

Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten

Moore Public Schools

A Parent Guide

Students enrolled in the pre-kindergarten program in Moore Public Schools are getting ready for kindergarten, and they are learning a lot more than their ABC's.

The program's main goal is to give students instruction in language and literacy, math, science, and social and self-care skills. Students get hands-on instruction through activities in the classroom, preparing them for the next step in their schooling—kindergarten!

Moore's pre-kindergarten is successfully preparing children for school by providing an opportunity for them to develop school readiness skills in an environment that encourages them to have fun while learning. The year before kindergarten begins is such a wonderful time of growth and development and we are extremely excited about having Pre-Kindergarten as a part of our district.

Is My Child Ready for Pre-Kindergarten?

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How will you know if your child is ready for preschool? There is no one quality or skill that children need to do well in preschool, but a combination of things contributes to success. Remember that all children are unique. They grow and develop at different rates, and nothing guarantees that a child is ready for preschool.

Some things your child should know and be able to do before coming to Pre-Kindergarten include:

- Beginning to choose and to follow routines, such as listening to a story before bedtime
- Beginning to recognize his or her first name in print
- Knowing how to ask an adult for help
- Recognizing a favorite book by its cover and asking that it be read aloud
- Being curious about letters, words, numbers, and counting
- Repeating parts of rhymes or some words from familiar songs
- Following basic two- or three-step directions, such as, "Get your coat, put it on, and stand by the door."
- Listening to a story when read aloud
- Handling books carefully
- Following some basic rules at home, such as putting toys away

Children are encouraged to be potty-trained before entering MPS Pre-K. Students should be able to clean themselves and change clothes, if necessary, after using the toilet.

Some things you can do to support your child's learning in Pre-Kindergarten include:

*When you write your child's name for them to copy, the first letter should be in the uppercase (capital) letter and the following letters are written in lowercase. Example: **Pamela**

Personal and Social Development:

- **Let your child do it for themselves.** Allow time for them to dress independently in the morning and ask them to help pick out school clothes the night before.
- **Create rituals.** Establish routines for going to bed, getting ready to ride in the car, going to school or daycare, saying goodbye, and so on.

Language and Literacy:

- **Let your child tell the story.** Have them explain what they see in the illustrations (pictures) of a book you are reading together.

- **Create a reading and conversation routine.** Set a special time to read to and to talk with your child every day, such as right after dinner, or when they are getting ready to go to sleep. When reading a story, talk about the characters, ideas, and events happening in the story.
- **Sign their name.** To help your child recognize their name, write it on a sign that you attach to their bedroom door. Then have them sign their name. Let your child write their own name on letters or cards you send to friends or relatives.

Helpful Hints	
Your Child's Clothing Should Be: Simple Easy to manage (Zippers buttons, etc.) Washable Labeled Well-fitting Appropriate for the weather	You Should Establish: A certain bedtime A resting (quiet non-talking) time Regular rising time
Encourage Your Child to: Put away his/her own toys Follow directions Do simple tasks when asked Assume responsibility Listen when others are speaking	Make Sure Your Child: Arrives to school promptly Attends school regularly Is picked up on time
Health: Please do not send your child to school if your child has: A fever Sore throat or tonsillitis with fever Any eruption of the skin or rash with fever Any nasal discharge accompanied by fever Severe cough-producing phlegm Any undiagnosed inflammation of the eyes or lids Vomiting and/or diarrhea Other conditions include head lice, impetigo, ring worm and scabies until adequately treated.	For your child's safety, their shoes should be appropriate for active movement. Routines should be established in early August so your child is comfortable with them before school begins.

Attendance

Regular attendance is of tremendous value to your child and the school. To receive the maximum benefit from classroom instruction, your child must be present every day and must be on time. *However, we do understand children will be absent from school. It is the responsibility of the parents to call the school when their child is not going to be at school and to be aware of the number of absences their child has accumulated.

Multiple absences and tardiness have a tremendous impact on your child's school success.

Pre-Kindergarten children are under the same attendance guidelines as other elementary children. Please check the Elementary Student Handbook for complete details. Continued absences will fall under the district's discipline policy. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances may be requested through your building principals.

Schedule for Early Schools

Morning Pre-K 8:30 - 11:00
 Afternoon Pre-K 12:30 - 3:00

Schedule for Late Schools

Morning Pre-K 9:15 - 11:45
 Afternoon Pre-K 1:15 - 3:45

Schedule for Pod Schools

Morning Pre-K 9:00 - 11:25
 Afternoon Pre-K 1:15 - 3:45