



# PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN CHECKLIST

**READY TO START PLANNING FOR KINDERGARTEN? ATTEND THE [WELCOME TO MIDLAND ISD VIRTUAL SCHOOL FAIR ONLINE ON APRIL 8](#) TO LEARN EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ENROLLING YOUR KINDERGARTNER.**

## **SPRING BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

- Start researching kindergarten options. Determine your campus by using a [school finder](#).
- Attend learning sessions and tours like the [Welcome to Midland ISD Virtual School Fair](#) on April 8.
- Choose a school. Factor in things like how close the school is to your home or job and any specific educational focus you are most interested in.
- Find out the enrollment schedule and put it on your calendar.

## **SUMMER BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

- Make a game plan for:
  - Routine -- set a bedtime and wake up schedule that will leave your child feeling well rested and ready to start their school day.
  - Lunch -- decide if your child will eat food provided at school or if you will prepare and send their lunch. Fill out any free or reduced meals paperwork.
  - Transportation -- will your child ride the bus, walk, or will you be dropping off and picking up? Make any necessary arrangements like bus scheduling or someone to help pick up or drop off on days you cannot.
  - Emergency contacts -- Make a list of your child's emergency contacts and be sure you have their work and cell phone numbers.
  - Approved Pick Up List -- Make a list of everyone who is approved to pick your child up from school along with their contact information. No matter your pickup plan, remember that emergencies happen, so it's always good to have a backup option.
- Start practicing your ABCs and counting to 10. Read books about kindergarten.

## **TWO WEEKS BEFORE SCHOOL**

- Get into a routine -- set a regular schedule for dinner, bath time, going to bed and waking up early so that it's an easier transition to the first week of school.
- Purchase school supplies using your school's supply list and label all the supplies with your child's name and grade.
- Look for communication from your child's school about how and when to drop off school supplies.
- If scheduled, attend any meet-the-teacher or kindergarten orientation sessions.
- Start talking with your child about what they are most excited about for kindergarten.

## **ONE WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL**

- Set up your child's backpack with everything they will need.
- Be sure your child's name is on things that might easily get lost like their backpack, lunch box, water bottle, and jacket.

## **FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

- Stick to your nightly routine. Wake up early and excited for your child's first day of kindergarten.
- Make a plan for a nutritious breakfast. If your child is eating breakfast at home, make sure they eat a filling breakfast to give them energy for their first day.
- Have a great first day of kindergarten!

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