Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten

Build the Habit of Good Attendance

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Showing up on time every day is important to your child’s success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:
- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!
- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

Before the school year starts
- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

Ready, Set, GO!
- If you are concerned your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about preschool or kindergarten, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice.

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