COUNCIL COUNTY
COUNTDOWN TO
KINDERGARTEN
GUIDE TO ASSIST YOUR CHILD’S TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

AUGUST - OCTOBER

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• Explore kindergarten resources & information on iTrails.
• Get a free library card at your local library.
• Learn about MNPS’ kindergarten options at the “School Choice Festival.”
• Visit the MNPS School Zone Finder to see which school you are zoned for.
• MNPS’ School Options Applications are available. For more information contact MNPS Family Information Center at (615) 259-4636.

NOVEMBER - JANUARY

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• MNPS’ “Walkthrough Days” provide families an opportunity to visit elementary schools. Contact schools to confirm tour dates/times.
• MNPS School Options Application due. Check the MNPS website for the application deadline.
• Visit the iTrails Activity Calendar for at home activities & your local library.
• Start to have conversations about kindergarten with your child.
• Read books with your child about kindergarten, such as “Lookout Kindergarten Here I Come” by Nancy Carlson.

FEBRUARY - APRIL

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• Make sure your child’s immunizations & physical record are up to date for kindergarten registration.
• Find out about before/after care options for your child.
• Register for MNPS’ kindergarten program at an MNPS Enrollment Center.
• If you went through the MNPS’ School Options Application process or have a child enrolled in a current MNPS pre-k program you still need to register for kindergarten.
• Attend the MNPS K-Readiness Fair.
• Start building healthy daily & bedtime routines with your child.

MAY - JULY

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• Schedule time for you and your child to visit their school. Allow them time to visit their classroom, playground & activities.
• Read each day with your child.
• Start talking to your child about how they will get to and from school & school safety.
• Attend summer programs at your local library.
• Make sure your school has all the documents they need for your child and your current contact information.
• Finalize your before/after care plans for your child.
• Contact your child’s school for a school supply list (i.e. backpack, pencils, etc.).

AUGUST - READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

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• Encourage your child to talk about kindergarten, and answer any concerns or questions they have.
• Talk to your child about what to expect on their first day of school.
• HAVE FUN!!!

For More Information Visit: www.iTrails.org