Dear Pre-K Families,

It’s Spring Time! A great time to go outdoors, and explore and learn with your child. Take time to talk to your child about the change in seasons, plus it’s a great time to discuss their transition to kindergarten.

Also, it’s not too late to register your child for kindergarten. If you have questions, contact the Family Information Center at (615) 259-4636.

Warm Wishes, MNPS Pre-K Team

Family Activity Corner

Transitioning to kindergarten is a big step for you and your child. It’s an exciting time and there will be new, positive changes in your child’s life. To support you in discussing transition with your child we recommend reading The Tiny Seed by Eric Carl.

After reading the book, talk with your child about the seeds journey. Ask your child what they think helped the seed grow. Then, work with your child to identify tools for measuring time, temperature, and their weight/height.

Activity Idea: "Counting Seeds" On a blank paper make 10 boxes and number each individual box 1 - 10 (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.). You will also need a handful of beans or seeds. Count out the number of seeds/beans that should be in each box with your child.

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For More Activities Visit: www.mnps.org/countdowntokindergarten

Contact Information

Metro Nashville Public Schools
Pre-K Department
(615) 298-6766

MNPS District Important Dates

April 19
MNPS Spring Holiday
No School

Get Ready for Kindergarten Tip

Even if your child is currently enrolled in an MNPS Pre-K program or participated in MNPS’ School Options, you must still register your child for Kindergarten.

To register, visit one of our 10 enrollment centers and bring a:

- Birth certificate or record of birth
- Tennessee Immunization Certificate
- Proof of a physical
- Proof of Davidson County residency
- Parent/Guardian photo ID

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 info visit: www.mnps.org

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More Important Information

Parent Spotlight
As we get closer to the end of the school year, your child’s school attendance matters. Missing 10 percent of Pre-K (one to two days every few weeks) can:

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and the first grade
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that is hard to break

The routines your child develops in Pre-K will continue throughout their school years. You can make the most of Pre-K by encouraging your child to attend each day!

Work with your child and his/her teacher to help your child develop strong attendance. Your enthusiasm is a big boost to attendance success!

Supporting Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the way children and adults learn to recognize and manage their emotions, learn to show care and concern for others, make friends and develop relationships with children and adults, and learn to problem solve and make responsible choices.

Social Emotional Learning provides life longs skills that help children be successful in school and for a life time. Social Emotional skills build resiliency in children – the ability to face challenges and overcome adversities throughout life.

Here are some activities/tips to support SEL:

- Reading a book together and talk about the characters
- Eating dinner together
- Talking/singing in car, on bus
- Hugs, high fives, kisses, winks, thumbs-up
- Saying “I love you”
- Asking your child about his/her day
- Letting your child be your special helper (helping with dinner, laundry, etc.)
- Playing together
- Encourage and compliment them when they are successful doing a task

Pre-K Family Support Corner
Making simple additions to your family’s daily routine can assist with your child’s transition into kindergarten.

Practice consistent bedtime routines with your child during the summer, including reading a bedtime story, brushing their teeth and changing into pajamas.

Walk with your child to their future bus stop so that they will be comfortable doing it when the school year starts.

Play games like “Simon Says” to teach your child to follow directions.

Speak positively, and encourage a healthy discussion about going to kindergarten with your child.