

Transition to Kindergarten

What to do at home:

1. Practice eating lunch in 20 minutes.
2. Practice packing folders, books, a towel, and a lunch box neatly into a backpack. Practice unpacking those items and zipping up the backpack.
3. Become completely independent with using the bathroom, including: managing buttons, zippers, and snaps, wiping, and proper hand washing.
4. Wash hands while you sing the ABC's at least 1 time.
5. When sneezing or coughing, practice using a "batwing" and cleaning up afterwards.
6. Practice following 2 and 3 step directions. For example, put on your coat and shoes and get in the car. Wash your hands, brush your teeth, and put on your pajamas.
7. Practice solving problems. For example: When something is too high to reach, what can you do to solve the problem yourself? When someone takes a toy from you, what can you do? If someone is bothering you, what can you do?
8. Practice sharing toys and other favorite items with family members and friends.
9. Express emotions in greater detail than happy and sad. Talk about all different emotions, what they mean, and how to express them appropriately.

Summer Fun!

It's not too late to practice social skills! Summer is a great opportunity for playgroups, camps, and structured small group activities with peers. If your child has never been in school before, this is crucial.

Howard County Public Library

Check out Kindergarten Here We Come and many other programs at all branches of our library system!

Resources:

Is Everybody Ready for Kindergarten?: A Toolkit for Preparing Children and Families

By: Angèle Sancho Pass

Bollman Bridge Elementary Kindergarten Supply List 2012/2013

- 6 #2 pencils (not mechanical)
- 4 primary pencils
- 1 pair scissors
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 box crayons OR wide markers OR colored pencils
- 1 regular composition book
- 1 primary composition book
- 2 heavy duty pocket folders (no fasteners)

- 1 box of plastic re-sealable sandwich or snack baggies

Notes to Parents: Please help your child by replenishing supplies during the year as needed.

Donations of tissues, plastic bags, index cards, dry erase markers, clear plastic page protectors, and sticky notes are always welcomed. Your child's teacher(s) will provide details. Throughout the year, your child's teacher(s) may identify other items for donation that would be appreciated. Thank you.

Helpful Websites:

www.hcpsnews.org -- receive school news and Howard County news and alerts

www.bbes.hcps.org -- The Bollman Bridge website with a link to the kindergarten website

www.starfall.com -- A great reading and math game website, appropriate for all levels

<http://www.professorgarfield.com>

<http://www.spellingcity.com> - games to play with our sight words!

www.kerpoof.com - Try "Make A Story"

<http://www.kidsknowit.com/> - This is similar to google but for kids - A safe tool to use to research different topics