

# READINESS GAZETTE

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## News You can Use

Kindergarten is filled with lots of learning, adventure and FUN! Sometimes we forget that some of the youngest learners need some different or extra supports. For Kindergarteners, they need to begin practicing NOW some skills that will help foster independence and success in the classroom and beyond. Some of the best ways to help are to attach words to feelings. Children can't naturally describe what emotions are; they need help figuring that part out. Start now attaching meaning and words to their feelings. Another way to help is to encourage your little one to use their words to communicate their wants and needs. Things like, "My tummy hurts", "I need some water," and the big one, "I need help," are great things to help independence and success grow. Lastly, the ability to follow simple directions is HUGE. For many reasons, (including safety) this is so important in fostering respectful, responsible learners. We are READY to welcome your family to our school. Our teachers are prepared and ready to offer the safest, most engaging, appropriate instruction for your little one. Thank you for sharing them with us. We can't wait to watch them grow and learn.

## Did you know?

In 2018, only 47% of kids who entered Kindergarten demonstrated readiness skills. They will likely have a lower chance of mastering basic skills by the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

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## Just a few Reminders

Kindergarten readiness doesn't begin in preschool or even the summer before starting school.

Help your children find their feelings. Questions like "How does that make you feel?" or "How would you feel if that happened to you?" are great places to start.

Use "I" statements to help your child communicate their wants or needs.

Figure out how to solve problems, take turns, and find positive solutions to sticky situations.

Practice NOW following directions. This skill is critical to success. Whether its for safety reasons, routines/expectations, or learning a new skill.

Make an obstacle course or a game out of opening snacks, juices, drinks, lunchables, etc. The more your child can do for themselves, the more time they have to eat lunch and enjoy snack time.

## Quotable Quotes

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."  
B.B. King



## Code of Conduct

- ❖ I will be respectful.
- ❖ I will be responsible.
- ❖ I will be safe.
- ❖ I will be a peacemaker.