

Kindergarten READINESS

Kindergarten Registration Dates for 2026-2027

Newville Elementary - Friday, May 1st
Mount Rock Elementary - Thursday, May 7th
Oak Flat Elementary - Friday, May 8th

Please scan the QR code for more information and to register your child for kindergarten. Apppointment times for building registration dates will be communicated after you register online.

Reading and Math Skills to Practice Before Kindergarten

- Recognize and write their first name
- Recognize the difference between letters and numbers
- Identify some upper and lowercase letters
- Know the sounds of some letters
- Count to 10

Ideas to Help Your Preschooler Spend Less Time on Screens

Young children learn best through play, movement, and time outdoors. Reducing screen time helps language, social skills, motor development, and creativity.

- Set gentle, consistent limits. Decide together on daily screen times and stick to a routine so children know what to expect.
- Choose short, purposeful screen use. When screens are used, pick high-quality, age-appropriate content and keep sessions brief.
- Make outdoor time a habit. Aim for 15 - 30 minutes a day.
- Offer open-ended play materials. Keep blocks, art supplies, play-dough, etc. accessible to spark imagination and creative play.
- Add family time for simple board games, matching games, and age-appropriate puzzles to build turn-taking, counting, pattern recognition, vocabulary, and reasoning.

How can I prepare MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN?

1. Allow your child to use pencils, scissors and crayons at home for different activities. We encourage you to have your child use the scissors with cutting old magazines, old guides, newspapers, grocery sales sheets, etc.
2. Give your child simple two- or three-step directions to follow at home. Example: Walk to the refrigerator, get the milk and place it on the counter.
3. Give your child opportunities to wait for something. Example: Have your child not be first in line, waiting for a snack, etc.
4. Give your child opportunities to play and share with others. Example: Playing with Legos and another child wanting the piece your child has at the time. Practice resolving that issue respectively with both children.
5. Practice having your child take care of his/her own needs such as toileting (wiping, washing hands independently).
6. Practice putting on a coat and zippering the coat up. First with assistance and then without assistance with the goal of the student being able to put the coat on and zippering it up independently.
7. Read books with your child daily. Reading is the number one thing you can do for kindergarten readiness to help your child.
8. Make your child aware of letters and words around them. Examples: road signs, EXIT signs, menus, restaurant/store signs, light switch on/off words, print on cereal boxes, canned goods, etc.
9. Sing familiar songs with your child. Ex: ABC song, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, etc.
10. Encourage some independent skills. Ex: have your child attempt to open a snack, open water bottle, put away toys, etc.