

Palm Beach Gardens Elementary



Kindergarten Roundup
April 11th, 2024



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Meet Admin

Principal: Mrs. Evans



Assistant Principal: Mrs. Seren



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Palm Beach Gardens Elementary

Home of the Dolphins

STEAM Choice Program



VPK Program



Meet the Kindergarten Team



Mrs.
Harrington

Mrs.
Maxey

Mrs.
Odom

Mrs.
Selle

Mr.
Clara

Mrs.
Yohn

Ms.
Anderson



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Kindergarten Curriculum

- Language arts: Reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills
- Mathematics: Counting, geometry, number sense, algebraic thinking, measurement/data, and problem-solving
- Science: Exploration of the natural world through hands-on activities
- Social Studies: Building an understanding of our community and the world
- Skills for Learning & Life (SLL): self-awareness, self-management, communication, and collaboration skills



The Kindergarten Day

- Morning arrival (cars, walkers, bus riders)
- Breakfast time
- Fine Arts offered (Media, PE, SLL, Art, Technology)
- Lunch (explain buying lunch/bringing lunch)
- Recess
- Dismissal (procedures for cars, walkers, bus riders)



Kindergarten is Fun!



Cooking



**ABC Bootcamp
Fashion Show**



Hands-On Math



**Flashlight Friday
Buddy Reading**



Thanksgiving Feast



Teddy Bear Picnic

Lots of fun!

Morning Meeting



Book Character Parade

Cooperative Learning



Phonics Fun



STEAM Days



Field Trips

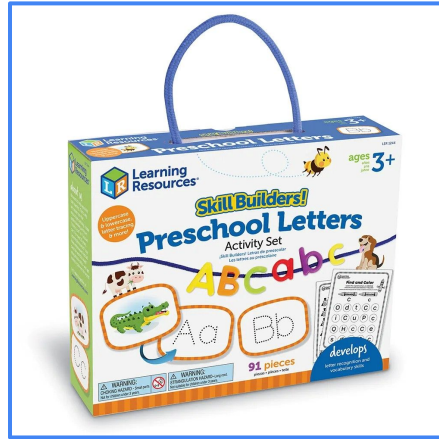
10 Things to Help Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

1. Recognizes first and last name in print and can write first and last name
2. Names most upper and lowercase letters
3. Recognizes most letter sounds
4. Asks and answers questions about a story or book
5. Recognizes simple rhyming words (hat-cat)
6. Names and writes numerals 1-30
7. Identifies basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
8. Creates small sets of objects (groups items and identifies how many)
9. Recognizes and controls own behavior
10. Attends to a task for up to 5 minutes



Ways to Support Your Child's Learning at Home

Transition to Kindergarten Readiness Kits



Unpacking the Kindergarten Readiness Kits



The Importance of Independence Before Kindergarten

- Dress Self- take the time now to practice dressing so that your child is comfortable changing their clothes in case of an accident
- Use the bathroom independently
- Navigate zippers and buttons- these skills are necessary when using the bathroom, as well as opening and closing a backpack or lunchbox
- Open containers and straws-whether your child is buying lunch or bringing their own, it is important that they are able to open containers, packages, and straws
- Clean up- it is important that your child practices cleaning up their items from recess and lunch
- BONUS-Tie their shoes



Communication and Collaboration

- Regular communication through newsletters and emails
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Always contact the teacher first before contacting administration with concerns, allow the teacher the opportunity to address the issue and if not resolved contact administration
- Strong PTA/PTO involvement (encourage parents to join)
- School Advisory Council monthly meetings that allow for parent/community input



E-Mail Etiquette

- All Email messages will be responded to within a 24 hour window (or one business day for emails received on Friday or going into a holiday).
- Please be kind and considerate when writing notes or emails to your child's teacher.
- Please keep in mind Kindergarten Teachers do **not** have assistants.



Ways to Support Your Child:

- Attendance Matters! Send your child to school every day prepared and ready to learn.
- Read, Read, Read! 15 minutes of reading to and with your child (in any language) will greatly increase comprehension.
- Make time to talk about their school day and listen to concerns.
- Talk to your child about his or her responsibilities as a student.
- Teach children to work hard and ask for help when needed.
- Seek help early from teachers and school staff if you notice problems.
- Hold your child accountable for his or her responsibilities.



Attendance Matters

Missing 2 days of school per month from Kindergarten - 12th
Grade
= 108 hours per year
= 11 months
= over 1 school year lost



Exceptional Student Services (ESE)

- ESE Services include supports in academics, behavior, and speech and language for students with IEP's.
- Gifted enrichment to students with EP's.
- Meetings are held annually with parents regarding these students' educational needs.
- Any questions regarding evaluations, interventions, or the process of ESE services, please contact Amanda Pollio.

amanda.pollio@palmbeachschools.org



English Language Learners Services (ELL)

- The ESOL program is for students who have families who speak an additional language other than English at home
- The goal is for students to have proficiency with Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and UNDERSTANDING
- Language acquisition is the foundation of the ESOL program as we provide English language support through the core subjects.
- Some students receive light support through a Mainstream Model, other students receive Collaborative Support where a supplemental ESOL teacher works with the home room teacher to provide support with language acquisition within the general education classroom.



Dress Code Policy

- Tops
 - School Logo T-Shirts (Sold Through Our PTA)
 - Solid Color Collared Shirts (Any Color)
- Bottoms
 - Solid Color Shorts, Jumpers, Skirts, and Dresses (Any Color) Must Be Worn At Fingertip Length or Longer
 - Solid Color Pants, Capris, and Shorts (Any Color)
 - All Bottoms Must Be Worn Appropriately At The Waist and Be free of Rips and Holes
- Shoes
 - Must Have Closed Toe and Close Heel Shoes At All Times
 - Sneakers are suggested at all times



Aftercare Program



- Provides a safe and enriching environment
- Offers a variety of activities for students
- For the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, registration for District after-school programs for incoming kindergarten students and students in grades K-5 begins on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7 p.m. Registration fee is \$35.
- Parents can register for an after-school program by visiting the [online registration portal, Eleyo](#) to submit an after-school program registration contract request. Enrollment can be requested for all grade levels.
- Once a contract request has been submitted, it will be reviewed by the after-school director. Submitting a contract request does not guarantee enrollment into a program. Acceptance into an after-school program is determined by the number of slots available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon approval of your contract request, you will be notified via email. Sites will notify any parent who is on the waitlist, by Friday, May 10



Skills for Life and Learning Recommendations

Before your child starts Kindergarten, it is recommended that you:

1. Develop a bedtime and morning routine with your child
2. Practice opening and closing lunch items with your child
3. Teach your child to advocate about their emotions and needs
4. Develop healthy coping strategies (five finger breathing, candle breathing, counting, talking to a trusted adult, etc.)
5. Limit screen time



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Mental Health Services/Support offered at PBGE

- Group Therapy (Kindergarten Rocks- Students will learn feelings, coping skills, assertive communication, learn how to make and maintain friendships, and how to advocate for themselves)
- Individual Therapy offered by the Co-Located Therapist (referral only)
- Check in - Check out
- Lunch Bunch
- Mentoring/Coaching





School Safety

- Secure building with controlled access (single point of entry)
- Trained school police officer on campus- Officer Todd
- Regular safety drills throughout the school year
- Safety procedures for student drop-off and pick-up
- Importance of open communication with your parents

Student Registration

We will be accepting Kindergarten registrations in person starting 4/11/2024. You can also register online starting 3/25/2024. Your child must be new to the school district to register online. Click on the link below to register online.

palmbeachschools.org/kindergarten

Contact Cindy Seminara for any questions: cynthia.seminara@palmbeachschools.org

Please see below for the list of documents needed if registering in person.

1. A COMPLETED STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM- THIS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE PALMBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG
2. TWO CURRENT PROOFS OF RESIDENCY IN THE PARENT OR GUARDIANS NAME-A LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PROOFS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.
3. BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF AGE-THE STUDENT HAS TO TURN 5 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024.
4. A CURRENT FL IMMUNIZATION FORM (DH680) OR A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION (DH681).
5. A COMPLETE FL PHYSICAL FORM (DH3040). IT MUST BE DATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, WHICH IS 8/12/2024. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT THE PARENT SECTION ON THE BACK OF THE PHYSICAL.**



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Kindergarten Kaleidoscope

This is a mandatory event providing our Kindergarten team a brief glimpse of your child's readiness for Kindergarten. Students will not be assigned a teacher until the kaleidoscope assessment is complete. Two dates are available below. No sign up needed.

Monday, August 5th at 1:00-4:00pm.

Tuesday, August 6th at 3:30-6:30pm.



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Thank you for attending!

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