



# Promoting a Smooth Transition to Kindergarten

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# Physical Characteristics

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- Active, energetic, with short attention spans
- Slowly developing eye hand coordination
- Developing balance
- Developing right/left handedness
- Often far-sighted and learning to focus on close up material
- Frequently reverse numbers and letters
- Have difficulty waiting turns



# Social/Emotional Characteristics

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- Eager to please
- Love to help
- Love praise
- Think literally
- Accept simple responsibilities
- Exhibit extreme emotions and behavior
- Need help keeping track of belongings



# Intellectual Characteristics

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- Imaginative
- Learning to follow directions
- Confuse fact and fantasy
- Begin cooperative play
- Like being read to
- Play with language
- Learning from the world around them



# Safety in School

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- Safety and Crisis Preparedness Plans
  - District Crisis Advisory Board (CAB)
  - School Safety Teams
    - Drills
- Lunch and Recess Supervision
  - Food and Allergy Policies
- Campus Monitors
  - Photo Identification Required for all
- Staff Identification Badges
- Safety Assemblies
- Playground Safety
- How Parents Can Help



# Safety on the Bus

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- Bus Tags
- Kindergartners Sit in First Two or Three Rows
- Parent to Meet Kindergartners
- Video cameras On Buses
- Bus Evacuation Drills
- Ongoing Bus Driver Training
- How Parents Can Help



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What to do and expect from now  
until fall...



# Getting Ready...

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- Encourage independence
- Teach that there are **different behaviors/ expectations (“rules”) for different environments**
- Visit the kindergarten playground
- Teach your child to use playground equipment safely
- Get your child excited about kindergarten





# Getting Ready...

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“The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to your children.” *Becoming a Nation of Readers, 1985*

“I always advise children who ask me for tips on being a writer to read as much as they possibly can...” *J.K. Rowling*

“As a parent or caregiver; you are your child’s first mathematics teacher...Building with objects such as blocks and cardboard boxes exposed your child to geometric ideas such as shape, size and symmetry. Chores such as putting away the dishes and sorting laundry engaged your child in sorting and categorizing...” *Susan Jo Russell, TERC*



# Registration Process Begins Now

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- Complete the **Pre-registration** form online today (here) or at home.
- You will receive an **email from NCPS registrar** to create an InfoSnap account.
- Enter all information in the **InfoSnap registration form** online.
- **Schedule appointment** (online calendar) to bring all registration paperwork to Central Office (appointments begin in January).
- With your child, attend the **Kindergarten orientation** offered at your child's school (late March/early April).
- **Complete health paperwork.** (You will need to have a physical completed by a doctor). *This is due before your child starts school in August.*



## In late summer...

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Families will receive (*electronically*):

- Class Placement letter
- Details about the beginning of school
- Bus Transportation information
- PTC Mailing



# Important Dates

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- **Kindergarten Orientation Dates:**
  - South - April 10-11, 2019
  - West - March 25-26, 2019
  - East - April 1-3, 2019
- **The first day of school** is August 28, 2019.
- **School Hours**
  - South 8:15AM-2:45PM
  - East and West 9:05AM-3:35PM