



MCS Kindergarten Parent News

Hello Parents!

Kindergarten will be a year filled with exciting new adventures for you and your child. We are thrilled you chose Murfreesboro City Schools for your kindergarten home, and look forward to partnering with you for your child's success. Over the next ten weeks, you will receive a weekly tip to help prepare your child for the first year of school. We hope you find the information helpful and insightful.

Enjoy your summer, and we will see you in August.

Tip #1 to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

It's a simple tip, but very productive: **talk with your child about what you see.** Make up stories and sing songs together. Talking with your child helps them learn about words and languages. The more words and conversations you share together, the better prepared they will be to learn.

Even a trip to the grocery can be a learning tool. Point out colors, shapes and items such as a banana is yellow and is curved in shape. When you talk to your child throughout the day, it allows them to practice listening and speaking.

Check out these tips for incorporating talking, reading, and singing into your everyday routine.

[Talking is Teaching](#)



Talking together

So much brain growth happens through talking and listening. Your little one is busy learning sounds, words, and phrases. She is also making connections between them and what she sees. Young children naturally explore the world. They touch, feel, see, hear, and taste. To begin rich conversations with your child, draw on her five senses. Here are some ideas:

SPARKING CONVERSATION

- **How does it feel?**
Touch is often how children experience the world. Let your child feel certain textures. Then help him give each a name ("Your sweater is really soft." "The carpet is fuzzy.")
- **Breathe deeply.**
When you're taking a walk, point out the smells in your world ("Mmm...this bread from the bakery smells fresh! Let's smell it!")
- **Do you see what I see?**
Even looking out the window together and pointing at what you see is an opportunity for conversation. (Your child's babbles, coos, and gestures count!)
- **It's a matter of taste.**
Talk about how things taste in your mouth ("Does that juicy watermelon taste sweet?"). This will help your child to build her vocabulary.
- **Listen up!** Sounds are everywhere. When you are out, talk about what you hear ("Do you hear the cars beeping?" "The wind is rattling the branches."). Helping your child tune in to sounds is a way to build listening skills.

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Welcome to Murfreesboro City Schools!

We are so glad you chose to be a part of the MCS community. I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next few years. Kindergarten is a big step and every day matters to ensure that your child receives the highest quality educational experience.

You will find that MCS has some of the best kindergarten teachers in the state. Not only will that embrace your child with a kind heart, they are prepared to assist your child in their academic journey.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, "Oh the Places they will Go," and we are eager to help them along the way.

Kindest regards,

Joe Marlin
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