

Tips for Parents to Help the Transition from Home to Kindergarten

1. Give your child opportunities to leave you and spend time with other adults and children.
2. Talk about school in positive ways.
3. Give your child opportunities to play with items like scissors, crayons, pencils, markers, paint and paper.
4. Read books to your child and talk about the pictures and the story.
5. Encourage your child's independence by letting them follow simple directions and do tasks on their own.
6. Take your child to visit the school. Playing on the playground, touring the building, and finding the bathrooms are helpful activities at this time.
7. Ask your child what they think school will be like. You may learn that your child understands what to expect, or you may find that they have unrealistic fears or misunderstandings. Listen and talk about school.
8. Visit the bus stop or walk the route to school.
9. Expect your child's transition to be successful. Remember the adjustment will take time.
10. Your positive outlook can help your child; let them know you are confident in their ability to do well.

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Early Literacy Resources <https://www.reyn.org/EarlyLiteracyResources.aspx>

Ohio Department of Education <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Kindergarten/Kindergarten-Readiness-Checklist>

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A Raider parent's guide to school readiness for the Class of 2037!



Kickstart 2 Kindergarten



Welcome Raider Families of the Class of 2037!

Reynoldsburg City Schools is excited to be able to offer all-day kindergarten at every elementary school. Research shows full-day kindergarten boosts students' academic achievement, and strengthens their social and emotional skills. There are also benefits for teachers and parents. Teachers have more instructional time with the students, and parents have access to better learning and care for their children.

The District was previously providing full-day kindergarten pilots at two elementary buildings, and the academic and social and emotional gains were well above the national average. Their growth in math and English Language Arts was in the 62nd percentile as compared to our half-day programs that showed growth below the national average at the 37th percentile for measures of academic progress.

Families play an important role in a child's academic success. We've assembled some helpful tips and resources as you prepare your child for kindergarten.



Kindergarten Readiness Checklist



- ✓ Start to follow rules and share
- ✓ Separate from parents without being upset
- ✓ Use bathroom independently



- ✓ Cut with scissors
- ✓ Hold pencil correctly
- ✓ Tie shoes
- ✓ Put on and zip own coat



- ✓ Count & identify numbers 1-10
- ✓ Sort similar objects by color, size, & shape.
- ✓ Recite & identify most of the alphabet
- ✓ Write name



INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER
I can solve problems!



SOCIALLY & EMOTIONALLY COMPETENT
I can name my feelings and make friends!



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
I can show what I know!



COLLABORATOR
I can work with others!



CULTURALLY AWARE & A GLOBAL CITIZEN
I can learn about our BIG world!