

You're on your way to K!

The transition to Kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to Kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.



The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your child for their school experience.



Personal Needs Without Help, can your child...

- Put on and take off coat/sweater
- Tie their own shoes
- Wash their hands
- Snap, button, zip and buckle
- Use the restroom
- Tuck in their shirt

Social Skills, can your child...

- Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
- Cooperate with other children
- Sit for short periods of time
- Follow simple 2 step directions
- Work quietly at seat
- Use appropriate volume when speaking

Intellectual Skills, can your child...

- Sit and listen to a story
- Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- Know their first and last name
- Tell and retell familiar stories
- Know colors, shapes and sizes
- Count 0-20; recognize numerals to 10
- Identify & know sounds of at least 10 letters
- Use scissors, glue and pencil appropriately
- Recognizes & writes first name (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name- M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T)
- Use a computer mouse

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas; provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your child socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others.

Additional Resources



Starfall.com has several free educational videos and games for teaching children the letters of the alphabet, and much more! You can also purchase the full program at a very reasonable cost.



Make your little one a bookworm! Check out your local branch of the St. Lucie County Public Library for story hours and other fun activities. Don't forget to get them a library card and check out books to take home!

READ EVERY DAY!