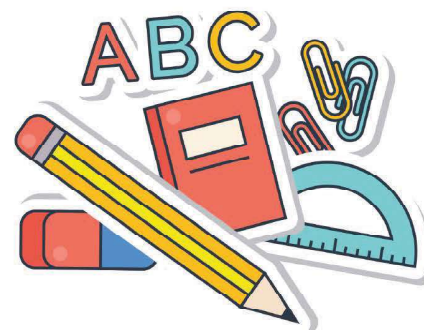


WELCOME!

STARTING KINDERGARTEN IS SO EXCITING!

The calendar contains:

- Ideas for fun things to do that will help your child get ready for day one
- Kindergarten registration and other school information
- Books every child should read before starting school
- Listing of local libraries
- Pictures and information about local children of all ages who represent the future of our community



Important things to know:

All children are different and learn at their own pace. This calendar will help you plan activities that will help your child grow in the skills needed to start kindergarten. Children do better in school if they know more than just letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. They should have good social and physical skills and enjoy learning new things. Use this calendar as a guide as you work with your child to build those skills and get ready for kindergarten.

Having fun is an important part of learning!
Your child learns best when doing fun and interesting things with you!

This school readiness calendar was developed by United Way to help you and your child get ready for that special time - kindergarten!

For more information about Kindergarten Readiness, log onto: MyChildIsReady.com

LESS THAN 50% OF LOCAL CHILDREN AREN'T READY FOR KINDERGARTEN ON DAY ONE.

Is Your Child?

The first day of kindergarten is one both parent and child will never forget! But, how do you know if your child is ready to step foot inside a classroom on the first day? And what does it even mean to be truly READY? Is your child one of the nearly 50% who will begin their education unprepared? All of these worries can have any good parent asking themselves...

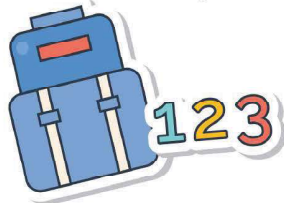
Is My Child Ready?

Let United Way put your worries to rest - we're here to help! You've already proven that you are an AMAZING parent who is willing to do what it takes to ensure that your child has THE BEST start to a successful future just by using this calendar! Now, let's take a look at how we can help you do even more to invest in the future success of your child!

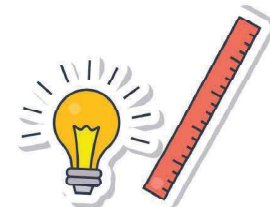
Step 1: Let's find out how prepared your child is to begin school, as of today! Log onto MyChildIsReady.com to take the kindergarten readiness test to assess how prepared your child is today.

Step 2: Now, let's explore four EASY ways that you can help make sure your child is READY ON DAY ONE. Use the links found at MyChildIsReady.com to find more information on why it is important to **READ, PLAY, COUNT**, and **LOG-OFF** with your child. You will also find information on how you can easily incorporate these activities into your everyday lives and suggestions on how to track your child's progress in each area.

Step 3: Use the tips and activities found in the Calendar for Caring Parents for reading, playing, counting, and logging off to continue your path towards Kindergarten Readiness throughout the year!



**MAKE EVERY DAY A
"LEARNING DAY" WITH YOUR CHILD!**



Calendar photos by **VID MONSTER** 

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All parents/legal guardians of children who will be five years of age on or before **August 1** are encouraged to register their children for kindergarten.

Early registration begins as early as March 1 for some schools. Check with your local school district for your kindergarten registration information.

In most cases, the parent/legal guardian will need to bring the following for kindergarten registration:

- Child's official birth certificate (with raised seal)
- Proof of residency (required for all registrants) - copy of signed mortgage, contract to build or lease agreement showing the owner/resident's name and address or utility bills which have the name and address of the resident

All students entering kindergarten must provide documentation of a current physical examination, including eye exam and dental exam, PRIOR to starting school. Incoming students are also required to submit a current KY Immunization Certificate.

It is recommended that you make your child's appointments for a kindergarten physical, eye and dental exam by April or even earlier! Students who do not have physical and dental exams by the first day of school may not be allowed to attend school.

BOOKS TO READ ABOUT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg
- My Name Is Yoon by Helen Recorvits
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- School's First Day of School by Adam Rex
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon



KINDERGARTEN READINESS CHECKLIST

Good Health and Physical Well-Being – My child:

- Eats a balanced diet
- Gets plenty of rest
- Receives regular medical and dental care
- Has had all the necessary immunizations
- Runs, jumps, plays outdoors and does other activities that provide exercise and help develop large muscles
- Scribbles, colors, paints and does other activities that help develop small muscles

Social and Emotional Preparation – My child:

- Is learning to explore and try new things
- Is learning to work well alone and to do many tasks independently
- Has many opportunities to be with other children and is learning to cooperate with them
- Is curious and motivated to learn
- Is learning to finish tasks
- Is learning to use self-control
- Can follow simple instructions
- Helps with family chores
- Is learning to use words to identify and express emotions

Language and General Knowledge – My child:

- Has many opportunities to talk and listen
- Is read to every day
- Has access to books and other reading materials
- Is learning about print and books
- Has television viewing monitored by an adult
- Is encouraged to ask questions
- Is encouraged to solve problems
- Has opportunities to notice similarities and differences
- Is encouraged to sort and classify things
- Is learning to write his/her name and address
- Is learning to count and plays counting games
- Is learning to identify and name shapes and colors
- Has opportunities to draw and to be creative
- Has opportunities to listen to and make music and to dance
- Has opportunities to get first-hand experiences and to do things in the world
 - to see and touch objects, hear new sounds, smell, and taste foods

Visit MyChildIsReady.com to take the online test!

