



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN



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Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome you and your child to kindergarten at Ridgeview Elementary School! We look forward to partnering with you to make this year a success. We are going to have so much fun, make lots of great friends, and learn new things! We focus on developing the whole child at Ridgeview because we know that in addition to skills and knowledge, children need to develop outstanding social and life skills. When the school year begins, we will provide you with a lot of information that will help to make the school year a successful one. For now, enjoy summer and your little one! Below are some things to help prepare your child for the upcoming school year.

Identify Colors, Shapes, Numbers, Letters

Students should be able to identify the letters of the alphabet, identify and write numbers 1-10, identify colors and basic shapes: circle, square, oval, rectangle and triangle. Here are some ideas to make letters fun:

Make letters out of playdoh, write them with sidewalk chalk or paint, or magnetic letters on the fridge. Focus on the letters in the child's name first using upper case and lower case.

Another important skill is for your child to identify first sounds. First sounds are simply when you say a word (such as fish) the child can say the first sound is /f/

Basic Self-Care

Some basic things that can help an upcoming kindergartener are basic self-care skills. For example: tie shoes, zip coats or backpacks, bathroom care, and similar skills.

Social Skills

We encourage parents to make sure they provide plenty of opportunities for their child to socialize and interact in groups of children. It can be quite a shock to a child becoming one of 20 or so, especially if they've never been a part of a large group before. Encourage them to wait their turn, raise their hand, and asking politely for things.

Fine Motor Skills and School Tools

Be sure to give them plenty of chances to practice and 'play' with school tools (glue sticks, Elmers liquid glue, markers, scissors, practice a tripod pencil grip etc...). Not only will these be great skills to have, but it will allow them to focus more on the learning and work involved versus how to use or just explore these items.