

Kindergarten Readiness -and- Summer Fun



Making Learning Fun
in the Summer

Deep Run Elementary School
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Agenda

- Welcome and Staff Introductions
 - Children will go to the kindergarten classrooms
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Learning Activities

Kindergarten Readiness: An Overview

Building Blocks of Kindergarten Readiness



Health, Self-Care & Routines



Gross and Fine Motor Development



Social Emotional Development



Cognitive Development





Health, Self-Care & Routines

How we fuel and care for our bodies so we have energy, can focus and feel our best.





Health, Self-Care & Routines

Health

- Sleep: Need 10-12 hours of sleep a night
- Healthy food
- Love and nurturing
- Safe home environment
- Checkups and immunizations
- Healthy teeth

Self-Care

- Does basic self-dressing (may still need help with buttons, zippers and shoelaces)
- Able to feed self independently
- Uses the bathroom and washes up independently
- Knows and can say full name and age

Routines

- Follows regular daily routines.
- Limited screen time per AAP guidelines (limit to 1 hour per day)

Age-Appropriate Independence

- Assign basic, specific chores to your child (ex. Pick up the cars and put them in the blue box, put out the napkins and utensils for dinner)
- Although it is tempting to step in, allow your child to solve his/her own (minor) problems (ex. If he/she spills water, ask “what do you think you should do about that?”)
- By no means do we recommend allowing your child to remain in unsafe situations, and when in doubt, err on the side of caution!



Fine and Gross Motor

The movement and use of your “small” and large muscles.

Buttoning

Zippering

Using scissors

Coloring

Using a pencil

Picking up a toy

Picking up food

Jumping

Running

Hopping

Riding a bike

Sitting at a table



Playgrounds!

Troy Park (Elkridge)



Harwood Park (Elkridge)



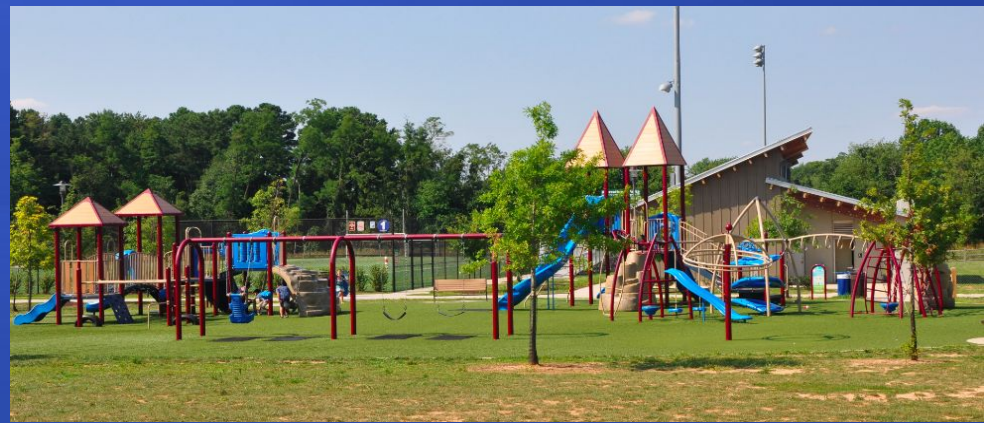
Waterloo Park (Elkridge)



Meadowbrook Park (Ellicott City)



Blandair Park (Columbia)





Social Emotional Development

How we understand and control our feelings, understand others and build relationships.



To be ready for kindergarten, children need to be able to:

- Be separate from you without getting overly upset.
- Handle emotions and conflicts with help.
- Play with other children and make friends.
- Follow simple routines and two step directions.
- Pay attention for at least five minutes to a task an adult is leading, such as listening to directions or a book during circle time.
- Sit at a table and work independently for short periods of time.

Play Skills/ Social Problem-Solving

- UNPLUG! Play non-electronic games and activities. These typically involve turn-taking, waiting, and learning that “you win some, you lose some.” Puzzles are great for teaching teamwork and persistence!
- Encourage creative and dramatic play. This helps to build symbolic thought and aid in language development. It can be as simple as running a “bakery” using play-doh cookies.
- Dramatic play with peers is great, but siblings, parents, and babysitters are all excellent playmates, too. 😊

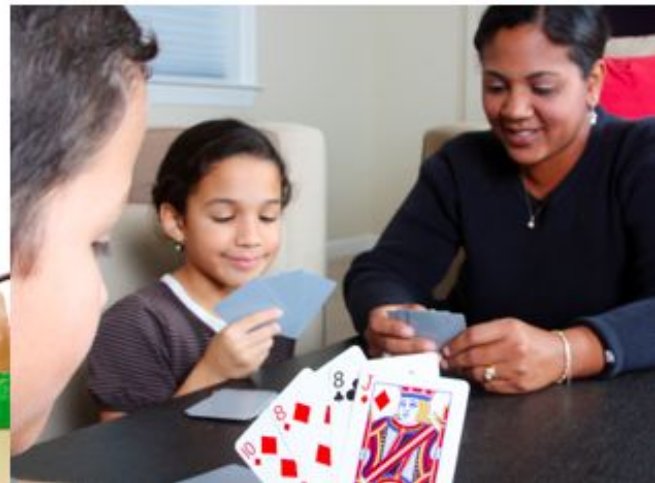
Experience with Peer Groups

- This is the most difficult skill to work on at home.
- If your child has attended school or childcare, he/she probably has had these experiences. If your child has not been in a school/childcare setting, you can still provide exposure to group settings:
 - Library programs (Visit www.hclibrary.org for a schedule of programs)
 - Camps (Visit www.columbiaassociation.org or <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Recreation-and-Parks>)
 - Play dates



Cognitive Development

How we think, remember, solve problems and make decisions.



Real-World Experiences

- We are fortunate to live in a community with many, many interesting attractions. Some may cost money, but MANY do not!
- Children who visit the farm, for example, have a much deeper understanding of farm animals than those who have only seen farms on TV or in books.
- Vocabulary development is an important component of reading, and first-hand experiences help strengthen vocabulary skills.
- Some free and cheap ideas: Storyville in Woodlawn, Waterloo Park, the zoo (the one in DC is free), Robinson Nature Center

Adventures!

These activities are also things you can do with your child to help develop their literacy and support them in reading. They may involve some planning and you might only have time to do them a few times a month or on the weekends.



Skills Strengthened: Listening and Speaking, Vocabulary

Exciting Places to Visit

Wizard of Oz Playground
(Watkins Regional Park)



Storyville



Conservatory &
Botanic Gardens



Walters Art Museum



Patapsco State Park



National Museum of Dentistry



Exciting Places to Visit

Baltimore Museum
of Industry



Fort McHenry



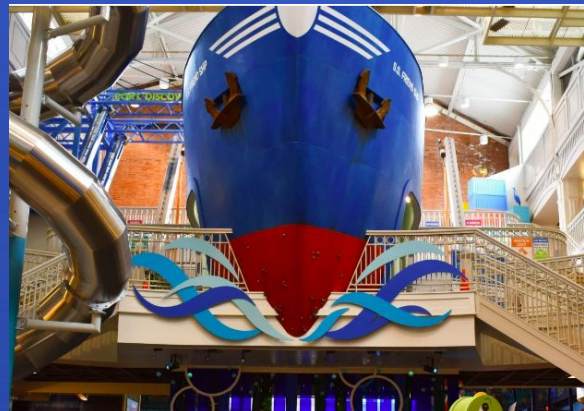
The Maryland
Science Center



B & O Railroad Museum



Port Discovery
Children's Museum



Reginald F. Lewis Museum of
Maryland African American
Industry and Culture





Cognitive Development: Mathematical Thinking

Children are “ready” to think mathematically when when they use numbers and math language to represent and communicate about the world around them.



Cognitive Development: Reading Readiness

Children are “getting ready” to read when they know how to handle books, know that print has meaning, and can recognize some letters and sounds.

Summer Literacy Fun!

- Letter Cards
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Notepads/ Journal



Fun with Sidewalk Chalk

Anything that students may hate to do with paper and a pencil is instantly more motivating if they get to use different writing tools!

- Drawing pictures
- Writing names, letters, and numbers
- Using writing tools strengthens fine motor skills! 😊



Fun with Letter Cards

Combine letter cards with games and physical activity to engage the brain and body!

- Swat the Letters!
- Letter Memory
- Letter Relay
- Letter Hunt



Fun with Junk Mail!

Put your junk mail, catalogs, newspapers, and magazines to good use!

- Find the Letter/
Number
- Beginning Sound
search
- Words I can “read”
(environmental print)



Fun with Notepads!

Nothing says "Big Kid School" like a journal!

- Let your child keep a journal of his/her summer fun! You can ask your child to tell you the best thing that happened each day. You can write the words, and your child can illustrate the day's events.



- Other Journal Ideas: cutting/pasting letters, pictures that start with a certain sound, or environmental print that your child can read.

Summer Math Fun!

- Dice



- Playing Cards



- Board Game



Fun with Dice!

Use dice to infuse math into everyday activities!

- Exercise Dice- Roll the dice, do a specific exercise that many times!
- Use dice with games you might already have at home (ex. Candyland, Hi Ho Cherry-O)

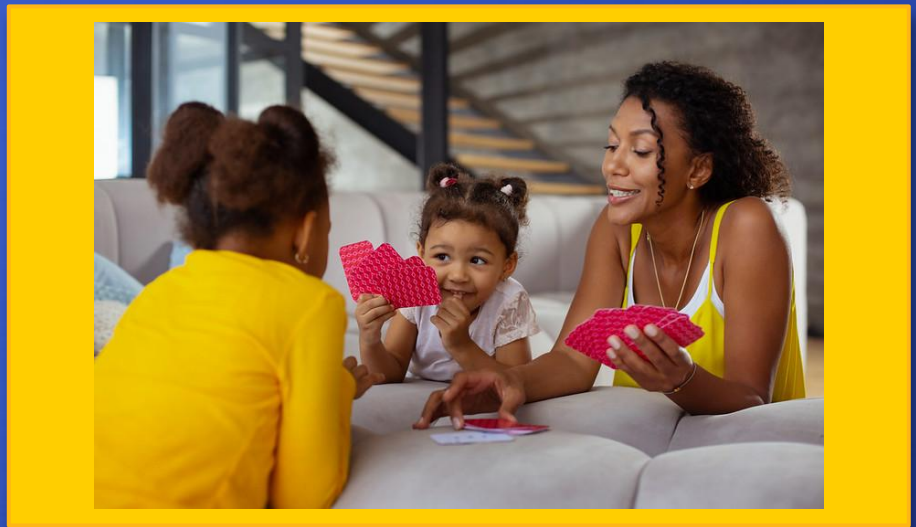


Fun with Playing Cards!

Use playing cards to build your child's understanding of number and quantity!

(For these games, remove face cards)

- 1-2-3- Flip: Each person flips over a card, and the person with the greater number wins
- Order, Order: Mix up the numbers, kids race to put them into the correct order



Fun with Board Games!

*Board games are fun for the whole family,
and a great tool for building math skills!*

- Count how many spaces you move each turn (Candyland).
- Recognize numbers as you land on them (Chutes and Ladders)
- Use deductive reasoning and think about describing words (Guess Who)



***MOST OF ALL: Learn about
being a good sport- both in
winning and in losing!***

Summer Reading Fun!

Library Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities



Library Classes and Events- calendar available at the Children's Desk, online, and in the Source guide

Also, be sure to check out "Kindergarten, Here We Come!" in early August at the library (various branches, various dates)

Websites for Kids

- www.starfall.com (K-3)
- <http://www.turtlediary.com/games.html> (pre K-K)
- www.ictgames.com/literacy.html (pre K-1)
- www.pbskids.org
- www.seussville.com
- www.storylineonline.net



Websites for Parents

- www.readingrockets.org
- www.pbs.org/parents/readinglanguage/
- www.reading.org/InformationFor/Parents.aspx
- Google your child's favorite author!
- Download apps for your phone, ipod, ipad, etc! (There are many on the parent support pages from HCPSS- address is below)

Check out <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/> for many helpful learning links



IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Deep Run Digest 5-20-2022

Read the latest newsletter.

Kindergarten Orientation Activities

Learn about activities to help you and your child transition to kindergarten.

Kindergarten Registration Begins March 7th

Learn how to enroll your child and about orientation events.

Receive emails and text messages from Deep Run and HCPSS

Read this information if you are not receiving text and/or emails from HCPSS and Deep Run.

PreK Registration---Apply Now!

If your child is 4 by September 1, learn how to apply for PreK.

Learning Together Program--Prekindergarten

Learn about a program available for 3 and 4 year olds in our Regional Early Childhood Center.

Remember

Do...

- Have FUN learning and playing WITH your child!
- Model good reading habits.
- Go to the library!
- Allow your child freedom to choose- books, activities, etc.
- Search the internet for: FREE things to do in Howard County, Baltimore, Washington D.C.
😊 hulafrog.com is a great site for this!



Don't...

- Make reading (or writing) a chore: something that must be finished before a more fun activity.
- Punish with reading or writing.

Upcoming Dates/ Important Information

Summer Playdates at Waterloo Park

- Thursday, June 30th at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, August 20th at 9 am

School Dates

- Popsicles on the Playground-
August 22nd 4pm- 5pm
- Kindergarten Orientation-
Friday, August 26 from 1:15 pm
- First day of school-
Monday, August 29th

Questions?



Thank you!!

Thank you all for coming tonight!
Here's a sneak peek at your prizes...



Please complete the evaluation,
then bring it to the check-out table!

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2022-23 KINDERGARTEN EVENTS

Check Out Our Upcoming Events
for the 2022-23 K Families



May
23

Jump into K Night

Families can come and see a K classroom. Parents will learn some tips and tricks for a smooth transition to K. Children will experience some fun K activities. 6:15-7:30

June -Aug
30-20

Play dates

Come for a play date at Waterloo Park. Meet other DRES K families and make some new friends before school starts. June 30 @ 6:30, July 20 @ 6:30, & Aug 20 @ 9:00 AM

Aug
22

Popsicles on the DRES Playground

Play on the school playground and meet your fellow classmates and members of the school staff. 4:00-5:00

Aug
26

Orientation/ Open House

Meet the K teachers and learn all about the first day of school and the general routines and procedures for the school year. Orientation @ 1:15 Open House from 2-3

For more information:
410-313-5000 or www.dres.hcpss.org

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2022-23 KINDERGARTEN EVENTS

Consulte nuestros próximos
eventos para las familias K 2022-23



Mayo
23

Salta a la noche de K

Las familias pueden venir y ver un salón de clases de K. Los padres aprenderán algunos consejos y trucos para una transición sin problemas a K. Los niños experimentarán algunas actividades divertidas de K. 6:15-7:30

Junio -Agosto
30-20

Fechas de juego

Ven a jugar a Waterloo Park. Conozca a otras familias de DRES K y haga nuevos amigos antes de que comiencen las clases. 30 de junio a las 6:30, 20 de julio a las 6:30 y 20 de agosto a las 9:00 a. m.

Agosto
22

Paletas de hielo en el patio de recreo de DRES

Juega en el patio de la escuela y conoce a tus compañeros de clase y miembros del personal de la escuela. 4:00-5:00

Agosto
26

Orientación/ Casa Abierta

Conozca a los maestros de K y aprenda todo sobre el primer día de clases y las rutinas y procedimientos generales para el año escolar. Orientación @ 1:15 Casa Abierta de 2-3

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