Transition to Kindergarten

When we're taking risks at any time in our lives, trying new things, it certainly helps to know that people who love us will urge us to keep trying, and will also offer a hand, an ear, or even a shoulder to cry on when we feel like giving up. Maybe, too, they'll help us remember, even as we're disappointed about what we can't do, that there is much we can do.

~ Fred Rogers
Welcome to Kindergarten!

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Our Agenda

- Kindergarten Registration
- Readiness Skills
- Kindergarten Curriculum
- School Events
Kindergarten Registration 2015

- Age 5 by September 1, 2015
- Begin process at www.cvschools.org, select Central Registration
- Steps of the Process
- School Site Registration in March
Congratulations! You are starting a new job on Monday.

- What aspects are exciting to you?
- What are your questions or concerns?
- How does this activity connect to the concept of transition to Kindergarten?
Transition to Kindergarten

- Building relationships to make connections.
- Positive transitions have an impact on student achievement and family engagement.
- Minimize period of uncertainty.
Social & Emotional Readiness Skills

- Walking in a Line
- Raising Hand
- Taking Turns when Talking
- Sharing with Peers
Self-Help & Independence Readiness Skills

- Using the Bathroom
- Putting on Own Coat
- Putting on Own Shoes
- Washing Hands
- Blowing Nose
Fine Motor Readiness Skills

- Cutting
- Tracing
- Recognizing their Own Name
- Letter Formation
Kindergarten Reading Curriculum

- Identify Letter Names and Sounds
- Read High Frequency Words
- Retell Fiction Stories
- Identify the main idea and details of Nonfiction Stories
- Answer and Ask Questions About Fiction & Nonfiction Texts
Kindergarten Writing Curriculum

- Kid Writing
- Introduction of the Writing Process
- Publish Narrative, Informative and Opinion Pieces
- Begin Sentences with Capital Letter
- End Sentences with Punctuation
Kindergarten Math Curriculum

- Count to 100 by 1s and 10s
- Write numbers to 20
- Count to Tell Number of Objects
- Compose/Decompose numbers 11-19 (10 + 8 = 18)
- Add and Subtract Within 10
- Identify 2D and 3D Shapes
Kindergarten Science Curriculum

- FOSS Kit, “Animals Two by Two”
- Observe Structure & Behavior of:
  - Goldfish
  - Water Snails
  - Red Worms
  - Isopods (Pill Bugs & Sow Bugs)
Kindergarten Social Studies Curriculum

- Need for Rules
- American Holidays & Symbols
- Volunteers in the Community
- Land and Water Forms
- People in Authority
Ideas for Preparing Children for School

- Kindergarten Preview at School
- Read Books about Kindergarten
- Visit School Playground
- Attend Open House in August