

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Readiness

Many parents ask what their child needs to know before starting Kindergarten. What can you do to help? The following skills, behaviors and tasks will make for a successful transition.

Social and Listening

- Interacts well with other children and adults
- Takes turns, shares, and plays well with other children
- Talks with others to solve disagreements and work things out
- Follows simple 2-3 step directions
- Answers simple questions: Who, What, When, Where...
- Demonstrates self-control (raises hand, waits turn to speak, listens to a story)
- Handles their emotions appropriately (anger, mad, sad, happy)

Literacy

- Recognizes name in print, writes first name correctly
- Recognizes at least 15 letters and sounds
- Holds a book correctly and can turn pages
- Shows interest in reading or being read to
- Can say or sing the alphabet
- Can tell if 2 words rhyme such as cat and bat
- Begins to draw pictures to express ideas and tell stories

Math

- Identifies numbers 0-10 and attempts to write them
- Can point and count up to 10 objects
- Identifies basic 2D shapes and colors
- Understands which number is more or less (numbers up to 10)
- Can sort a group of items by color, shape or size

Growing Up

- Knows full name and name of parents, can tell own age, birthday and address
- Can put on, button or zip own clothing, jacket and backpack
- Can use the restroom, wash hands, and blow nose independently
- Asks for help when needed
- Adjusts to new situations without parents being there
- Responds appropriately to redirection, own feelings and feelings of others
- Uses pencils, crayons and scissors appropriately

Hickory Creek Elementary

Top 10 For Parents



1. ANYONE who enters our building must apply and receive "volunteer clearance" through the SJCSJ Keep'n Track system. Go to <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/> and register immediately. Any person not cleared in the system will not be allowed to enter the building.
2. Stay informed via our weekly newsletter (sent through email and text), and by visiting our school website.
3. If you are not receiving communication from the school or your child's teacher, please contact the school to verify that all contact information is correct in our system.
4. Report Cards are only distributed online through our Home Access Center (HAC). Please visit <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/> to get signed up. Paper copies are available upon request. Student progress in grades 3-5 is visible to parents on HAC.
5. Check your child's planner and backpack daily.
6. Join PTO, attend PTO functions, and become involved with our School Advisory Council (SAC).
7. Volunteering in your child's classroom is encouraged. We have many opportunities for parents to serve. Please make pre-arrangements with your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities.
8. Birthday treats are welcomed for students. Please verify allergy needs with your child's teacher. We ask that there be NO cupcakes sent in because the icing stains our flooring (and clothing). Most other treats work just fine.
9. Please make appointments when wanting to conference with the teacher or visit the classroom during the school day.
10. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education. Let us know how we can help you!