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Dear Families:

We are excited to welcome you and another future graduate of North Clackamas Schools. Before we celebrate the class of 2036, we know your child will grow as a reader, a writer, mathematician, and much more. Your child will explore science, art, and music, with opportunities for physical activity and exercise. Each step of the way, we cannot wait for them to show you and involve you in what they are learning and experiencing. We are proud of our staff and the well-rounded education program we provide. Kindergarten is a special time for each child and family, and serves as an important foundation of the next 13 years of education. We are dedicated to making this first year of public school the very best.

The North Clackamas Kindergarten program operates on the same full-day schedule as grades 1-5 within our elementary schools. Kindergarten is a time for your child to learn, grow, and develop new friendships as our teachers work to build classroom communities that support social development, academic learning, and school routines. We are committed to making this a positive and successful year for each Kindergarten student.

As part of that commitment, we need to ensure reasonable class sizes. This fall, in the event that Kindergarten classes reach capacity, Kindergarten students may be transferred to a nearby Kindergarten classroom located at a different North Clackamas school that has room for additional students. That transfer would be for the Kindergarten year only, and all students would return to their neighborhood school for first grade and all future grades. Should this rare occurrence happen, the Principal of your child's school will be able to help you with the details and answer any questions. Additionally, transportation plans for next year will not be finalized until the last week of August, at which time you will receive information for your child.

Students are at the heart of North Clackamas Schools where artists, scientists, teachers, athletes, and community leaders emerge. Each student has the opportunity to express their own voice and follow their own path in reaching their full potential. We want our students to know they are important, and that we care about them. Every single one.

We look forward to many years of working with you to educate and actively engage your child. We hope that their experience inspires them to act with courage in life and to strengthen local and global communities.

Welcome to North Clackamas!

Sincerely,

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Queridas Familias:

Estamos emocionados de darle la bienvenida a usted y a otro futuro graduado de las Escuelas North Clackamas. Antes de celebrar la clase de 2036, sabemos que su hijo(a) crecerá como lector(a), escritor(a), matemático y mucho más. Su hijo(a) explorará la ciencia, el arte y la música, con oportunidades para la actividad física y el ejercicio. En cada paso del camino, no podemos esperar a que le muestren y lo involucren en lo que están aprendiendo y experimentando. Estamos orgullosos de nuestro personal y del programa educativo completo que ofrecemos. El jardín de niños es un momento especial para cada niño y su familia, y sirve como una base importante para los próximos 13 años de educación. Estamos dedicados a hacer que este primer año de la escuela pública sea el mejor.

El programa de Jardín de Niños de North Clackamas opera en el mismo horario de día completo que los grados 1-5 dentro de nuestras escuelas primarias. El jardín de niños es un momento para que su hijo(a) aprenda, crezca y desarrolle nuevas amistades mientras nuestros maestros trabajan para construir comunidades en el aula que apoyen el desarrollo social, el aprendizaje académico y las rutinas escolares. Estamos comprometidos a hacer de este un año positivo y exitoso para cada estudiante de Jardín de Niños.

Como parte de ese compromiso, debemos garantizar tamaños de clase razonables. Este otoño, en caso de que las clases de jardín de niños alcancen su capacidad, los estudiantes de jardín de niños pueden ser transferidos a una aula de jardín de niños cercana ubicada en una escuela diferente de North Clackamas que tenga espacio para estudiantes adicionales. Esa transferencia sería solo para el año de jardín de niños, y todos los estudiantes regresarán a la escuela de su vecindario para el primer grado y todos los grados futuros. Si esto sucede, que es raramente, el director de la escuela de su hijo(a) podrá ayudarle con los detalles y responder cualquier pregunta. Además, los planes de transporte para el próximo año no se finalizarán hasta la última semana de agosto, momento en el que recibirá información para su hijo.

Los estudiantes son el centro de las Escuelas North Clackamas, donde emergen artistas, científicos, maestros, atletas y líderes comunitarios. Cada estudiante tiene la oportunidad de expresar su propia voz y seguir su propio camino para alcanzar su máximo potencial. Queremos que nuestros estudiantes sepan que son importantes y que nos preocupamos por ellos. Cada, uno .

Esperamos muchos años de trabajar con usted para educar e involucrar activamente a su hijo(a). Esperamos que su experiencia los inspire a actuar con valentía en la vida y fortalecer las comunidades locales y globales.

¡Bienvenido a North Clackamas!

Atentamente,

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Superintendente

Khaliyah Williams-Rodríguez, Ph.D.
Directora Ejecutiva de Programas de Primaria

Апрель 2023 г.

Уважаемые родители!

Мы рады приветствовать вас и всех будущих выпускников школ округа North Clackamas. Мы знаем, что до того, как будет отпразднован школьный выпуск 2036 г., ваш ребенок будет возрастать в чтении, письме, математике и многих других науках. Ваш ребенок также будет изучать точные дисциплины, искусство, музыку, заниматься физической активностью и выполнять различные упражнения. Мы с нетерпением ждем того момента, когда ваш ребенок поделится с вами своими достижениями и продемонстрирует свои новые навыки и умения. Мы по праву гордимся нашими сотрудниками и нашей всесторонней образовательной программой. Дошкольный период – это особенное время для каждого ребенка и его семьи, а также важная основа для последующих 13 лет обучения. Мы стремимся организовать этот первый год обучения в публичной школе наилучшим образом.

Программа киндергардена в школах North Clackamas работает по тому же графику полного учебного дня, что и в 1–5 классах наших начальных школ. Киндергарден — это время, когда ваш ребенок продолжает учиться, расти и заводить новых друзей, и наши учителя работают над созданием дружных классных сообществ, которые поддерживают социальное развитие, академическое обучение и благоприятную школьную повседневную атмосферу для ваших детей. Мы стремимся сделать этот учебный год позитивным и успешным для каждого воспитанника киндергардена.

В рамках этого обязательства мы должны обеспечить разумные размеры классов. Этой осенью, если классы киндергардена достигнут своего лимита по заполнению, учащиеся подготовительных групп могут быть переведены в другие классы, расположенные в близлежащих школах North Clackamas, в которых будут места для дополнительных учеников. Такого рода трансфер будет функционировать только на время пребывания в киндергардене, и все учащиеся вернутся в свои школы по месту жительства для продолжения учебы в первом и во всех последующих классах. Этот трансфер является маловероятным, но если он случится, то директор школы, в которую зачислен ваш малыш, сможет помочь вам с деталями и ответить на любые ваши вопросы. Планы по организации школьного транспорта будут утверждены не ранее последней недели августа месяца, когда вы и получите информацию относительно автобуса для вашего ребенка.

Наши учащиеся находятся в эпицентре развития школ North Clackamas, где рождаются новые художники, ученые, учителя, спортсмены и общественные деятели. У каждого ребенка есть возможность выразить свое мнение и идти своим путем, чтобы полностью раскрыть свой потенциал. Мы хотим, чтобы наши учащиеся знали, что они важны для нас, и что мы заботимся о них. О каждом из них.

Мы с нетерпением ждем начала многих плодотворных лет работы с вами, целью которых станет процесс обучения и активного вовлечения вашего ребенка в школьную жизнь. Мы надеемся, что полученный детьми у нас опыт вдохновит их в дальнейшем идти с мужеством по жизненной дороге и действовать во благо своих близких и всех окружающих людей.

Добро пожаловать в школы округа North Clackamas!

Искренне ваши,



Проф. Шей Джеймс (Shay James),
Управляющая округом



проф. Халия Уильямс-Родригес (Khaliyah Williams-Rodríguez),
Исполнительный директор программы начального образования



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Tháng Tư 2023

Kính gửi các gia đình:

Chúng tôi rất vui mừng được chào đón bạn và một học sinh tốt nghiệp tương lai khác của Trường North Clackamas. Trước khi chúng tôi kỷ niệm lớp học năm 2036, chúng tôi biết con bạn sẽ phát triển như một người đọc, một nhà văn, nhà toán học, và nhiều hơn nữa. Con bạn sẽ khám phá khoa học, nghệ thuật và âm nhạc, với các cơ hội hoạt động thể chất và tập thể dục. Mỗi bước trên con đường, chúng tôi không thể chờ đợi họ chỉ cho bạn và liên quan đến bạn trong những gì họ đang học và trải nghiệm. Chúng tôi tự hào về đội ngũ nhân viên của mình và chương trình giáo dục toàn diện mà chúng tôi cung cấp. Mẫu giáo là khoảng thời gian đặc biệt đối với mỗi trẻ em và gia đình, và đóng vai trò là nền tảng quan trọng của 13 năm giáo dục tiếp theo. Chúng tôi tận tâm làm cho năm đầu tiên của trường công lập này trở nên tốt nhất.

Chương trình Mẫu giáo North Clackamas hoạt động theo lịch trình cả ngày giống như lớp 1-5 trong các trường tiểu học của chúng tôi. Mẫu giáo là thời gian để con bạn học hỏi, phát triển và phát triển những tình bạn mới khi các giáo viên của chúng tôi làm việc để xây dựng các cộng đồng lớp học hỗ trợ phát triển xã hội, học tập và thói quen ở trường. Chúng tôi cam kết làm cho năm học này trở thành một năm tích cực và thành công cho mỗi học sinh Mẫu giáo.

Là một phần của cam kết đó, chúng tôi cần đảm bảo quy mô lớp học hợp lý. Mùa thu này, trong trường hợp các lớp Mẫu giáo đạt công suất, học sinh Kindergarten có thể được chuyển đến một lớp học Mẫu giáo gần đó nằm ở một trường North Clackamas khác có chỗ cho học sinh bổ sung. Việc chuyển trường đó sẽ chỉ dành cho năm Mẫu giáo, và tất cả học sinh sẽ trở lại trường trong khu vực của họ cho lớp một và tất cả các lớp trong tương lai. Nếu trường hợp hiếm gặp này xảy ra, Hiệu trưởng trường học của con bạn sẽ có thể giúp bạn cung cấp thông tin chi tiết và trả lời bất kỳ câu hỏi nào. Ngoài ra, kế hoạch vận chuyển cho năm tới sẽ không được hoàn thiện cho đến tuần cuối cùng của tháng Tám, lúc đó bạn sẽ nhận được thông tin cho con mình.

Học sinh là trung tâm của Trường North Clackamas, nơi các nghệ sĩ, nhà khoa học, giáo viên, vận động viên và các nhà lãnh đạo cộng đồng xuất hiện. Mỗi học sinh có cơ hội thể hiện tiếng nói của riêng mình và đi theo con đường riêng của mình để phát huy hết tiềm năng của mình. Chúng tôi muốn học sinh của mình biết rằng họ quan trọng và chúng tôi quan tâm đến họ. Từng mỗi một học sinh.



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Chúng tôi mong muốn có nhiều năm làm việc với bạn để giáo dục và tích cực thu hút con bạn. Chúng tôi hy vọng rằng kinh nghiệm của họ truyền cảm hứng cho họ hành động với lòng can đảm trong cuộc sống và củng cố cộng đồng địa phương và toàn cầu.

Chào mừng bạn đến với North Clackamas!

Trân trọng,

Shay James, EdD

Tổng Giám đốc Học khu

Khaliyah Williams-Rodríguez, Ph.D

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尊敬的家长：

欢迎您及您幼儿园的孩子来到NCSD学校。我为我们的员工可以提供的全面教育计划感到自豪。今年，您的孩子将慢慢成长为一名读者、作家、数学家等等。与此同时，您的孩子还将会探索科学、艺术和音乐，并有机会进行体育活动及锻炼。我们迫不及待地想让您的孩子向您展示每一点进步和发展，并让您参与他们正在学习和体验的内容。幼儿园是每个孩子和家庭的欢乐时光，也是未来 13 年教育的重要基础。我们致力于让公立学校的第一年成为最适合您的孩子的学校。

NCSD学区幼儿园计划与我们小学 1-5 年级的全日制课程相同。幼儿园将是您的孩子学习、成长及建立新友谊的地方，我们的教师也致力于建立支持社会发展、学术学习和学校日常活动的课堂社区，期待每个幼儿园的学生都度过积极而成功的一年。

作为该承诺的一部分，我们需要确保合理的班级规模。今年秋天，如果幼儿园班级满员，幼儿园学生可能会被转到位于另一所NCSD学区学校的幼儿园班级。这种转学仅适用于幼儿园，所有学生都将返回家庭附近的学校就读一年级和所有未来的年级。如果发生这种罕见的情况，您孩子学校的校长将帮助您了解详细信息，并回答您可能遇到的任何问题。

明年的交通计划要到 8 月下旬才能最终确定，届时您将收到有关您孩子的信息。

学生是NCSD学区的核心，这里诞生了艺术家、科学家、教师、运动员和社区领袖。每个学生都有机会表达自己的声音，并按照自己的方式充分发挥自己的潜力。我们希望我们的学生认识到自己的重要性，并且让他们感受到我们很关心他们，他们每一个人。

欢迎来到NCSD学区的学校，我们期待与您保持合作，参与到他们的教育中，期待他们在未来的生活、大学和职业生涯中取得成功。

此致！

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主管

Khaliyah Williams-Rodríguez, 博士
小学项目执行主任



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Khaliyah Williams-Rodriguez, PhD, Executive Director of Elementary Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to welcome you and your child to North Clackamas Schools. All of our elementary schools provide students with a supportive learning environment and a dynamic educational experience.

The number of students enrolling at each grade level in each school changes throughout the school year and between school years. While North Clackamas Schools remains committed to the neighborhood school concept, we recognize that each student benefits when class sizes remain reasonable. Therefore, some students may be re-assigned from their neighborhood school to another, nearby school if class sizes have exceeded capacity.

If your child is identified for reassignment to another school, the reassignment will be for one year only and daily transportation will be offered to and from your home. Students re-assigned to other schools will have priority in returning to their neighborhood school if space becomes available over the course of the school year.

Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and patience if your child is identified for re-assignment to a nearby school.

We look forward to many years of working with you to educate your child.

Respectfully,

Khaliyah Williams-Rodriguez



Dear Family,

Welcome to the North Clackamas School District. We hope you are as excited about joining us as we are about having you as part of our school community. Transitioning to a new school can be both challenging and exciting for students and families.

As a parent, you can expect that as your student enters a North Clackamas school, their dreams are nurtured and their history and heritage are celebrated. In addition, their love of learning is fostered, and their educational, physical, emotional, and social needs are supported.

The North Clackamas School District engages, inspires, and empowers students to strengthen the quality of life in our local and global communities. Graduates are prepared for the demands of college, career, and life.

All of our North Clackamas Schools promote an environment centered on being safe, respectful and responsible in all school setting and activities.

The school office staff can answer any questions you might have. Please visit our district website at www.nclack.k12.or.us, our Facebook page, or follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on the latest news and stories.

We are glad you are here, and look forward to partnering together to make this an exceptional year.

Warmly,

Your North Clackamas School District Administration



Kindergarten Registration Checklist

In order to make your transition as smooth as possible, please take a moment to review the following checklist and turn in all required documents.

Oregon state law requires students to be age 5 on or before September 1st to enter Kindergarten.

- ☐ Complete the online NCSD registration (nclack.org/registration or ParentVUE)
- ☐ Review the **Required Enrollment Documents** page and submit the following:
 - ☐ Provide proof of address (current utility bill or rental/mortgage agreement)
*families in transition, please contact our McKinney-Vento liaison at 503-353-5663
 - ☐ Provide proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
 - ☐ Immunization record (available from your healthcare provider)
 - ☐ Dental Screening form (form is provided in the kindergarten packet)
 - ☐ Legal/Court Documents (if applicable)
- ☐ Complete, sign, and date all forms:
 - ☐ Kindergarten Questionnaire
 - ☐ Kindergarten Transportation Release form
- ☐ Copy of IEP or 504 Plan, if applicable
- ☐ Check out the HVE Kindergarten Info page on our school website - includes additional information, forms, and important dates.

You will receive a confirmation email once your registration has been received.

Please allow up to 2-3 weeks for confirmation.

Contact the school office at (503) 353-5420 or leesun@nclack.k12.or.us with any questions.

Required Enrollment Documents

Registration will not be complete until ALL required documents have been submitted and reviewed. Please contact the school office at (503) 353-5420 with any questions.

1. Birth Certificate or Passport of student

Please contact the office if you are not able to provide a birth certificate or passport due to being displaced or in temporary living conditions.

2. Proof of Address

- Current (30 days) utility bill showing the service provider (e.g., gas, water, electric, garbage, or sewer), home address, and name or a copy of your rental/mortgage agreement with the home owner's name, address, rental term or purchase date.
- **Month-to-Month Rental** – we will need proof of residence each month of your rental term.
- **Shared Households** – If you are living with another family within the school boundary, you will need to provide a letter from the homeowner/landlord.
 - The letter must include: the name of the homeowner/landlord, names of parent/guardian(s) and student(s) that live at their residence, the address, utility bill, and homeowner/landlord's contact information.

3. Immunization Record

Proof of immunizations at enrollment are only required for students who have never been in a public school in the US (such as home school or kindergarten students) and students new to the country. The immunization record for other students should be forwarded in the cumulative record as part of the request for records process.

More information regarding Immunizations are on the back of this document

4. Dental Screening (7 years of age or younger only)

State law now requires a child who is 7 years of age or younger to have a dental screening before entering school for the first time. (HB 2972 (2015))

- The Dental Screening Form is included in the Kindergarten Packet. Please fill out the form and return it to the school. You are also welcome to scan or screenshot the form and email it to leesun@nclack.k12.or.us.

5. Legal Documents (if applicable)

- It is very important the school is aware and in possession of any legal/court documents pertaining to custodial rights, legal guardianship, and/or court orders.

6. Special Education/Services (if applicable)

- If your student has participated in or tested for any Special Services, please include a copy of any Special Services documents to the registration or submit them to the office.

Immunization Information

What vaccines are required for my child?

By the time your child is 5 years old they should have had:

- 5 doses of Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus vaccine (DTaP)
- 4 doses of Polio vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR or 2 Measles, 1 Mumps, and 1 Rubella vaccine
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine for students entering 7th - 12th grade

All kindergarten through sixth grade students must have two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine to start school. All 7th through 12th grade students must also have one dose of a Pertussis containing Tetanus vaccine called Tdap to enter.

Where do I get a copy of my child's immunization record?

Please contact your child's health care provider and ask for a copy of the child's immunization record.

Where do I go to get my child vaccinated?

You may take your child to their health care provider.

***You may contact the Clackamas County Health Department Clinic
for an appointment at [503.655.8471](tel:503.655.8471)***

After my child has had their vaccines, who do I notify?

Always give your school nurse a written record of the dates the vaccinations were given to your child so that your child's health records can be kept up to date at school.

ALWAYS KEEP A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS IN YOUR HOME FILE. YOU WILL NEED THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR SCHOOL LIFE. PROOF OF UP TO DATE VACCINATIONS ARE NEEDED EVEN FOR COLLEGE AND EMPLOYMENT.

Dental Screening Certification Form

State law now requires a child who is 7 years of age or younger to have a dental screening before entering school for the first time. (HB 2972 (2015))

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A DENTAL SCREENING

Parent/Guardian:

- If you know your child has already had a dental screening, please check the box below, fill out this section, and sign it.
- If you do not know if your child has had a dental screening, please have a dental provider fill out this section and sign it.
- Please return this form to the school office.

☐ My child _____ has received a dental screening.
(First name) (Middle initial) (Last name)

Parent/Guardian or Dental Provider

Print Name: ✍ _____

Signature ✍ _____ Date ✍ _____

TO OPT-OUT OF THE DENTAL SCREENING REQUIREMENT

Parent/Guardian: You may choose to have your child opt-out of a dental screening due to a reason listed below. Please fill out this section and sign it. Then return this form to the school office.

My child was not screened due to the following: (please check all that apply):

- ☐ We already submitted a certification form at a previous school.
- ☐ The dental screening is contrary to student or families religious beliefs.
- ☐ The dental screening is a burden.

The dental screening is a burden for the student or the parent or guardian of the student when:

(A) The cost of obtaining the dental screening is too high;

(B) The student does not have access to a screener or;

(C) The student was unable to obtain an appointment with an screener

Parent/Guardian

Print Name ✍: _____

Signature ✍ _____ Date ✍ _____

K-1 New Student Questionnaire

Student Full Name: _____

Name he/she will use at school: _____

Gender: ___Boy or ___Girl or ___Non-Binary. Full Birth Date: _____

Home address: _____

Parent/Guardian Information (Please include all adults who will be involved with school. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

Full Name: _____

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Siblings or other people living in your home (names, ages, grade, gender, etc.):

Language Experience:

Which language does your child speak most often? _____

Which languages is your child most comfortable speaking? _____

Are you able to volunteer in the classroom on a regular basis? ___Yes ___No

Are you able to volunteer for special occasions such as field trips? ___Yes ___No

Transportation from school (please check one in each row):

The first day: ___Parent pickup (car) ___Parent pick up (walk) ___School bus to home ___CARE

Most school days: ___Parent pickup (car) ___Parent pick up (walk) ___School bus to home ___CARE

Other: _____

Information about your child *(Please fill out as completely as possible.)*

What activities does your child enjoy the most?

Do you have any concerns as your child begins kindergarten?

What best comforts your child when upset?

What are your goals for your child in kindergarten this year?

Is your child able to independently use the toilet including zipping/unzipping and buttoning/unbuttoning clothing?

How can we best support your child with behavioral or academic needs?

Please share any information you think will help the teacher in understanding your child (example, strengths, talents, fears, family issues or major life changes, etc.):

Check all environments your child has been in between ages 3-5

- ☐ Head Start or Early Head Start
- ☐ Center-based preschool/daycare program (Name of center: _____)
- ☐ Home-based preschool/daycare program
- ☐ Early Childhood Special Education
- ☐ Has not had preschool experience outside the home



ParentVUE Information

ParentVUE is a web portal that allows parents to access real-time information related to their student's education progress. Parents can view their student's attendance, grades, calendars, student information, emergency contacts, and more. ParentVUE offers a single sign-on to view school information for all of their children, regardless of the grade level or school of attendance.

Every family will need to have an active ParentVUE account to access Online Registration (opens in March) and Verification for:

- Enrollment of a new student in your family for the next school year.
- Yearly Back to School Verification to ensure family and student information is correct in Synergy for your student who is returning for the next school year.
- ◆ ParentVUE Instructions can be viewed on the district website (www.nclack.k12.or.us/registration) in multiple languages
- ◆ ParentVUE can be accessed via a computer or the ParentVUE mobile app. We recommend completing the online registration or yearly verification on a computer.
- ◆ Parents/Guardians can see all of their students through one account, so you do not need an account for each student.

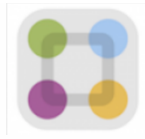
New Parent/Guardian to NCSD – If you have *never* had a student enrolled in the North Clackamas School District and are enrolling for the first time.

- Please go to nclack.k12.or.us/registration and click on "Online Registration"
- You will need an Activation Key to activate your ParentVUE account.
- Parent/guardians can contact their student's school to receive an Activation Key if they do not have one.

Current NCSD Parent/Guardian: Has Existing ParentVUE Account

- If you currently have a student enrolled in the North Clackamas School District and have an active ParentVUE account, log into [ParentVUE](#) with your previously created User ID and Password. There is an *Enrollment or Verification* tab in the top right corner.
- You will need to go through the verification process and be able to add a New Student once you reach the "Students" section.

Please contact the school office at (503) 353-5420 if you have any questions.



ParentSquare

North Clackamas School District uses ParentSquare as the primary tool for communicating with families, including for emergencies and school closures

ParentSquare:

- Gives parents/guardians more control over how and when they receive messages
- Allows teachers to communicate with families using the same platform as the district and their school
- Has many added functions beyond communications. These will help families to engage with their school and the district within a single program

ParentSquare — First Steps for Parents

1. Register your ParentSquare account* using the email on file at your child's school (as well as in ParentVue). This quick and easy process can be done in two ways:

- Visit www.parentsquare.com, enter your email in the "Sign Up/Create Password" section, and follow the prompts to get logged in; OR
- Download the Parentsquare App ([Apple Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)) and enter your email address to create a password and log into your account.

**Parents who do not register their ParentSquare account will still receive district and school communications (via email for most) but will not be able to control how and when they receive messages from NCSD or use the two-way communication features of ParentSquare.*

2. It is not required, but the district *highly recommends that parents download the ParentSquare app.*

3. Set your notification preferences

- ParentSquare allows parents/guardians to receive general (non-emergency) messages via email, text, the app or any combination of the three.
- Additionally, **parents/guardians can select the “digest” option for any of the delivery methods**, which will collect all the communications they would receive each day into a single message delivered in the evening. For example, one could select to receive text messages immediately while choosing the digest option for email.
- For specific, step by step instructions, click [here](#).

If you need assistance registering your account, you can reach ParentSquare Customer Service by calling 888-496-3168. Customer service is also available via chat once you’ve logged in on the website or app.

[Click for Translations](#)



Free and reduced price meal applications for the 2022– 2023 school year will be available online after July 1, 2022. Please visit <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp> to complete an application after July 1st, 2022 or at any time during the school year. Paper applications will also be available at your student's school in August. Please complete one application per household (including foster children) and include all of your students that attend school in the North Clackamas School District. Paper applications can be dropped off at your student's school, the District Office, or mailed to the District Office at *North Clackamas School District, Accounting Department, 12400 SE Freeman Way, Milwaukie, OR 97222*. Questions regarding the program can be directed to the Free and Reduced Meal hotline at (503) 353-6034.

Las solicitudes para recibir alimentos gratis o de precio reducido para el año escolar 2022 – 2023 estarán disponibles en línea de internet después del 1º de julio del 2022. Por favor visite la página de internet <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp> para completar una solicitud después del 1ro de Julio, 2022 o durante el año escolar. Copias de las solicitudes también estarán disponibles en la escuela de su estudiante en agosto. Por favor complete una solicitud por familia (incluyendo niño(a)s en custodia temporal) e incluya a todos los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela en el Distrito Escolar North Clackamas. Las solicitudes impresas se pueden entregar en la escuela de su estudiante, la oficina del Distrito Escolar o enviada por correo a la Oficina del Distrito Escolar en *North Clackamas School District, Accounting Department, 12400 SE Freeman Way, Milwaukie, OR 97222*. Preguntas con relación al programa de alimentos pueden ser dirigidas a la línea de información de alimentos gratis o de precio reducido al (503) 353-6034.



Заявление на льготное питание на 2022 – 2023 учебный год заполняется онлайн <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp> начиная с 1 июля в любое время в течение 2022 учебного года. Распечатанные заявления можно будет взять в административном здании округа, начиная с 1-го июля или же в школе вашего ребенка в августе. Пожалуйста, заполните одно заявление на всю семью (включая приемных детей – *foster children*), перечислив всех детей школьного возраста, посещающих школы округа North Clackamas. Распечатанные заявления можно оставить в школе, в административном здании округа или отправить по почте по адресу: *North Clackamas School District, Accounting Department, 12400 SE Freeman Way, Milwaukie, OR 97222*. С вопросами звоните на горячую линию службы Льготного школьного питания (503) 353-6034.

Đơn xin phần ăn miễn phí hoặc giảm giá cho niên khóa 2022– 2023 sẽ có trên mạng sau ngày 1 tháng Bảy, 2022. Xin vào trang mạng <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp> để nộp đơn lúc đó hay bất cứ lúc nào trong niên học. Đơn trên giấy cũng sẽ có sẵn tại văn phòng khu học chánh sau ngày 1 tháng Bảy, 2022 hay tại trường học của con em trong tháng Tám. Xin điền một đơn cho gia đình của quý vị (kể cả con nuôi) và bao gồm tất cả con em đi học tại Khu Học Chánh North Clackamas. Đơn ghi trên giấy có thể nộp tại trường học của con em, Văn Phòng Khu Học Chánh, hay gửi về Văn Phòng Khu Học Chánh tại *North Clackamas School District, Accounting Department, 12400 SE Freeman Way, Milwaukie, OR 97222*. Những câu hỏi liên quan tới chương trình có thể trực tiếp liên lạc với đường dây nóng Phần Ăn Miễn Phí và Giảm Giá số (503) 353-6034.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. - Esta institución es un proveedor de oportunidad de igualdad. – Это учреждение предоставляет равные возможности для всех. - Cơ sở này là nơi tuyển dụng nhân viên bình đẳng (REV FEB 2021)



The TITAN Family portal is a secure, online system that allows parents to:

- Make an online payment to their children's cafeteria meal accounts
- Remotely monitor their children's accounts
- Set up automatic recurring payments
- Set up low balance e-mail message alerts
- And submit an online application for free and/or reduced meals

How do I get started? Getting started is as easy as 1, 2, 3.



1. Register

Register at family.titank12.com by clicking on **Sign up today!**



2. Confirm Email

Confirm your email address by clicking on the email verification link sent to your email address.



3. Sign In

Now you can sign in at family.titank12.com using your email and password.

I just registered and when I try to log in it says 'Invalid email or password'?

Your account will not be active until you have verified your password. Check your email for the verification link.

What if I forget my Username or Password?

On the login page, click **Forgot your password?** Enter your email address and click on **Reset Password**. A temporary password will be emailed to you. Upon logging in with the temporary password, you will be prompted to set your new password.

When I log in I do not see my child's account?

You will need to add your children to your TITAN account. Click on **+** then **Link Student** and complete information to link your child. You will need to complete this process for each child you wish to add.

What if I have several children in different schools?

You can add as many children as you need, as long as they attend a school district utilizing TITAN School Solutions for their cafeteria account. Payments for each child are made separately.

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How do I add money/make a payment to my child's account?

You can continue to send money to school with your child or you can add money online. Once you have added your child to your TITAN account, you will add money by clicking on **+ Add Money to Meal Account**. You can choose either **One Time Account Payment** or **New Recurring Payment**.

If you select, **One Time Account Payment**, the funds will be immediately available on your child's account upon completion of the transaction.

If you select, **New Recurring Payment**, you will be setting up an automatic payment for the specified amount, frequency, day, and starting date that you choose. *Please note that these funds will not be immediately available on your child's account.*

Can I set up recurring payments?

Yes. Click on **+Add Money to Meal Account**. Click on **New Recurring Payment**. Enter the **Payment Amount** for each child, **Frequency, Day, Starting Date, Billing Address, Payment Method**, and **Save**.

How can I cancel or change my recurring payment?

Under **Recurring Payments**, click on the three dots to the right of your child's name. You can either change the information and **Save** or **Delete the Payment**.

Can I transfer my funds from one child's account to another?

You can transfer funds between accounts only if your school district has added the transfer funds feature. To determine if you have access, click the three dots to the right of your child's name. If the drop down option includes **Transfer Money**, you may set up a fund transfer.

Can I set spending limits on my child's account?

You can set specific spending limits on your child's account only if your school district has added the spending limits feature. To determine if you have access, click the three dots to the right of your child's name. If the drop down option includes **Edit Spending Limit**, you may set up spending limits.

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If I have more than one child at the district, can I deposit money one time and have the amount divided evenly among each of my children's accounts?

Yes, if your district has 'shared accounts' for its students and you've requested this for your children. To determine if your children have been set up for shared accounts, select any payment option. If siblings are sharing an account, you'll see all of your children's names listed next to the deposit account. You can then enter the deposit amount and have it distributed evenly among their accounts. For example, if you have two children sharing accounts and you want to deposit \$10 in each account, enter \$20 in the deposit amount. \$10 will then be applied to each child's account. If you'd like shared accounts turned on for your children, please contact your district.

I made an online payment. How long will it be before the funds will be available in my child's account?

If you selected **One Time Payment on Account**, the funds will be available immediately in your child's cafeteria account, upon finishing the payment transaction.

If you selected **New Recurring Payment**, the funds will be available the following day from when the payment is scheduled to run. For example, if the payment is to be made every Monday, the funds will be available Tuesday morning.

Is there a fee or service charge for making online payments?

At the discretion of your district, a processing fee may be charged for each online payment transaction. For example, if you make a \$20.00 payment and the processing fee is \$2.60, the total debited from your credit card is \$22.60. The available funds for your child will be \$20.00. The processing fee will be shown prior to processing your transaction.

What credit cards/method of payments can I use?

The payment methods available for your child's school district will appear under the **Payment Methods** section, below **+New Payment Method**.

When entering my Payment Method, it asks for a 'Description', what do I put?

This is a free form field and you can name it anything. For example, you can name it **Household Credit Card** or **Chase Credit Card**.

When entering my Billing Address, it asks for a 'Description', what do I use?

This is a free form field and you can name it anything. For example, you can name it **Home** or **Office**.

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I am trying to enter my credit card information and it keeps saying 'Invalid Card', what am I doing wrong?

The system will not allow you to continue if any required items are missing. Check to see that you have entered the following:

1. Check to see that the credit card number is correct.
2. Make sure the type of card you are entering is accepted
For example, American Express or Discover may not be accepted.

I am trying to make a payment but the 'Submit' button is grey and I can't continue?

The system will not allow you to continue if any required items are missing. Check to see that you have entered the following:

1. Payment amount for each child
2. Billing address
3. Credit card information

Can I receive a notification when my child's account balance is low?

Yes. The system is defaulted to send an email reminder when the balance falls below \$5.00. You can change the Payment Reminder by clicking on **+ Change Payment Reminder**.

How can I see activity on my child's account?

If you click on History, you can view **Transaction** and **Student Purchase**.

What happens to the money in my child's account at the end of the school year?

Your account balance moves with your child from grade to grade and school to school (within the district).

How can I remove a child from my TITAN account?

Click on **Edit** in the upper right hand corner of your child's account and click **Un-Link Student**.

How can I be sure my information is safe?

TITAN is protected by 256 bit SSL encryption between all browsers and our centralized data center.

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Why is there a 'pending' charge on my bank statement after my card was declined?

It is common practice in the banking industry to hold the transaction fee on online payments. The fee may temporarily appear on your bank statement but the fee will automatically be removed in approximately 1–8 banking days. If you have any questions about this fee, please contact your credit card company directly.

How can I apply for free/reduced meals online?



1. Apply

Go to **family.titank12.com** and click on **Apply for Meal Today** and complete the process.

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2. Login

If you have already registered for a TITAN account and have logged in, you can click on **Meal Application** and **+ New Meal Application**.

How will I find out the status of my free/reduced meal application?

The district will notify you within 10 school days, either by email or letter. If you have not received a notice, please contact the school district's child nutrition department directly. TITAN School Solutions cannot provide you with this information.

How can I update my email address & password?

In the upper right hand corner, click on your name, then click on **Profile**.

- To change your email address, replace the existing and click on **Save**.
- To update your password, click on **Security**, enter **New Password**, **Confirm Password** and **Save**.

Can I see my child's school menu online?

Yes, provided the district is using TITAN Menu Planning. From the login screen, simply select **Check District Menu** (note: to view menus, you don't need to log into the Family Portal). You will then be prompted to search for your district. Enter your school district. If your district is using Menu Planning, you will then see a secondary screen where you can select the school menu that you wish to preview.

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When should I contact the Child Nutrition Department of my child's school district?

- If you would like a refund
- To transfer funds from one child to another
- To share balances with other children
- You have a question about your child's meal service or activity on their account
- Would like to restrict your child from purchasing certain items
- Would like to know the status of your free/reduced meal application
- Have questions related to your child's cafeteria account

My spouse and I are no longer together. Can we both have access to the Family Portal to view our children's accounts, but with separate accounts and logins?

Yes. Simply set up a new account with your email address. When you link your child to your account, you can then view account balances and deposit funds separately. Your financial information will only be visible to you. However, student available balances will be visible to any guardian or family member who has access to your child through the Family Portal.

Can I access my account through any browser?

You can access your account through any browser except Internet Explorer which is no longer supported.

Can I access my account through a mobile app?

Yes. To access your account, search for **TITAN Family Connect** in your phone's app store.

How can I deposit funds to the Feed it Forward program?

To deposit funds to the Feed it Forward program, log into your account and select **Add One Time Account Payment**. Upon doing so, the lower portion of the screen will allow you to deposit a specific amount that can be used by the school to cover meals. Please note this is separate for your student(s) having an account balance.



Parent Kindergartner Information for Transportation

Welcome to 2023 - 2024!

When a student is registered for school, the safest bus stop is automatically assigned to them. If a student needs a bus stop somewhere other than their residential address, a Transportation Request for an alternate stop is necessary. An alternate stop is any address that is not home, but still must be within your school's boundary (childcare, a second parent home, etc). Students going into kindergarten, 6th grade, or 9th grade will not have any alternate stops as part of their record unless a new request is made. If an alternate request is already part of your student's transportation record, an additional request will need to be made to have it reset or removed.

Transportation Requests for the 2023-2024 school year will be available on Transportation Services website:

<https://www.nclack.k12.or.us/transportation/page/transportation-requests> Transportation Requests are only for General Transportation. Special Needs transportation requests need to go through the school's psychologist.

The deadline for submitting alternate stop requests is August 1, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year. No changes will be made to routes between August 1 and October so that drivers, staff, students, and parents can get used to bus stop times and locations. Bus stop information can be accessed through both Tyler's Versatrans eLink:

<https://versatransweb06.tylertech.com/northclackamas/elinkep/login.aspx> You will need your student's six-digit student ID number and date of birth once all the routing is posted.

Magnet schools (New Urban, Sojourner, El Puente, Riverside Bilingual): On our requests, a "No Bus Needed" option is available so that we may eliminate unused bus stops on our routes and shorten students' ride times.

Kindergarten parents: We know that the beginning of the school year is filled with excitement and anxiety. Please know that our kindergarten students are provided assigned seating in the front of the bus, nearest to the driver. To make the transition easier and make sure an assigned seat is prepared, please have your kindergarten student ride as soon as possible. This minimizes disruptions and allows our drivers to get to know your student. Parents or a designated adult must be at the door of the bus in the afternoon to receive all of our kindergarten students. A responsible older sibling may meet the kindergarten student in lieu of an adult. If someone is receiving your student and they are not listed on the District's emergency contact list for the student, please make sure to fill out the Kindergarten Release Form found on our website under "Forms". This includes older siblings.

Please go over the behavioral expectations outlined in the Student Handbook over the summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Student Handbook:

<https://www.nclack.k12.or.us/district/page/north-clackamas-schools-student-handbooknorth-clackamas-schools-student-handbook>

We look forward to safely transporting your child and wish you the best year possible.



Kathy Calkins
Director
calkinsk@nclack.k12.or.us
Transportation Services
15628 SE 102nd AVE, Clackamas, Oregon 97222
503-353-6150

Kindergarten Release Form

School Name: _____

Dear Parents(s) and/or Guardian(s),

Please legibly fill out this required Kindergarten Release Form for transportation to keep on file. Our drivers will only release kindergartners to someone authorized by the parent/guardian. Please only list persons already not on the school's emergency contact list, and include older responsible siblings that may meet or walk your child home.

Anyone who is meeting a kindergartner at their assigned school bus stop may be required to show ID. Please always come to the door of the bus to receive your child. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Full Name:

Relation to Student:

Individual(s) listed above have my permission to receive: _____ from the bus.
(Student Name)

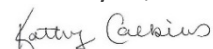
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date:

Transportation welcomes you and wishes your child a successful and great experience on our school buses.

Thank-you,


Kathy Calkins

Updated: 2/23/2020

**NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

CARE



PROGRAM



What is CARE?

The North Clackamas School District (NCSd) provides affordable, safe, and fun full-time before and after school programming for youth that are currently enrolled in NCSd schools in grades K-5. The CARE (Community, After School, Relationship, Enrichment) program provides a warm and welcoming environment, supports socio-emotional development and enrichment opportunities for youth. Transportation is provided from all North Clackamas Elementary Schools to CARE sites.

2022/23 School Year Online Registration

Lottery: May 24th - June 14th

Lottery Announcement: June 17th



Scan the QR Code to be linked to [EZChildTrack](https://www.ezchildtrack.com/) our registration website!

For more information please visit our website at
<http://www.nclack.k12.or.us/wichita/page/care-program-k-5>
Or contact Amanda Adams CARE Program Coordinator
adamsam@nclack.k12.or.us

2021.22 Program Fees*

School Year Annual Registration Fee (Sept. - June) non-refundable	\$ 70 per family	Before & After School Monthly Fee	\$ 420
After School Only Monthly Fee	\$ 295	Before School Only Monthly Fee	\$ 210

*The CARE Program is anticipating a modest fee increase for the 2022.23 school year

*Multi-child discount 10% off all tuition

*Limited scholarships are available

NCSd prohibits discrimination and/or harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability or perceived disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the North Clackamas School District will make reasonable accommodations to ensure the integration and participation of children with disabilities into the CARE program. This will include the development and monitoring of an accommodations plan for the participant as well as consideration of the participant's disability when responding to behavior concerns.

Elementary School Student Significant Dates

September 2023

M	T	W	T	F
				1
H	F/L	6	7	8
K	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October 2023

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

November 2023

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	[9]	10
13	14	15	16	17
CD	CD	22	H	24
27	28	29	30	

December 2023

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January 2024

M	T	W	T	F
H	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
H	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

September 4.....Labor Day
September 5.....First Day of School for Grades 1-5
September 11.....First Day of School for Kindergarten

October 13School Not in Session
October 25Work Day/In-service Day

November 10Veterans Day
November 17Work Day/In-service Day
November 20-21Parent Conference Days
November 22School Not in Session
November 23Thanksgiving Holiday
November 24School Not in Session

December 18-29.....Winter Break

January 1New Year's Day
January 2Work Day/In-service Day
January 15Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2Grade Report Preparation Day
February 5Work Day/In-service Day
February 19Presidents' Day

March 8Work Day/In-service Day
March 25-29.....Spring Break

April 12Grade Report Preparation Day
April 15Work Day/In-service

May 24Work Day/In-service
May 27Memorial Day

June 14Last Day of School for Elementary School
June 17Emergency Make-Up Day
June 18Emergency Make-Up Day
June 19Juneteenth
June 20Emergency Make-Up Day
June 21Emergency Make-Up Day
June 24Emergency Make-Up Day

End of Academic Periods

Quarter 1: November 9, 2023
Quarter 2: February 1, 2024
Quarter 3: April 11, 2024
Quarter 4: June 14, 2024

February 2024

M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
H	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

March 2024

M	T	W	T	F
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

April 2024

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	[11]	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May 2024

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
H	28	29	30	31

June 2024

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	[F/L]
17*	18*	19	20*	21*
24*	25	26	27	28

2023-24 School Year Calendar



LEGEND

- F/L** First/Last Day of School
- K** First Full Day of Kindergarten
- School Closed – Not in Session
- CD** Conference Day
- []** End of Quarter
- H** Holiday – No School
- *** Emergency Make-Up Day

Final calendar is subject to bargaining agreements with employee groups and resources available

Board Adopted 3/9/2023

SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL WORK ON DURING KINDERGARTEN...

CHARACTER TRAITS – RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE, AND KIND

Basic Concepts

- ❖ Recognize colors and shapes
- ❖ Sort by various attributes (color, shape, size)
- ❖ Recognize positional concepts (more, less, fewer, greater)
- ❖ Recognize opposites

Math

- ❖ Count to 100 by 1's, 5's, 10's
- ❖ Write and recognize numerals to 20
- ❖ Measurement
- ❖ Recognize and describe 2- and 3-dimensional shapes
- ❖ Add and subtract with numbers less than 10
- ❖ Problem Solving

Fine Motor Skills

- ❖ Hold pencil and scissors correctly
- ❖ Cut out shapes and objects
- ❖ Write on a line, using lower-case letters
- ❖ Copy letters, words, numbers, shapes

Communication and Problem Solving Skills

- ❖ Speak in complete sentences
- ❖ Present ideas to the group
- ❖ Organize thoughts to tell a story
- ❖ Describe common objects
- ❖ Solve small problems independently

Literacy

- ❖ Concepts of print (parts of a book, left to right, top to bottom, letters & words)
- ❖ Recognize and write name
- ❖ Recognize and produce all letters and sounds
- ❖ Read high-frequency words
- ❖ Blend letters to form words
- ❖ Segment sounds in words
- ❖ Sound out words
- ❖ Draw pictures to represent stories
- ❖ Write simple sentences(s) to tell a story

Relationship Building

- ❖ Work and play in pairs
- ❖ Work and play in groups (cooperative play)

KINDERGARTEN READINESS INFORMATION

Children's knowledge, skills and abilities

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL

- ✓ Knows how to share and take turns
- ✓ Respectful of others, their belongings, and classroom materials
- ✓ Listens and follows directions with one or two reminders, even if distracted
- ✓ Participates positively in learning groups, showing interest without interrupting others
- ✓ Uses words to solve problems and communicate

SPEAKING, READING, WRITING

- ✓ Uses short sentences with words from a large growing vocabulary
- ✓ Tells stories to communicate details, pictures, and experiences
- ✓ Can trace and draw, and also write first name
- ✓ Can produce the sounds of several letters
- ✓ Knows the difference between upper and lower case letters in alphabet

MATH

- ✓ Recognizes, writes, and counts numbers accurately 1 through 20
- ✓ Identifies colors correctly and creates simple repeating patterns with sounds, colors, or shapes
- ✓ Recognizes basic shapes (circle, square, triangle)
- ✓ Identifies groups of objects as having more, less, or equal amounts and can sort into small sub-groups
- ✓ Identifies & names numbers to ten and connects each to the correct number of counted objects

PHYSICAL, HEALTH, SAFETY

- ✓ Student is current with meeting developmental milestones
- ✓ Demonstrates self-care such as feeding, dressing, toileting, brushing teeth, and hand washing
- ✓ Demonstrates understanding of healthy food choices and uses proper utensils for eating
- ✓ Appropriately uses school tools such as pencils, markers, and scissors with appropriate grip

The ABC's of Kindergarten Readiness

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A Ask your preschooler questions to show that you are interested in his/her thinking. And then...ask your child to tell you more!

B Books! Immerse your preschooler in books, books, and more books (fiction, non-fiction, board books, poetry, songs, picture books, cookbooks, maps, wordless books, nursery rhymes...).

C Count with your preschooler! Count people, stairs, socks, pine-cones, shells, buttons. Count by ones, twos, fives and tens. Count forwards, backwards and from numbers other than 0, 1 or 10!

D Draw! Provide different mediums such as crayons, markers and pencils for your preschooler to draw, and write their own stories; draw with sidewalk chalk on a patio or driveway, a stick on the sand or even with a spray bottle of water on a dry sidewalk!

E Encourage your preschooler to name, count, create, sort and tell stories about collections of interesting items.

F Fine-motor development is an extremely important Kindergarten readiness skill!. Provide opportunities for strengthening hand and finger muscles through use of appropriate aged scissors, simple drawing mazes, play-do and/or clay, building with Lego, stringing beads, snapping snaps, zipping zippers and buttoning buttons.

G Games! Play simple board games such as Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land, Memory and age appropriate card games which might include Crazy 8s and/or Uno. Colors, counting, patterning, language and brain development all play an important role in this medium of PLAY.

H Have fun playing **make believe games!** This encourages brain development and creativity.

I Identify letters, numbers, colors, sounds, patterns and shapes in the **real world** (traffic signs, restaurants, cereal boxes, stores, billboards, neighborhoods, grocery stores, movie theaters, buses, Max train, license plates, the Mall...)

J Jobs - give your preschooler developmentally appropriate "jobs" to complete around the house (make bed, sort the laundry, feed the pet, recycle, set the table).

K Kindergarten - **kindergarten** (n.) 1852, from German *Kinder-Garten* (1840), literally "children-garden, garden of children," a metaphoric name from *Kinder* "children" (plural of *Kind* "child;" see **kin** (n.)) + *Garten* "garden" (from suffixed form of PIE root ***gher-** (1) "to grasp, enclose"). Coined by German educator Friedrich Fröbel (1782-1852) in reference to his method of developing intelligence in young children. *Kindergarten* means a garden of children, and Froebel, the inventor of it, or rather, as he would prefer to express it, *the discoverer of the method of Nature*, meant to symbolize by the name the spirit and plan of treatment. How does the gardener treat his plants? He studies their individual natures, and puts them into such circumstances of soil and atmosphere as enable them to grow, flower, and bring forth fruit,— also to renew their manifestation year after year. [Mann, Horace, and Elizabeth P. Peabody, "Moral Culture of Infancy and Kindergarten Guide," Boston, 1863]

L Listen - Go on a Listening Walk...Listen to the sounds you might hear together - birds, cars, lawn mowers, sirens, rain...; Listen to your preschooler - listen to their verbal and nonverbal communication - they have lots of important things to say!

M Make new friends. Your preschooler will be making an abundance of friends in Kindergarten. Help your child make new friends at the park, in your neighborhood or other appropriate places where children engage in play..

N Name. Help your preschooler write their first and last names, ("starting at the top") using lowercase letters with only the first letter as an uppercase letter. Encourage your child to name the letters and count the letters in their name! Once they become experts, move on to middle and last names!

O Organize objects by size, shape and color and then COUNT them!

P Puzzles Encourage your preschooler to complete a variety of large and small piece puzzles, wooden and cardboard puzzles, mind twister puzzles and to look for patterns in the world around her/him.

Perseverance! A growth mindset and perseverance are important concepts in Kindergarten, school and in LIFE! Celebrate mistakes! Encourage the learning that comes from mistakes! Build strong and flexible brains!

Playtime (must be valued) <https://move-with-me.com/uncategorized/play-quotes/>

Q Quiet time! Your preschooler may not need naps anymore but a little quiet time will encourage independence, ease the daily stimulation your child receives AND it gives you a well-deserved break!

R Read together! Read together! Read together! AND Read together! And then READ together some more. ❤️

S Sing together! Sing the ABC song, nursery rhymes, jingles, jump rope rhymes and children's songs, made-up songs. Singing encourages brain development, happiness, and literary repetition. AND your voice is, not only melodious, it's American Idol, The Voice and Grammy Award Winning!

T Talk about stories! Ask your young reader about characters, settings, facts, and details. Talk about the day! Ask about the sequence of their day! Ask about happy moments and even ones that were difficult! Talk about emotions! Talk about favorites! Celebrate their perseverance! Model appropriate language and sentence structure! Encourage complete sentences!

U Understand that your preschooler is only 5 or 6! Celebrate the social, emotional, psychological and physical growth they have made in such a short amount of time!

V Value the time you get to spend together. It will go by quickly!

Vroom Download the FREE Daily Vroom App because "Every parent has what it takes to be a brain builder"! <http://www.joinvroom.org/>

W Words! Say, sing, repeat words: rhyming words, made-up words, opposite words, long words, short words; listen to sounds in words, count letters in words, write words, look at words, read words, build words - be imaginative!

X Be excited about Kindergarten! Your student will only be as excited as you are! Visit your neighborhood school, register early, ask questions, participate in school wide events (prior to your child's entrance to school) and trust that your preschooler will be celebrated, valued, encouraged and cared for.

Y You know your preschooler best. You will be an instrumental part of your child's education. You will be regarded as your teacher's partner - you are their best advocate and will be an important partner in your child's education. You are valued and respected.

Z Zzzzzzzzzzzzzs...Make sure your child stays healthy by eating right and getting plenty of sleep.

let them be **LITTLE**
fill their hearts with
LAUGHTER
help them **GROW WINGS**
nurture their sense of
WONDER
inspire them to **BELIEVE**
LOVE them like there's
no tomorrow