



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, 2026 for September 2026 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
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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 Kindergarten 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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