Dear Pre-K Families,

MNPS will begin kindergarten registration in February. Information and dates will be posted on the MNPS website. This is a great time to start preparing by gathering your documents to enroll your child.

Also, in April MNPS will be hosting a “Kindergarten Readiness Fair” to support soon to be kindergarten families with their transition to kindergarten. Details will be available in next month’s newsletter.

Warm Wishes, MNPS Pre-K Team

Family Activity Corner

Now that your child is heading to kindergarten, it’s a good time to talk about transition. We recommend reading Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit by Il Sung Na.

After reading the book, talk about what the animals from the book did in winter and spring and their differences. Then, talk about what adults and children do during the winter and spring season.

Activity Idea: Play "Where is it?" Place an object in different areas/positions around your home and ask your child to tell you where the object is. It’s a great opportunity for your child to use their words to describe where the object

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For More Activities & Information Visit: www.MNPS.org/CountdowntoKindergarten

Contact Information

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Pre-K Department
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MNPS District Important Dates

February 12
MNPS Kindergarten Registration “Kick Off” Day

March 1 - 29
MNPS Pre-K Application Weeks

Get Ready for Kindergarten Tip

MNPS Kindergarten Registration will begin in February. If a language other than English is spoken in your home, you must register your child for kindergarten at the MNPS English Learners (EL) Office.

The EL Office can explain what English language services are offered to MNPS students.

Please call (615) 259-8608 for information and an appointment.

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Pre-K Family Involvement Specialist Update

Winter is here and with the season comes cold weather, which sometimes causes drippy noses and families to stay indoors more often than usual. Below are a few ideas and tips to support your family this winter season:

Concepts for pre-k students to understand about “Winter:"
• December, January and February are winter months
• Winter is the coldest of the 4 seasons
• We wear certain clothes that will help keep us warm

At-Home Learning Activities
Below are activities you can do indoors with your child:
• Next time you do laundry, sort socks, sweaters, pants, or mittens by size, shape and color with your child. (Supports cognitive & language skills)
• Take a cup full of cotton balls & place them in a bowl. Have your child use a spoon to move the cotton balls to another bowl and count each one as they move. Provide your child the option of using tweezers or tongs rather than a spoon during the activity. (Supports fine motor & early literacy and math skills)

School Attendance
We understand that with cold weather it becomes very tempting to stay warm and cozy in bed. However, we would like to remind you that pre-K daily attendance is very important. Missing 10% of pre-k (one or two days every few weeks) can make it harder for a child to develop early reading skills and get ready for kindergarten.

Healthy Habits
This is the season for drippy noses! It’s a good time to encourage your child to wash his/her hands regularly, which can help keep them healthy!

Pre-K Family Support Corner

Getting plenty of rest supports good health for your child. Here are a few tips to help your child have a well-rested day:
• Use a few drops of lavender oil in your child’s bath or rub it on their feet before bedtime. Lavender oil is a natural method to gain restful sleep.
• Try to provide a consistent bedtime and naptime for your child.
• Create a bed time routine (i.e. choose pajamas, brush their teeth, read a story) to prepare your child for bedtime.

Proper rest will provide support your child to be ready to learn throughout the day

More Important Information

Parent Spotlight
It’s a great time to start collecting the documents that you will need to register your child for MNPS’ Kindergarten Program. Here are some tips to prepare you for Kindergarten Registration.
• Find out which is your zoned school on MNPS.org or call the Family Information Center at (615) 259-4636.
• Gather all the documents you need:
  o Birth Certificate or record of birth
  o Tennessee Immunization Certificate
  o Proof of your Child’s Physical Exam
  o Proof of Davidson County residency
  o Parent/Legal Guardian photo ID
• If you went through the MNPS’ School Options Process you will still need to register your child for kindergarten.
• If a language other than English is spoken in your home, you must register your child for kindergarten at the MNPS English Learners (EL) Office, please call (615) 259-8608 for information.
• For more information visit: www.mnps.org

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