

READY FOR SCHOOL

7 THINGS KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WANT PARENTS TO KNOW

1 Parents are the first and most important teachers.

Kindergarten teachers are honored to join the team of educators in your child's life. They appreciate being welcomed as an important partner in your child's development.

2 When families and teachers work together, children benefit.

Research has shown that when families are involved, children do better academically and socially. Feel free to ask your child's teacher to give specific ideas and strategies to make learning fun at home.

3 Communication is key.

Kindergarten teachers can use different methods to keep in touch with parents. Let your teacher know the ways to communicate that are best for you and your family.

4 Teachers want to know what makes your family unique.

Teachers work better in partnership with parents when they know the qualities and values that make your family unique. Please tell us what makes your family special and about any family changes and challenges at home that might affect your child at school.

5 Kindergarten teachers want the first days and weeks of kindergarten to be happy and comfortable times for everyone.

Be sure to contact your child's soon-to-be school and learn how to register for kindergarten the summer before school starts.

6 Your child will have opportunities to show their independence in kindergarten.

Talk about and encourage your child to express needs and wants and to try to do tasks on their own. In kindergarten, mistakes are okay—this is how we learn.

7 Know that your attitude and actions can affect your child's confidence in kindergarten.

Even saying, "I know you can handle it" and "you did it!" can go a long way. Let your child know you admire their courage and willingness to try.