

**Welcome to Kindergarten At  
Delaine Eastin Elementary School 2019-2020**



**Kindergarten Parent Orientation**

**Eastin MP Room - Friday, May 24, 2019 from 1:00-2:30**

## Top 15 Things Every Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten

- Be able to state first and last name when asked.
- Be able to write first name with first letter upper case and remaining letters lower case.
- Use appropriate three-finger grasp when using writing instruments (pencils, crayons and scissors)



- Count to at least thirty and tells what number comes before or after a given number to 20.
- Know all the letters in their first name.
- Identify basic geometric shapes (triangle, circle, square, rectangle, oval, star, rhombus (diamond) and heart)
- Know basic colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink)
- Identify numerals 1-10 in random order.
- Make most letter/sound matches.
- Identify most upper and lower case letters.
- Use finger to accurately touch count items to ten.
- Knows concepts of print (front and back of book, which page comes first, track words left to right).
- Be able to rhyme words.
- Retells simple stories in sequence.
- When given a word (“man”) and a new beginning sound (/f/), creates the familiar word (“fan”)

## **Socially, your child should be able to...**

Adjust own clothing before and after using restroom.

Use restroom independently including washing hands without reminders

Take off and put on outer clothing

Sit for a story for 5-10 minutes

Clean up after themselves

Shares materials and toys with other children.

Attend kindergarten with a positive attitude

Be confident and ready to separate from parent.

Be able to listen and follow 2-3 step directions.

Be able to solve problems without aggression.

## **Help Prepare Your Child by...**

Going to interesting places such as the beach, park, zoo, airport, farm or lake. (Example: Use car rides to play I Spy, this encourages children to identify shapes, colors and helps develop their vocabulary in fun ways.)

- Encourage your children to observe and talk about their experiences, as conversations with adults who care enrich a child's vocabulary and understanding of world.
- Make eye contact with your child while listening to them speak, showing them that you value what they say.
- Expose your child to many kinds of literature by reading to them daily.
- Praise and encourage your child's efforts and curiosity, knowing that from learning comes mistakes and confidence. Criticism can discourage children from trying new things and lower self-confidence.

# Ready for kindergarten!

Please make sure your kindergarten student has the following items everyday:

1. FULL-sized backpack  
(please label with name).



2. Small, healthy snack.

\*If your child goes to Kids First, pack kids first lunch and kindergarten snack separately.



3. Jackets/Sweater  
(please label with name).



Child's name here.

4. Closed toe shoes.

