

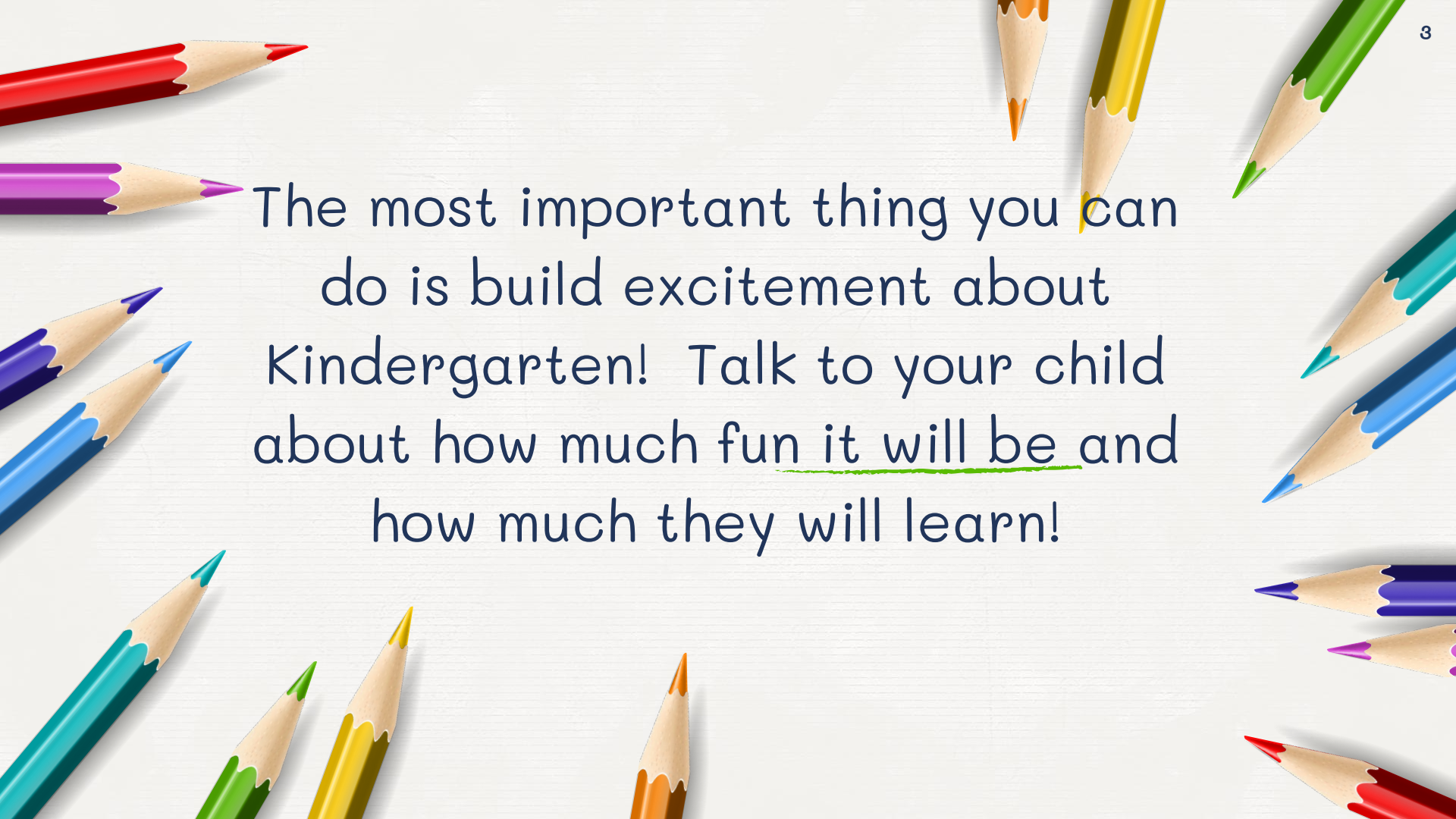
It's Time for Kindergarten!

**Transition Resources
for Wilson County
Schools' Parents and
Students**



1. What Can I do to help
make sure my child is
ready?





The most important thing you can
do is build excitement about
Kindergarten! Talk to your child
about how much fun it will be and
how much they will learn!

Some basic things to practice at home!

- x Saying and writing his/her name
- x Saying ABCs
- x Counting to 10
- x Identifying letters and numbers
- x Identifying colors
- x Identifying basic shapes



Some basic things to practice at home!

- x Cutting with scissors
- x Throwing and catching a ball
- x Hopping, skipping, jumping
- x Taking turns
- x Listening to a story being read to them
- x Following simple instructions (2 to 3 steps)



Ways to practice skills on the go!

While cooking dinner!

- ✗ Spell their name with refrigerator magnets
- ✗ Practice finding certain letters of the alphabet (on the refrigerator or in a magazine, book, or newspaper)

While riding in the car!

- ✗ Find objects that are a certain color
- ✗ Find objects that are a certain shape
- ✗ Count out loud to 10
- ✗ Play rhyming games





One of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child is a love of **READING!**

- ✗ Read books to your child daily. Move your finger along the line as you read so that your child understands that you read left to right and begins to associate letters with sounds.
- ✗ Ask simple questions as you read the book
- ✗ Who, What, When, Where and How Questions
- ✗ Have your child draw a picture about the book and tell you about their picture.



Let's Hear from an Expert!

Jennifer Clark, Kindergarten
Teacher at Rock Ridge models a
Read Aloud of Pete the Cat, I Love
My White Shoes

[Mrs. Clark's Read Aloud of Pete
the Cat I Love My White Shoes](#)



Let's Hear from an Expert!

Mrs. Huneycutt, Principal of Wells Elementary, shares a few tips on Kindergarten Transition!

[Mrs. Huneycutt's Tips for Parents](#)



Becoming a Mathematician!

- ✗ Have your child count objects up to 10
- ✗ Have your child sort items by color or size and then describe the groups with words
- ✗ Build math vocabulary: more, less, bigger, smaller, equal, compare
- ✗ Play board games that require your child to count spaces



Social Skills are really important!

- ✗ Play simple games with your child so he/she learns how to take turns
- ✗ Have playdates with other children so he/she gets to practice sharing, taking turns, and socializing with other kids.



Self Help Check List - Can your child do these things? If not, practice!

- x Go to the bathroom alone and wash hands
- x Zip/unzip coat
- x Use eating utensils properly
- x Clean up after themselves
- x Can say parent's full name and phone number




Resources!

- ✗ [Kindergarten Transition Book List](#)
- ✗ [Math Games](#)
- ✗ [Sight Word List](#)
- ✗ [District Kindergarten Resources](#)
- ✗ [Before and After School Care Information](#)
- ✗ [Wilson County Schools Child Nutrition Information](#)
- ✗ [Wilson County Schools Transportation](#)



2. What can I do once they start Kindergarten?



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- ✗ You are a partner in your child's education! Establish a relationship with your child's teacher and stay in contact often!
 - ✗ Attend Parent Academy Nights at your child's school and district events
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