

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

Now comes a whole new world for you and your child. It is one of the biggest adventures in any child's life; the beginning of school. We at Mason County Eastern Schools will do everything possible to make this a pleasant and memorable time for your child.

Before your child starts kindergarten in the fall, it would be helpful if they could:

- Know full name and age
- Put on and fasten clothing and coats
- Put on and fasten shoes and boots
- Blow nose and keep it clean
- Attend to toilet needs alone
- Stay away from home without crying
- Listen and not interrupt
- Share and take turns
- Respect other people and property
- Accept reasonable disciplinary measures
- Know colors
- Follow simple directions given once and finish a task
- Sit still for short periods of time

Being able to do all of the above is more important than teaching your child to say the ABC's, or numbers, or to write their name. Those will be taught in the regular classroom.

We would like to impress upon you the following facts:

1. No two children grow alike; physically or mentally.
2. Not all children are ready to enter school at the same time. Forcing them to start school before they are ready is as useless as trying to force their teeth to come in before they are ready.
3. If a child is not mature enough, they are not able to develop the skills necessary for later success in school.
4. Lacking self-confidence can mean a poor foundation of mature development throughout his/her school career.
5. Without the best foundation, a child cannot know complete growth physically, socially, mentally, and emotionally.
6. The aim of education is to guide the child toward complete growth.

Since education is a cooperative effort of the home and school, we must use all possible means to guide our children toward maturity and success. Let's try to avoid the two following scenarios: Forcing a child to do something he or she is not prepared for and not expecting a child to do things for himself/herself. If we can keep these facts in mind, your child will have a successful experience in kindergarten.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mark Forner  
K-12 Principal

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Please reach out to Kristy Stewart in the Elementary Office for enrollment information.

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