



As the first day of kindergarten draws closer, each of our five elementary schools will hold a kindergarten "Jump Start" program the week prior to the start of school. During this time, incoming kindergarteners take part in several "getting to know you" activities with their teachers and new classmates. In addition, they tour the school, complete a bus safety program, and explore the classroom environment through center-style activities. This is a "can't miss" opportunity to help students get started on the right foot.

Welcome to the family!

The first week of school brings the tradition of presenting our "newest Camels" with their class shirts as we welcome them to the Campbell County Schools family. Central office administrators and school administrators make a special presentation of t-shirts marking the students' year of graduation from high school. The students receive a pep talk about the importance of working hard and setting goals for graduation. This is a special time for students and staff alike.

Starting kindergarten is a big step for any child as well as for the people who love them. We at Campbell County Schools are excited to welcome our newest students in August as they reach this important milestone and begin the journey to become ready for college, career and life!

Readiness Fair to be held on April 11 from 9 am to 11:30 am at Crossroads Elementary School. The readiness fair, open to all families in schools across Campbell County, will feature various "readiness" stations hosted by kindergarten teachers, counselors and community members. This is a great place to find answers to a variety of questions regarding how to prepare your child to be school ready.

The goal of this event is to ensure parents have a clear understanding of what it means to be "school ready" and that they are comfortable in preparing their children in each of the five early learning domains. Parents can visit stations that review the BRIGANCE Screener, that share ideas on developing early literacy and numeracy skills. Parents can also learn about all of the support and services provided by the Campbell County School District.

Readiness Indicators

In preparation for school readiness, parents will want to consider the following readiness indicators for their children:

Health and physical well-being

My child:

- Eats a balanced diet
- Gets plenty of rest
- Receives regular medical and dental care
- Has had all necessary immunizations
- Can run, jump, climb, and does other activities that help develop large muscles and provide exercise
- Uses pencils, crayons, scissors, paints and does other activities that help develop small muscles

Emotional and social preparation

My child:

- Follows simple rules and routines
- Is able to express his or her own needs and wants
- Is curious and motivated to learn
- Is learning to explore and to try new things
- Has opportunities to be with other children and is learning to play/share with others
- Is able to be away from parents/family without being upset
- Is able to work well alone
- Has the ability to focus and listen

Language, math and general knowledge

My child:

- Uses 5-6 word sentences
- Sings simple songs
- Recognizes and says simple rhymes
- Is learning to write her name and address
- Is learning to count and plays counting games
- Is learning to identify and name shapes and colors
- Has opportunities to listen to and make music and to dance
- Knows the difference between print and pictures
- Listens to stories read to them
- Has opportunities to notice similarities and differences
- Is encouraged to ask questions
- Has his television viewing monitored by an adult
- Understands simple concepts of time (night and day, today, yesterday, tomorrow)
- Is learning to sort and classify objects

Note:

*School readiness skills and behaviors are not to be used to determine school eligibility; all children who meet the legal age requirement are entitled to a public school education.

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