Resources

HCPS- School Bus Locator

- https://www.hcps.org/schools/schoolbuslocator.aspx

HCPS- My School Bucks

- www.myschoolbucks.com

HCPS- Parent Resources

- www.hcps.org/parents/

Kindergarten Registration

- First Friday in March
- Must be 5 on or before September 1st.
- Some documents may be required for uploading.

Register Online

https://registration.hcps.org/

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Kindergarten Readiness

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What is School Readiness?

A child's ability to demonstrate foundational knowledge, skills, behaviors in key areas or Domains of Learning that prepare him/her for curriculum based on the kindergarten standards.

Building Blocks of Kindergarten Readiness

As your child gets ready for kindergarten, four key areas will determine their readiness: health and self-care, motor skills, social-emotional development, and cognitive skills. These areas help set the foundation for success in school and everyday activities.

Health, Self-Care & Routines

How children take care of their bodies and manage daily routines is important for kindergarten readiness. This includes skills like washing hands, dressing independently, and following a daily schedule. .

Tips for Success

- Get 10-12 hours of sleep per night
- Maintain yearly check ups
- Practice basic self-dressing skills
- Practice independently using the bathroom and feed self
- Follow daily routine
- Limit screen time

Gross and Fine Motor Development

How children use their large muscles to run, jump, and climb is part of gross motor development, while fine motor development involves smaller skills like holding a pencil or using scissors. Both help children build coordination and independence.

Tips for Success

Drawing	Running
painting	Jump Rope
cutting	Dancing
manipulating playdough	Riding tricycles

Social Emotional Development

How children understand and manage their feelings, interact with others, and build friendships. It includes skills like sharing, taking turns, and expressing emotions appropriately.

Tips for Success

- Create home routines
- Set expectations
- Model positive behavior
- Create a calming space in your home
- Initiate play dates with other children
- Practice empathy
- Encourage turn taking and sharing

For more information and resources visit- **Challengingbehaviors.org**

Cognitive Development

How children grow in their thinking and learning abilities. It includes skills like recognizing letters and numbers, solving simple problems, and remembering information.

Tips for Success

Language and Literacy
- Practice talking and listening to adults and other children
- Listen and answer questions about a story
- Practice book and print awareness
- Identify child's name in print
- Identify some letters and sounds

Mathematics
- Practice counting to 20
- Identify numbers to 0-10
- Touch and count objects in a group
- Sort by color, shape, and size