



Help Your Child Succeed in PreK Build the Habit of Good Attendance

Early School Success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from prekindergarten forward.

Missing 10 percent of prekindergarten (one or two days every few weeks)

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills.
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade.
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that is hard to break.

Compulsory attendance applies to prekindergarten!

High quality prekindergarten programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in prekindergarten will continue throughout school. You can make the most of prekindergarten by encouraging your child to attend school every day!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to help your child develop strong attendance. Your enthusiasm is a big boost to success.

Talk about it -- sing about it -- make it an adventure!

- : Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- : Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- : Share ideas with other parents for getting out the door on time.

Before the school year starts:

- : Find out what day prekindergarten starts and start the exciting count down!
- : Make sure your child has the required shots.
- : Attend orientation with your child to meet the teachers and classmates.

Ready -- Set GO!

- : Develop back-up plans for getting to prekindergarten if something comes up
- : Ask family members, neighbors or other parents to lend a hand if you need help dropping off or picking up.
- : Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when prekindergarten is not in session
- : If your child seems anxious about going to prekindergarten, talk to the principal, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice. If the problem persists, make sure the program is a good fit for your child.

