Welcome to Kindergarten

March 31, 2016

Tonight's Agenda

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Kindergarten Expectations
- Kindergarten Screening
- Preparing for Kindergarten
- Questions

School Readiness

- the concept that children have developed a group of skills necessary to learn
- having the ability to learn and cope with the school environment without undue stress
- when a child can ***start*** to benefit from exposure to a specific instructional method

Factors that can affect Kindergarten Readiness:

- Child's rate of development
- Chronological age
- Preschool experiences
- Early health
- Family circumstances
- Personal characteristics

Characteristics of Children Ready For Kindergarten

Emotional Readiness

- Separates easily from parent
- Able to handle mildly stressful incidents
- Generally compliant and dependable
- Growing in unselfishness, yet still self-centered
- Trustful of new people

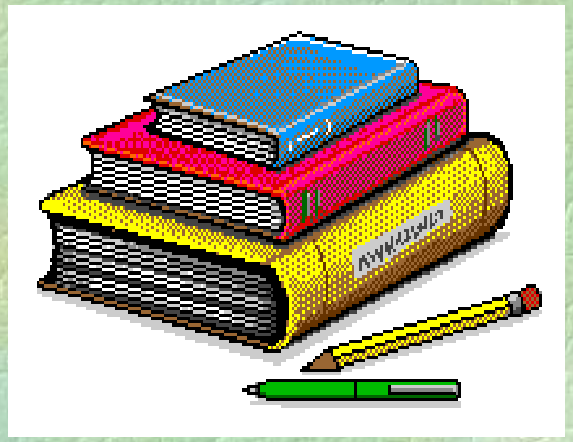
Social Readiness

- Accepts helpful suggestions, adjusts behavior
- Plays cooperatively with others
- Dresses self without assistance
- Comforts others who are distressed
- Shares, takes turns, is able to wait
- Concerned with right and wrong

Motor Readiness

- Uses crayons comfortably
- Cuts with increasing accuracy
- Can do simple puzzles
- Holds writing tools firmly
- Becoming proficient in self-help skills
- Ready to sit and attend to task for 10 to 15 minutes

Cognitive Readiness



- Enjoys listening to stories
- Speech is intelligible
- Is able to respond "on topic"
- Developing left to right scanning techniques
- Recalls details after listening to a story
- Starting to recognize and name alphabet letters
- Can remember simple songs, chants, and rhymes

Kindergarten screening is...

- Kindergarten Screening is a *brief* assessment, usually lasting twenty minutes or less.

- The purpose of Kindergarten screening is to help us identify children who *may* have significant learning differences.

- We conduct K Screening in response to a state law that requires all public schools to offer an assessment procedure for children before they enter kindergarten.

Kindergarten Screening will be held at Beal, Coolidge, and Spring Street Schools on ***June 20th and 21st.***

Screening appointments will be communicated through the Registrar's office

Preparing for Kindergarten

- Know first and last name
- Separate from family, trust other adults
- Be independent in the bathroom
- Know how to verbalize needs
- Operate a backpack independently

Subscribe to the Principal's List Serv

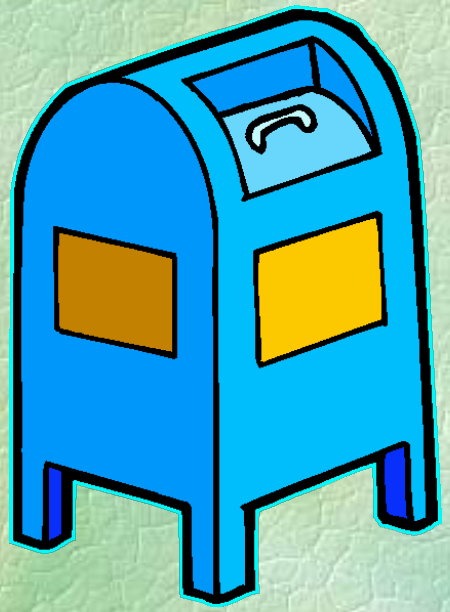
Here's how:

1. Go to Shrewsbury Public Schools
   http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov

2. Click on 'Schools' drop box and find your school

3. Under 'Communication' drop box
   Click on 'Mailing List'

4. Click on the blue box
   Follow directions to join



School success is enhanced by having a parent who:

- Is organized
- Is affirming
- Is informed (list serv)
- Is actively involved with the school
- Advocates for the learning needs of child
- Reads to child

Benefits of reading aloud :

Supports the development of oral language skills

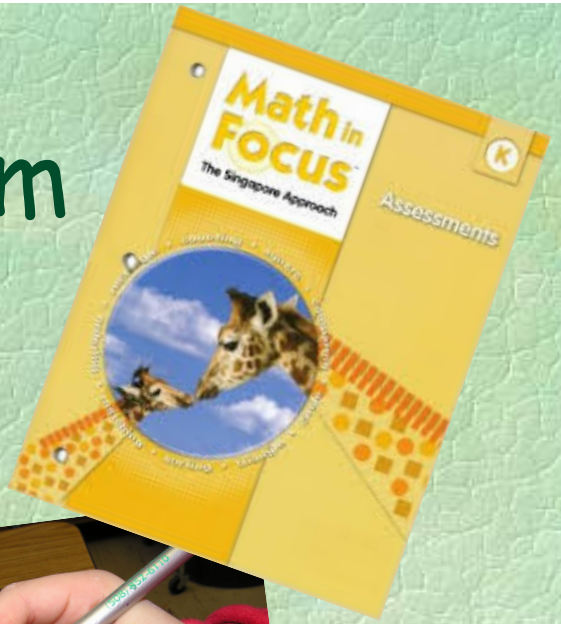
- Comprehending
- Inferring
- Predicting
- Retelling

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- classroom volunteer
- media volunteer
- office help

- Parent Teacher Organization

Kindergarten Curriculum



- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Responsive Classroom/ Social Thinking

Transition Programs

Designed to support the transition from preschool to K

Combines some elements from preschool and adds some kindergarten elements

August 1st-4th

9:00-11:30 or 12:30-3:00pm

Beal Early Childhood Center

Coolidge School

Spring Street School

Paton School

Tuition: $95.00 per week

Before School starts…

Immunizations

Allergies

Medical information

Bus Registration

Powerschool Parent Portal

Demographic Update

Beal
Early Childhood
Center

Respect for Learning
Calvin Coolidge
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Respect for All

PATON SCHOOL

SPRING
STREET
SCHOOL

Questions