

Preparation for Kindergarten

Here are some suggestions of how you can help your child prepare for Kindergarten:

- ◆ Talk about school with your child.
- ◆ Teach your child to button, zip or snap clothing and take care of all toileting needs.
- ◆ Read to your child to help develop an appreciation of books.
- ◆ Encourage your child to look at and listen to the person talking.
- ◆ Kindergarten children need to wear clothing and shoes that facilitate easy movement. Shoes should allow for easy running.
- ◆ Encourage your child to recognize his/her name.
- ◆ Label all belongings, including sweaters, jackets, raincoats, etc.
- ◆ Help your child understand that sharing is necessary in order to get along with others and be part of a group.
- ◆ Discuss the need for rules in the community, home and school.
- ◆ Guide your child to trust the teacher and those who want the best for him/her.

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2014-2015**

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Welcome

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Kindergarten Philosophy

We believe kindergarten is an integral part of the total elementary school program and provides an opportunity for continuous growth and development of young children.

We believe every individual is unique.

We believe children should receive their kindergarten experiences in a positive climate that is conducive to physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth.

We believe children learn best in a rich and varied environment where exploration is encouraged.

We believe home and school should work together to provide experiences which contribute to a positive self-concept for children.

Kindergarten Resources

Online Parent Resources:

Kindergarten Handbook:

For further information regarding Kindergarten, such as:

- * Curriculum & Resources
- * What your child will learn
- * Frequently asked questions

View the full handbook at:

<http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/curriculum/>
or use the QR code below.



PICASSO (Parents)

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Cobb Digital Library (CDL)

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Typical Day

During a typical day, your child will be involved in the following activities:

Morning Arrival: Children begin to develop their independence as they unpack, organize, and prepare for the day.

Opening: The day begins with morning announcements and group time focused on activities such as singing, read-aloud, weather concepts, and more.

Large Group Time: The teacher uses this time to teach children content in reading, word work, writing, math, science, social studies, and health. This time is interactive as the teacher moves from teaching to guiding children to practice skills.

Small Group Time: Students participate in self-directed tasks that allow them to practice skills they have learned. They meet in groups with the teacher, in learning centers, work independently, or work with a partner on tasks.

Activity Period: Students work on tasks of choice or engage in activities that nurture their creativity, thinking, social development along with the development of content.

Outdoor Activity Time: This is the time when children climb, run, jump, and use large muscles.

Dismissal: Children will discuss the day's work, secure any "take-home" projects, and get coats and personal items together before departing for home.

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How do I help my child get ready for Kindergarten?

- Spend time with your child reading, singing simple songs, counting, learning colors, their name and where they live.
- Read each evening and talk about the world around you, participate in activities together that involve play, discovery and creativity.
- Practice sharing, taking turns, and taking responsibility.



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