



Helpful hints for your child's Transition to Kindergarten

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Going to School!

Starting school can be both exciting and scary at the same time! Kindergarten teachers are eager to welcome your child into their class, but there are a few ways that you can help your child make the transition smoother.

Before school begins:

- You will have an opportunity to visit the school and meet the teacher.
- Share VPK data and information if your child attended a VPK program.
- Practice your school routine early by adjusting bedtimes and wake up times a few weeks before school begins.
- Develop a positive good-bye routine and practice it (A special handshake, saying, song or hug can make it fun!)
- Label EVERYTHING that will be going to school with your child.

Food and Nutrition Services

Breakfast: Must be ordered
FREE! (No cost for any students)

Lunch: Must be ordered
FREE! (No cost for any students)

NOTE: Breakfast is served between 7:25 and 7:55. If you suspect you will be late, you can call in and order a lunch for your child. **We must receive your call by 8:30 am in order to add the lunch to the days lunch count.**

On the 1st Day of School:

- Be positive! (Children take their cues from you, so smile and hug your little one.)
- Use your good-bye routine to comfort your child as you leave.
- Avoid behaviors that might upset your child (rushing, parent crying, arguing, etc.)



Volunteers

You will need a picture ID to sign in at school. Don't forget to complete a volunteer application with our **KeepnTrack** management system so that you can chaperone (A+ level) field trips or help at school. The application can be completed online through the Community Relations webpage, at your child's school or at the district offices in Viera.

Transportation

Please inform your child's teacher about how your child will be getting to and from school each day. If using our school buses, a parent or other designee **must** be at the bus stop to pick the child up OR the child will be returned to school to await parent pickup. **No** transportation changes may be accepted over the phone, fax, text, or email. Changes **must** be given in **advance using the "Transportation Change Form"** to the Front Desk. All blanks must be filled in, **and the form signed, marked "Yes" or "No" as to permanent change, the change dates noted with the "From" and "To" transportation marked, and student and teacher name noted.**

During the school year:

- Be supportive of your child and talk about what is fun and challenging at school.
- Make a time each day to go through your child's backpack/school folder with them to discuss school news and share their school work.

Most importantly, enjoy being the parent of a kindergartner! This is an exciting year of growth for your little one so be present in the experiences of their year. It goes by too quickly!

School Hours

Elementary Campuses

7:25 – 7:55 Breakfast
7:35 – 8:00 Morning Work
8:00 – 2:15 Regular Curriculum

Early Release Days

7:25 – 1:15

Early Checkout

Before 1:50 Regular Days
Before 12:50 Early Rel. Days

Florida Standards: Kindergarten

To learn more about kindergarten standards and ways you can help your child during their kindergarten year, please visit www.floridastudents.org