

TK and K

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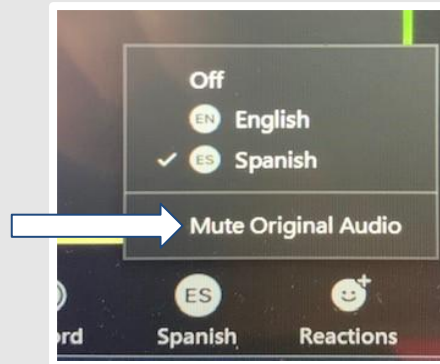
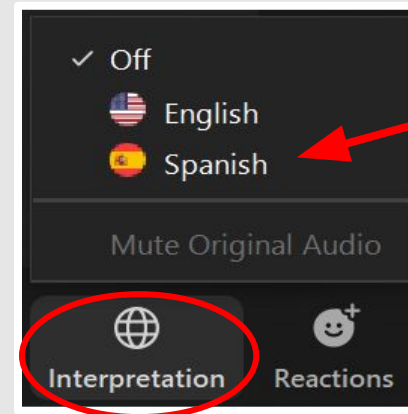




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**Q and A
in Chat**

Welcome and Introductions



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Agenda

- Why are TK & K so important?
- Getting Ready for TK & K
- Reading Together
- Preparing for the 1st Day of School
- Quick Reference Sheet



Why are TK and K important?










TK & Kindergarten

The first years of schooling are critical ones. In transitional kindergarten through grade one, children acquire the **skills, knowledge, and dispositions** that establish the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Children achieve these skills and understandings through carefully specified and **strategically sequenced instruction** and rich, authentic experiences in a **developmentally appropriate environment**.

A Day in TK


-  Developmentally-appropriate learning
-  Oral language and literacy development
-  Social Emotional development
-  Exposure to letters, sounds, & numbers
-  Purposeful play



A Day in K

 Standards-based instruction

 Small group centers and rotations

 Fine motor skills like cutting, coloring, gluing, drawing, and printing

 Social Emotional learning









Getting Ready for TK and K



Getting Ready for TK and K

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

-  Let your child play!
-  Read books about going to school
-  Encourage independence
-  Encourage consistent hygiene skills



Getting Ready for TK and K






LANGUAGE

-  Read together
-  Sing together
-  Talk together
-  Give your child simple, step-by-step directions to follow



Getting Ready for TK and K





MOTOR SKILLS

-  Practice large muscle movements
-  Encourage using small muscle movements
-  Encourage writing, drawing, and coloring
-  Practice using scissors
-  Work with them to learn to write their name



Getting Ready for TK and K

ACADEMICS

-  Sing, read, and talk about the alphabet
-  Talk about colors and shapes
-  Count numbers up to 30
-  Teach them their full name, your name, and phone number



Getting Ready for TK and K

Do's



Be consistent



✗ Give in after begging or crying



Use calm, neutral tones



✗ Get compliance through anger or frustration



Use first-then language



✗ Bribe or negotiate



Allow disappointment, sadness, frustration



✗ Over-sympathize or avoid those feelings

Don'ts

Getting Ready for TK and K

SCREEN TIME

- 🍏 Limit screen time
- 🍏 Quality screen time
- 🍏 The YouTube Trap
- 🍏 Watch shows with them
- 🍏 Time and place for devices



Reading Together





Reading Together

When you sit close to your children and read aloud, you show them that reading is fun. As they look and listen, they learn a lot about how books work and how people read. They learn new words and ideas from the stories.

Read to Them Everyday

Finding time to read together can be a challenge! Here are some ideas...



Bedtime



Running errands



Everyday items



Keep it up!



Before You Read

 Choose books together

 Find a special place

 Talk about the pictures



While You Read



Be dramatic!



Invite them to join in






Ask questions



Point to the words



After You Read

-  Talk about the story
-  Make connections
-  Create your own version



Additional Tips

 Introduce the author

 Pace your reading

 Build new vocabulary

 Draw a picture

 Have fun!



Integrate Reading in Your Routine

-  Read everything!
-  Bring books wherever you go
-  Arrange related day trips
-  Visit your local library
-  Play games with words & letters
-  Describe what you are doing











Preparing for the First Day of School



Preparing for the First Day of School

TWO WEEKS BEFORE








-  Talk about what to expect
-  Get them excited about new friends
-  Visit the school together
-  Create a new morning routine
-  Let them pick supplies or a special outfit
-  Discuss what rules might be different

Preparing for the First Day of School

ONE WEEK BEFORE



-  Practice your new morning routine
-  Practice going to the school
-  Keep talking about what to expect
-  Remind them of rules and expectations
-  Ask them how they are feeling

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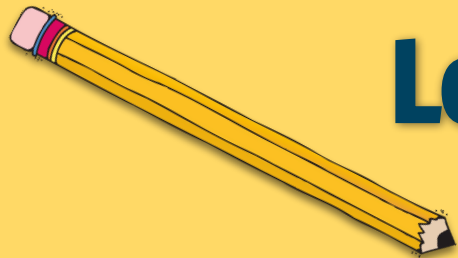
THE BIG DAY



-  Lay their clothes out the night before
-  Give yourself extra time
-  Pack favorite/special foods
-  Show them where everything is
-  Say goodbye appropriately

Quick Reference Sheet





Let's Go To School!

DAILY 4



**Read
Together**



**Practice
Skills**



**Present
Challenges**



**Play with
Purpose**



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

