



# ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KINDERGARTEN!



With a little bit of advance preparation, the transition to Kindergarten can be a very positive one for parents and children. Enjoy this next stage in your child's life and in your life as a parent.



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## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING:

- Testing done to identify services a child might need when school begins
- Child tested on cognitive ability, motor skills, speech, language and auditory/visual skills
  - following directions, recognition of colors/shapes/numbers etc.
  - Speech test also administered
  - Parents are notified of results
- Please have your child dress casually with sneakers or soft-soled shoes.
- Screening is approximately 90 minutes to complete the various screening stations.
  - If your child has an IEP or 504, please bring a copy.

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

- Kindergarten Age Requirement for New York State:
  - Age 5 by December 1 of Current School Year
  - (i.e. 5 by December 1, 2025 for September 2025 Start Date)
- Register As Soon As Possible
- Completed School District registration packet (generally available online at the Student registration website or the registration office will email/mail it to you.)
- Proof of Residency
- Copy of Child's Birth Certificate or Proof of Age
- Any special needs documentation (IEP, 504)
- Immunization Records
- Medical Physical (completed within 1 year prior to the first day of school); Your child's school has the NY Physical form as part of the registration packet.

FOR A MORE DETAILED LIST OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION DATES VISIT [DRUM.ARMYMWR.COM](http://DRUM.ARMYMWR.COM)

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## HOW PARENTS CAN HELP WITH FIRST DAY JITTERS

- Establish a morning/afternoon routine
- Practice routines a week ahead
- Lay clothes out the night before
- Let child help pick out first day of school clothes
- Have a set place for backpacks, lunchboxes, shoes, coats, etc
- Be on time for school
- Plan transition times: before and after school
- Have a kindergarten buddy
- Let your child ride the bus on the first day of school.



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS ABOUT STARTING KINDERGARTEN

- "Curious George Goes to School" by M. Rey & H.A. Rey
- "First Day Jitters" by J. Danneberg
- "I am absolutely too small for school" by L. Child
- "I love school!" by P. Sturges & S. Halpern
- "Leo the Late Bloomer" by R. Kraus
- "Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten" by J. Slate
- "Mr. George Baker" by A. Hest & J.J. Muth
- "The Kissing Hand" by A. Penn
- "Will I Have a Friend?" by M. Cohen

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