Dear Pre-K Families,

Congratulations! You and your family are about to complete your Pre-k experience! Although this is not how we traditionally end our school year, please know that our teachers are thinking about each of you.

Now, is a great time to start preparing your child for kindergarten. Also, it’s not too late to register your child for Kindergarten. For information contact the Family Information Center at (615) 259-4636.

Warm Wishes, MNPS Early Learning Team

Family Activity Corner

The summer is a great time to start preparing your child for kindergarten. A fun book to read to get your child ready for kindergarten is Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate.

After reading the book, look back at the pages where Miss Bindergarten is getting ready for kindergarten and discuss with your child what Miss Bindergarten is doing. Each page also features a letter from the alphabet. Ask your child to find items on the page that start with the letter and think of other words that start with the same letter.

Activity Idea: "What I Know About Kindergarten" Take out a piece of paper, and ask your child to make comparisons between the book’s kindergarten experience and what your child thinks kindergarten will be like. Write down their answers. It’s a great opportunity to discuss their thoughts and feelings about kindergarten!

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

Contact Information

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Family Information Center
(615) 259-4636

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, you will need the following documents:
- Birth certificate or record of birth
- Tennessee Immunization Certificate
- Proof of a physical
- Proof of Davidson County residency
- Parent/Guardian photo ID

Call a local MNPS Enrollment Center for information and how to register online: https://www.mnps.org/enrollment-centers

If a language other than English is spoken in your home, you must register your child for kindergarten through the MNPS English Learners (EL) Office, please call (615) 259-8608 for information.

For more info visit: www.mnps.org

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Parent Spotlight

It's finally here - your “Countdown to Kindergarten!” This can be both exciting and overwhelming for children (and parents).

Here are a few things you can do to help the whole family prepare:

Before the end of the current School Year:
• With your child, drive by the school they’ll be attending for kindergarten. Talk positively about their school.

During the Summer:
• Take the route to school several times. Discuss the route and talk about your child's new school.
• Encourage the practice of self-help skills: hand washing, zipping, etc.
• Read books about beginning a new school and making new friends.
• Visit the school's and district's websites and Facebook pages for special events, updates and information.
• Visit your local park for outdoor activity in a safe manner.
• Finalize your before and after school plans for your child.
• Visit your local library virtually or in person to read and for fun family activities.

A Few Weeks Before School Begins:
• Work with your child to develop a ‘countdown calendar’. Display it and refer to it daily.
• Establish a consistent school-time schedule.

A Week Before School Begins:
• Make school transportation plans, and before and after school plans clear to your child.
• Get your child excited about kindergarten by discussing what they should expect on the first day of school.

Don’t forget! The summer is great time to continue what your child has learned in Pre-K. Continue reading, working on your child’s writing and vocabulary, and practicing routines on a daily basis.

Summer Activity Guide

MNPS has created a “Summer Activity Guide” with activities to support at home learning. To view the guide online visit: https://www.mnps.org/parent-and-family-resources-tools. The guide is available in English, Spanish and Arabic.

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