

KINDERGARTEN, HERE WE COME!



Transition to Kindergarten
Port Malabar Elementary
Spring 2023



Importance of allowing families and schools to connect prior to children beginning Kindergarten to help ease fears of families, students, school staff.

This is the families first impression of your teachers, staff

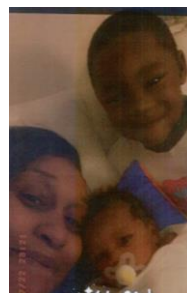
Our Mission:

To create a meaningful transition for **YOU, our families,** and establish authentic relationships as *your child* takes the journey into Kindergarten.



If possible add pictures of your current families

Families....



**Thank you
for being here!**

Share some personal reasons why – connect it to your school

HOW YOUR FAMILY CAN SUPPORT THE TRANSITION PROCESS



- Positive School Talk
- First Day Preparation: Practice Routines
- Good-bye Rituals (special handshake, hug, saying, etc.)
- Read books about kindergarten and starting school



*Use the resources provided tonight to spend quality moments together over the next few months!

Talk about the Parent Pack that you have given to each family

As Pelia shared visit the school again 1-2 weeks before school begins and talk about your routine...

Reduces Stress-the role that parents and teachers have in the life of a child can help to reduce stress because everyone is working together.

Important Details About Starting School

- FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN IS AUGUST 10th
- Three days prior will be individual assessments and supply drop off
- Port Malabar registration day is TBD – This will be when you pick your assessment day. You will also need to show your 2 proofs of residency AGAIN to be in compliance with 45 day window rule.
- Registration day is when you can sign up for BAS, bus, PTO, etc.



Make this personal to your school

Important Details About Starting School

- We start school at 8:00 am and dismiss at 2:30 pm.
- Notify your K teacher of how your child will be going home from school each day! (car loop, bus, community childcare, district school age childcare, etc.).
- Breakfast AND Lunch are served **FREE** everyday to every student.
- Lunch can be brought from home. Goodies can be purchased with cash or through their account.
- You can prepay online at <https://mypaymentsplus.com/> or in the cafeteria.



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Arrival & Dismissal Transportation



Car Loop:

Please follow the map inside your welcome packet. No left turn on to Bidde!!!
No cutting in line!!!

Bus:

Every kindergarten student will wear a bus tag and **MUST** be picked up at the bus stop by an authorized adult who is indicated on this tag. We care about your child's safety, so please check to make sure this process is clear and paperwork is complete. **If an authorized adult is not at the bus stop, your child will be returned to school.**

Brevard After School:

Care is available for school age children after school hours for a fee. Please see the front office for the application, hours of operation and fee schedule.

This topic is truly about safety – Our first responsibility here at _____ Elementary is to be sure your child arrives at school everyday and that he/she is returned safely each day to you.

Transportation changes **CANNOT** be made by phone



On the First Day.....

- Early Arrival
- Know the Classroom Location
- Review the Daily Schedule
- Plan for Lunch
- Dismissal—How will your child go home?
- New Friendships!



It would be wonderful if this slide and the next could be shared by your Kindergarten teachers

The big day is finally here!

Early Arrival- try to get to school early during the first few days to allow time to settle down.

Classroom Location- make sure you know the class location.

Daily Schedule- make sure you know class routines and how long the day will be. Your child may want to know if the kindergarten day will be like Pre-K or if it will be different.

Lunch- discuss lunchtime expectations such as whether your child will bring lunch from home or have a school lunch. The lunchroom/cafeteria can be a scary place so make sure to explain to your child what they can expect.

Dismissal- if your child will ride the bus, discuss the bus route and bus safety. If your child will not ride the bus, remember to share how your they will return home.

New Friendships- reassure your child that he will make many new friends.

Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten teachers share that **MORE** than any academic skill, they want their students to be **READY** for learning.

Skills like:

- Following directions
- Getting along with peers
- Regulating emotions
- Handling self-care tasks

YOU can support this by:

- ❖ Being present for your child
- ❖ Reading together & playing games
- ❖ Listening and talking with your child
- ❖ Spending time outdoors
- ❖ Asking lots of questions
- ❖ Setting appropriate limits with your child

Kindergarten teachers can share the reasons that support why being Ready to Learn is so important

Parent Involvement- it is vital that you spend quality time preparing your child for this big step. Research supports that when parents are involved, children do better in school. Involving yourself in your child's school experience can also ease separation anxiety for you and your child.

Kindergarten PARENT Readiness

Statically, students whose parents are involved in their child's academic and social development, become stronger learners.

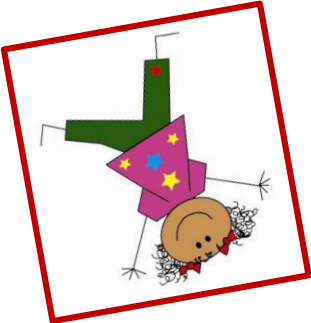
YOU can support this by:

- ❖ Becoming a volunteer
- ❖ Joining the PTO
- ❖ Attending PTO meetings
- ❖ Joining SAC

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Questions: 321-725-0070



*“At the end of the day,
the most overwhelming key to a child’s success
is the positive involvement of parents.”*

-Jane D. Hull



Parent Involvement- Visiting the school when there are classroom events, full school activities and parent-teacher meetings will send the message to your child that they matter and that school is important.

Relationships- build relationships with kindergarten teachers, and other support staff. This sets the expectation that you are supportive and sends a strong message to your child that home and school value one another. It also allows you the ability to converse and talk about school strengths/ challenges as needs arise throughout the year. Always remember that children experience success in school when parents are involved.

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Now let's take a closer look at
the Kindergarten Classrooms
and talk with the teachers.



Let them know you'll come back together for a few moments to close out their visit.