
Kindergarten
Orientation
Springfield Public Schools

Typical Day in Kindergarten

Morning Meeting

ELA (Reading and Writing)

Snack Break

Special (Art, Music, Physical Education, Health)

Lunch/Recess

Story/Rest Time

Math

Science/Social Studies

Center Time (Social Centers)

Curriculum



Language Arts: myView Literacy

Math: Reveal Math

Science: Mystery Science

Social Studies: myWorld Interactive

Special Area Classes

Art

Music

Physical Education

Health

Character Education (once per month)

Technology

Clever: Single Sign-On with Resources

Genesis: Student Accounts
(Attendance, Report Cards, Progress Reports)

District Resources: Reading Eggs, BrainPop Jr.

Communication

Genesis

Teacher email/phone call/notes

PTA Newsletter

School Email Blasts

Website

Student Progress

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Quarterly Report Cards

Quarterly Progress Reports

Genesis Student Gradebook

Student Portfolio

Important Information

- Label everything with your child's name on it.
- Missing items will be in the lost and found or returned to the classroom.
- Inform the office by 2:00pm with any dismissal changes.



Readiness Skills

Being prepared for kindergarten is important! The following skills will help your child be ready for the school year. You can help your child with being prepared by working on some of the following readiness skills and activities prior to starting kindergarten and throughout the school year.

Preparing Your Child: Letters



- Play I-Spy (“I Spy the letter O.”)
- Write letters in sand, pudding, or shaving cream
- Cut letters out of magazines
- Find letters in books
- Match lowercase letters to uppercase letters
- It is helpful to start with the letters in your child’s name.

Preparing Your Child: Numbers & Counting

- Notice numbers all around
- Count stuffed animals, blocks, groceries, stickers, etc.
- Match number cards with amounts
- Roll dice and count the dots
- Hold up and count fingers
- Put numbers in order
- Write numbers in sand, pudding, or shaving cream



Preparing Your Child: Fine Motor

- Use smaller pencils to help with pencil grip
- Practice writing letters and numbers from top to bottom
- Practice writing name (use dot letters or highlighter)
- Make shapes with Play-Doh or clay
- Practice using scissors to cut paper



Preparing Your Child: Reading

- Reading to your child every night helps improve literacy.
- Model reading (holding a book, turning pages).
- Read the pictures (use the pictures to tell the story).
- Look for letters and simple words.
- Discuss the parts of the story (characters, events, problem, solution, beginning, middle, end).
- Ask questions about the story.

Preparing Your Child: Reading

Springfield Public Library

The Springfield Public Library is an excellent resource for summer and year round fun. Summer programs are available with reading incentives.







Preparing Your Child:

Websites to Use This Summer

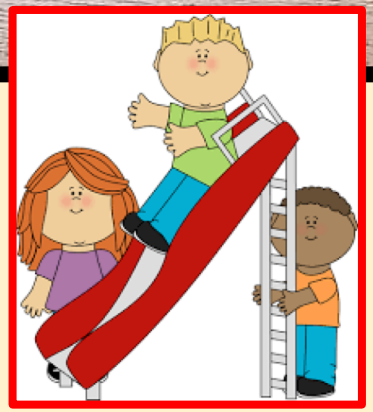


ABCya.com: Letters, sight words, numbers, sorting, addition/subtraction



Starfall.com: Letters, sight words, rhymes, CVC words, numbers, shapes, measurement, addition/subtraction

Preparing Your Child:
Socialization



Encourage your child to play cooperatively with other children his/her age.

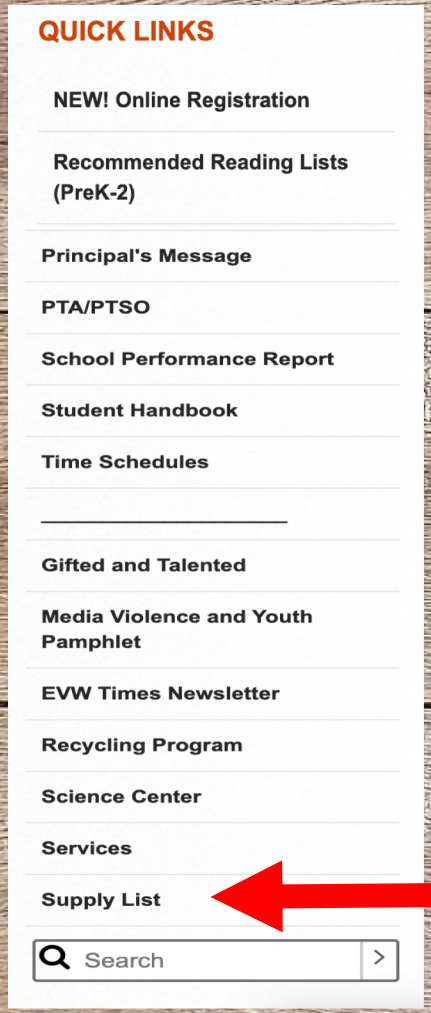
Preparing Your Child:
Self-Help Skills

Practice opening snack items, asking for help, managing bathroom needs, repeating his/her full name, following multi-step directions, cleaning up after playing or eating, zipping or buttoning jacket, tying shoes.

Preparing Your Child:

Become Familiar with School

Take a walk around the building, visit the playgrounds, and get excited about your new school!



Kindergarten Supply List

(Found on the Springfield School District Webpage)

Send in the items on the 1st day of school or during "Meet and Greet."

Snack



- Send in a small healthy snack and drink daily.
- Send in spoons/forks and napkins.
- Please have your child practice opening juice boxes, applesauce, yogurt, etc.
- Snack Suggestions: cheese stick, crackers, goldfish, applesauce, yogurt, sliced fruit, pretzels, ½ bagel. No nuts, please.
- TIP: A small (reusable) frozen gel pack will keep perishable foods from spoiling.
- NO glass containers or bottles.
- Send snack and lunch items in one lunch bag or box.

Lunch



- Hot lunch is served daily.
- Lunch order forms and procedures are found on the school website.
- Lunch Menus are found on the school website.
- All children eat lunch with their class.
- Send in a lunch and drink daily with your child.

Arrival and Dismissal



Please follow the arrival and dismissal procedures of your school.

Designate your child as a walker, aftercare, or bus rider.

Notify the school and teacher of authorized pickup people.

Arrival and Dismissal

- Please be on time for drop off and pick up.
- For safety, parents are to remain in vehicles at all times.
- Do not hold up the line of traffic.
- Do not block bus lanes.

How to Help?

- Volunteer for PTA Events/School Events
- Make sure your child is prepared everyday.
- Please empty and return your child’s take home folder daily.
- Read to your child daily.
- Review learning goals each week with your child.
- Keep in contact with your child’s teacher.

PTA



Sign up to be a PTA member at your designated school.

Volunteer to help!

Check out the PTA website for updates. Link found on your school's webpage.

Welcome to Kindergarten!



We can’t wait to meet you!