

WELCOME TO THE AUGUSTA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Tips & Tools to Help Your Child Shine This Fall 🌟



We're so excited to welcome your little ones! The best thing you can do before the first day is build **daily routines, positive habits, and a love of learning**. Here are some simple, fun ways to get your child ready for a wonderful kindergarten year.

Ways to Prepare at Home

READING & LANGUAGE

- › Read together every day
- › Visit your local library
- › Sing songs & recite rhymes
- › Practice telling stories
- › Name letters and their sounds in the environment

MATH & THINKING

- › Count objects around the house
- › Sort items by color or size
- › Practice writing numbers 1–10
- › Do simple puzzles together
- › Name shapes in everyday life

WRITING READINESS

- › Practice writing their name
- › Draw pictures & dictate stories
- › Use crayons, markers & paint
- › Trace letters and shapes
- › Cut with child-safe scissors

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

- › Practice sharing & taking turns
- › Role-play school situations
- › Name and talk about feelings
- › Arrange playdates with peers
- › Encourage problem-solving

INDEPENDENCE SKILLS

- › Practice dressing themselves
- › Zip backpack & manage belongings
- › Open lunch containers alone
- › Use the restroom independently
- › Wash hands thoroughly

HEALTHY ROUTINES

- › Set a consistent bedtime
- › Practice the morning routine
- › Eat breakfast together daily
- › Limit screen time before bed
- › Talk about the school day ahead

Remember: Every child develops at their own pace.
Your encouragement, curiosity, and presence are the most powerful tools of all!

Elementary School Screening Dates & Locations

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Farrington Elementary School

📍 **Address:** 249 Eastern Ave
📅 **Date(s):** May 26th & 27th
🕒 **Time(s):** 8:45 am - 2:00 pm
☎ **Contact:** (207) 626-2480

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Gilbert Elementary School

📍 **Address:** 16 Sunset Ave
📅 **Date(s):** May 26th & 27th
🕒 **Time(s):** 8:45 am - 2:00 pm
☎ **Contact:** (207) 626-2491

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Hussey Elementary School

📍 **Address:** 12 Gedney St
📅 **Date(s):** May 18th and 19th
🕒 **Time(s):** 8:45 am - 2:00 pm
☎ **Contact:** (207) 626-2461

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Lincoln Elementary School

📍 **Address:** 30 Lincoln St
📅 **Date(s):** May 21st and 22nd
🕒 **Time(s):** 8:45 am - 2:00 pm
☎ **Contact:** (207) 626-2483

Questions? Contact your child's home school or the district office. **We can't wait to meet your future kindergartner!**