

Before and After School Programs

Randolph Public Schools, The Springboard Education Foundation and the Extended ARMS Program, join together to offer you an extended-day program option at all Randolph Elementary schools!

* Professional teachers who work with your child every day to tutor and help with their homework (This is crucial for your child's academic success!)

* Electives - Programs offers exciting enrichment classes including band, science, sports, robotics, Spanish and more!

* Assorted Activities - There's time every day to relax with friends. There is an array of activities including games, sports, arts and crafts, chess and more.

Daily Options Include:

- *Core Program of Academic and Activities*
- Optional Electives that meet for one hour once a week - in conjunction with the Core Program or by itself. Electives are designed to offer your child a fun and enriching course on anything from robotics, to hip hop, to cooking, photography, and more!

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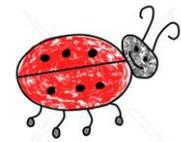
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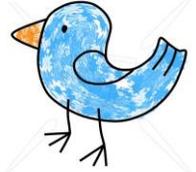


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Transition to Kindergarten: A Guide for Randolph Families



Children Begin Learning at Home

YOU count! Everything families do to nurture and protect their children makes a difference. No matter when a child enters school, parents and other family members are the first people in a child's life to appreciate who they are and what they do. By encouraging curiosity, communicating family values and genuinely appreciating the child, families establish a strong foundation for learning that lasts a lifetime.

Children thrive and grow when their parents, other family members and caregivers talk and play with them. The people in the child's home are their first teachers. By talking, telling stories and singing to and with young children, adults help children learn language.

Young children are more likely to thrive in school when they know lots of words and are able to express their ideas and needs. Spending time talking and playing with your child helps increase their vocabulary, makes them feel good about themselves, and helps them begin school eager and ready to continue learning.



10 Ways to Get Ready for Kindergarten

1. Create a routine over the summer. Give your child a bedtime (8:00 PM is great!) and stick to it.
2. Have your child practice writing their first name. If your child can do this, try the last name, or practice lower case letters.
3. Use counting in your daily activities. Count how many steps it takes to get to the mailbox or the park. Count out fruit, placemats, napkins, and so forth.
4. Take your child with you to the grocery store, post office, library, and other errands. Talk with them about what they're seeing, hearing and touching. It's all part of learning!
5. Visit the Turner Free Library or any other library and help your child get a free library card. Use the card to visit the library each week and borrow a book. Talk about the books you read. Ask questions like:
 - What was your favorite part of the story?
 - Which part did you like the least?
 - Half way through, ask your child what they think will happen at the end?
6. Let your child practice their independence by allowing them to make certain choices ("Do you want an apple or a banana?"), and by encouraging them to try new things and to problem solve.
7. Set a limit to the amount of TV your child watches (1-2 hours should be the maximum). When possible, watch TV with them and talk about what you see.
8. Prepare a "study spot" for your child and supply it with crayons, paper, scissors and other kindergarten "tools." Set aside a time *each day* for your child to draw there. Once school starts this can become the time and place where your child does their homework.
9. Help your child know or be able to do the following **before** they enter kindergarten:
 - Their name, address, and telephone number
 - Use the bathroom on their own
 - Button and zip their clothes
 - Share and play with other children.This will help them to adjust to their new kindergarten classroom.
10. READ, READ, READ! (In English or any native language!)