well as zipping and unzipping jackets/coats.

~iPads! We use iPads for technology. If possible, have your child practice learning games on a tablet or laptop at home.



Learning Games:

<https://www.abcya.com/>

<https://www.starfall.com/h/index-kindergarten.php>

~Ensure your email is correct and up to date if you have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account or create an account [here](#).

~School-wide emails are sent every Friday. Be sure to read to know all about school wide events, calendar dates, and PTO & SGC information.

~School-wide information can also be found on the [Sweet Apple Website](#).

~Grade level emails are sent every Friday, too. They will include learning topics, general information, and reminders.

~Volunteer Opportunities! There are many ways to volunteer and get involved including PTO, Science Lab, Mystery Reader, and many more! Each class will also need a Room Parent (no need to stress, we welcome first time room parents in Kindergarten). You will need to complete the [Volunteer Registration](#) prior to volunteering.

3. Ways to Get Connected at Sweet Apple



4. Summer Study Suggestions

 I can write my first name (start with a capital and the rest lowercase)	 I know all 26 CAPITAL letters! 	 I know my colors! 	 I can count to 20 (and name numbers 1-20) 
 I can write numbers 1-10! 	 I can clap and count syllables. 	 I can rhyme! 	 I can read 10 sight words! 
 I know my birthday! 	 I can listen to a story and retell what it was about! 	 I can count and tell how many (1-10). 	 I can name 2D Shapes 
 I can complete a pattern. 	 I can create a pattern. 	 I know my letter sounds! 	 I know my address! 
 I can orally combine phonemes to make a word. 	 I can identify the first sound of a word. 	 I can illustrate a picture and orally tell a story. 	 I know all 26 lowercase letters! 

Name _____

Here are some suggestions to help prepare for Kindergarten.



*These skills are for exposure only; mastery is not expected prior to entering Kindergarten.

5. Georgia Standards

To learn more about the standards we teach in Kindergarten check out the [Georgia Department of Education Standards Website](#).

[ELA Standards](#)

[New Math Standards](#)

[Science Standards](#)

[Social Studies Standards](#)



ELA encompasses Reading, Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Writing, Grammar, and Speaking & Listening Skills.

New Math Standards will be implemented for the 2023-2024 School Year.