



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Lincoln Elementary School. We are happy that your child is enrolling at our school and we look forward to having them in our kindergarten program.

We want the children to be ready and happy to come to school in September. In addition to the attached information, here are a few suggestions to help your child be successful in kindergarten:

- Show a great attitude about school by making positive comments
- Get plenty of rest on school days
- Eat a nutritious breakfast in the morning
- Come to school on time by preparing things the night before (backpacks, clothing, snack, lunch, etc.)

Thank you for coming to Kindergarten Round Up and for letting us meet with your child.

Your support is appreciated.

Lincoln Kindergarten Teachers

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

Parents of children entering Kindergarten can do much to prepare them for the classroom. This first year of formal schooling is an important one in the life of any child. It can be fun and interesting. The experiences gained during this period can shape their attitude for the rest of their educational career. The following are way in which parents can help their child get the most out of Kindergarten:

You can help them gain self-confidence by:

- Allowing them to dress themselves.
- Encouraging them to play with other children (maybe a few days a week at a preschool or in programs sponsored by the City Parks and Rec. Dept.).
- Teaching them to care for their own physical needs.
- Practicing habits of cleanliness such as flushing the toilet and washing their hands.
- Expecting them to pick up and put away their possessions at home.
- Giving them responsibilities and simple errands to do.
- Putting on and taking off coats and sweaters.
- Caring for toys and materials they use.
- Encouraging them to think things through for themselves.
- Planning many first-hand experiences of the world around them such s a trip to the market, post office, zoo, etc.
- Talking informally about these experiences.
- Teaching proper safety habits and the safest route to and from school.
- Teaching them their full name, address, and telephone number.



You can introduce some mechanical skills to your child by allowing them to:

- Cut with scissors.
- Hold and color with crayons.
- Work with paste and glue sticks.
- Practice tying their shoes.



You can begin to help your child in preparation for academic areas by helping them to:

- Recognize letters of the alphabet. Sesame Street can be of help in this area.
- Recognize numerals 1-10.
- Recognize colors.
- Recognize geometric shapes such as square, triangle, circle, and rectangle.
- Listen and relate to a story read to them.
- Teach them to handle books by taking them to the library.
- Print their first name with the first letter capital and the other letters in lower case.



All of the above suggestions should help your child get off to a good start in school. Cooperation between the parent, teacher and child is essential for a successful first year.

We look forward to working with you and your child during the coming school year.

Tips for Reading Aloud



- Set aside at least one traditional time each day for a story.
- Make it an enjoyable time.
- Have your child predict what the story is about from the title.
- Talk about the pictures in the story.
- Have your child predict what will happen next as you read.
- Encourage your child to read with you when there are repetitive parts.
- Talk about what you and your child liked best in the story.
- Your child may love to read the same book over and over and over again...and that's great!!