

PERRY ELEMENTARY'S 2017 COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN



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The path to success begins before the first day of kindergarten. Help the children in your life get on track for success! Teach these 16 skills and they will be ready to learn.
HOME Kindergartener Daily Skills Practice

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On **August 17th** call the school office at **(419)221-2771** to make your child's kindergarten screening appointment. Appointments will be held on **August 28th** and **August 29th** from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Your child can't start kindergarten until:

- 1) All required documents are complete
- 2) Screening is completed
- 3) Parent/Guardian attends the **August 30th** Kindergarten Orientation

Required Documents Complete & Screening Appointment Set

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More Information

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Attend **Kindergarten Orientation** on **August 30th** at **9:30am** with your kindergarten child. This is a **required informational** meeting that will help ensure your child has a smooth transition to kindergarten. This required informational meeting last approximately 2 hours. During the meeting you will:

- **Meet your child's teacher** and gain an understanding of what your child is expected to learn in kindergarten.
- **Get to experience** a bit of your child's daily routine including a short bus ride and the cafeteria. (Younger siblings or other children will not be permitted to ride the bus. We ask that you attend with your kindergartener only.)
- **Confirm your child's transportation** service including bus pick-up & drop-off times, bus stop locations, and bus assignments.
- **Learn about important procedures** such as attendance, curriculum, non-bus riders' pick-up and drop-off procedures, lunch and breakfast program, and much more.

1st Day of Kindergarten Thursday, August 31st

A New Kindergartener Should:

- Know his first and last name and his parents first and last name.
- Recognize letters (both uppercase and lowercase) and numbers (up to 10).
- Know basic colors and shapes.
- Use the bathroom independently, dress and undress and wash hands.
- Solve problems without hitting, biting or yelling.
- Follow instructions from teachers and parents.
- Communicate wants and needs (like hunger, pain, happiness) through words.
- Be able to be apart from her parents during the school day.
- Sit quietly for short periods of time and show enthusiasm for learning.



Practice these skills daily.



10 Ways To Get Ready For Kindergarten

1. Create a routine over the summer. Give your child a bedtime (8:00 PM is great!) and stick to it.
2. Have your child practice writing their first name and letters of the alphabet. If your child can do this, try the last name, or practice lower case and upper case letters.
3. Use counting in your daily activities. Count how many steps it takes to get to the mailbox or the park. Count out fruit, placemats, napkins and so forth.
4. Take your child with you to the grocery store, post office, library, and other errands. Talk with them about what they're seeing, hearing and touching. It's all part of learning.
5. Visit your local library and help your child get a free library card. Then use the card to visit the library each week and borrow a book. Read, Read, Read!

Talk about the books you read. Ask questions like:

- What was your favorite part of the story?
 - Which part did you like the least?
 - Half way through, ask your child what they think will happen at the end?
6. Let your child practice their independence by allowing them to make certain choices ("Do you want an apple or banana?"), and by encouraging them to try new things and to problem solve.
 7. Set a limit to the **amount and type** of TV/games your child watches (1-2 hours should be the maximum). When they are watching TV, watch with them and talk about what you see.
 8. Prepare a "study spot" for your child and supply it with crayons, paper, scissors and other kindergarten "tools". Set aside a time each day for your child to draw there. Once school starts this can become the time and place where your child does their homework.
 9. Help your child know or be able to do the following before they enter kindergarten:
 - Their name, address, and telephone number
 - Use the bathroom on their own and button and zip their clothes
 - Share, play with other children, and take directions from adults without incident.
 10. Talk and model the importance of following directions and being cooperative at school.