

Helpful Hints & How to Get Ready for the First Day of Kindergarten



Clothing

- Practice snaps, zippers, and buttons on jackets & pants
- Bring tennis shoes every day for PE; practice putting them on
- Practice & discuss public restroom etiquette (boys should practice using a public urinal) 😊

School Supplies

- Look for a backpack that is easy for your child to manage
- Practice using a lunch box & opening containers, such as Tupperware, drink boxes, small snack bags, and water bottles
- Let your child explore with school supplies such as glue sticks, scissors, and writing utensils

Personal Information

- Learn address and phone number
- Learn bus number
- Learn teacher's name

Social Skills & Citizenship

- Practice turn taking, following directions, and sharing
- Discuss the "Golden Rule" of respect, flexibility, and conflict resolution
- Explore the McGaughey 3 R's (Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible) on our website under the PBIS link

Before School Starts

- Check the mail in July & August for important information
- Plan to attend school registration in August
- Use the parent resources on the McGaughey website; view the Kindergarten Orientation Slideshow to see pictures of the building and staff
- Visit the school and play on the playground
- Schedule your dental, physical, and eye exams early
 - **All kindergartners must complete a physical exam (with required immunizations), a vision exam, and a dental exam by the following dates:**
 - **Physical & Vision Exams - Prior to October 15th**
 - **Dental Exam - Prior to May 15th**
 - **Exam forms may be downloaded from the district website or obtained from the school office**

As School Begins

- Attend orientation evening
- Establish your permanent routine from day one
- Have your child wear his/her assigned bus tag every day the first two weeks of school
- "Quick Goodbyes Leave Drier Eyes!"

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