Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
What material do they need to have mastered to be ready for kindergarten?	See attached sheet
Do you have social media?	You can follow us on Facebook at Taylorville CUSD #3
How does drop off/pick up work for kindergarten?	We use the front circle drive for drop off and pick up. A video will be sent to the phone number in Skyward, shared on social media, and the school website about a week before school to explain the procedures.
What are arrival and dismissal times?	Drop off begins at 7:45, classes start at 8:15. Dismissal begins at 2:50.
What is the daily schedule and routine?	Each teacher has a different schedule that will be shared on the first day. Along with math and reading, students have a daily thirty minute special. This special will be either Art, Music, or P.E. depending on the day of the week. All students get to participate in all three specials weekly.
Is there a nap time?	There is not a designated nap/rest time.
Progress reports? Behavior charts? What is sent home daily for me to know how his day was.	Most teachers use class dojo to update parents of day to day “happenings.” If a student is in need of a behavior chart, a team at the school will assist in creating an appropriate chart tailored to an individual student’s needs.
What is the average class size?	22-23 students
What happens if my child falls behind in class?	Data drives our decision making processes. In reading, we have Reading Specialists and aides who assist students who have scores that indicate interventions are necessary. In addition, we have an MTSS program (Multi Tiered Systems of Support) in which a team at the school reviews data and looks for appropriate interventions to assist. If interventions are not working, we will ask for a meeting with the parents to determine next steps.

What is the cost, if any, for meals?	At the current time, there is a grant that covers the cost of all breakfasts and lunches for all students.
Communication. Class dojo? Remind app?	Most teachers use Class Dojo. On the first day, the teacher will give you that information as well as the login/sign up.
What does the first day look like?	On the first day, an adult attends for one hour with the student. This allows the teacher to go over daily routines and answer any questions you may have. Sign ups for this will occur during the first week of August.
Are we done registering after we fill out the paperwork?	The pre-registration paperwork allows us to get your student added to the Skyward student management system. In July, the district will open online registration and you will still have certain parts to fill out as part of the official registration process.
How do I get a login to Skyward?	If you already have a student in the district, your kindergartener will be added to the existing Skyward account. If you are new to the district and you have completed the pre-registration process, we will mail your login information the first week of July.
What can I do to help my child?	Be actively involved in your child's education. Build confidence and independence in your child. Trust and stay in communication with the teacher/school. Read to your child as much as possible.
Do I need to label all school supplies?	Many kindergarten teachers have shared bins with supplies in them, so you don't necessarily need to label the markers, pencils, and glue. You will want to label scissors, lunch boxes, backpacks, coats, hoodies, etc. We tend to have a lot of students with similar items and they can get mixed up.

You're on your way to K!

The transition to kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their school experience.

You bet, I'm ready for K!

Personal Needs Without help, can they...
____ Put on and take off coat
____ Tie their own shoes
____ Wash their hands
____ Snap, button, zip, and buckle

Social Skills Can they ...
____ Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
____ Cooperate with other children
____ Sit for short periods of time
____ Follow simple two-step directions

Intellectual Skills Do your children...
____ Sit and listen to a story
____ Hold a book upright and turn the pages
____ Know their first and last name
____ Tell and retell familiar stories
____ Know colors, shapes and sizes
____ Counts 0-10

Intellectual Skills {continued}
____ Saying the ABC's
____ Holds scissors & pencil appropriately
____ Recognizes and writes first name (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name.) M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T
____ Recognizes the letters within their name

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas, provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your children socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others.

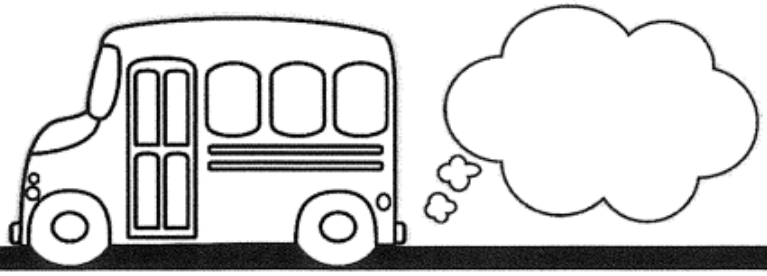
•Additional Resources•



The Leap Frog Letter Factory DVD is a fun and engaging way to teach children the letters and the sounds of the alphabet.



Starfall.com has several free educational videos and games for teaching children the letters of the alphabet, and more!



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