

Is My Child Ready For Kindergarten?



School readiness is more complex than gender and chronological age



Social Development

By the Time your child enters kindergarten, they should be able to do the following...

- trust other adults and children
- play along with, not just next to, other children
- learn and play in a group without disrupting



Emotional Development

Your child should have...

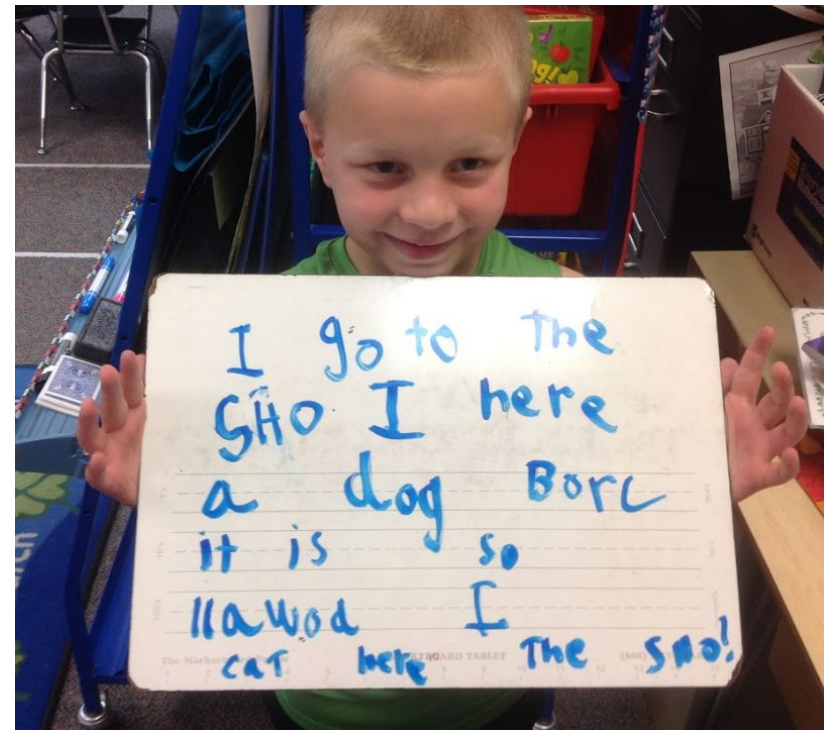
- some degree of independence and self-direction
- self-control or ability to delay gratification
- reasonably amount of confidence and be willing to try new things
- some interest in school and learning new things



Language Development

To be ready for kindergarten, your child should be...

- able to understand directions
- able to express needs
- able to communicate with adults and children
- able to express thoughts in sentences that other adults can understand
- expanding vocabulary



Phonological Development

- Recognizes their name in print
- Can recognize at least 10 alphabet letters when requested
- Can write their own name
- Can recognize familiar signs, words or favorite logos



Motor Development

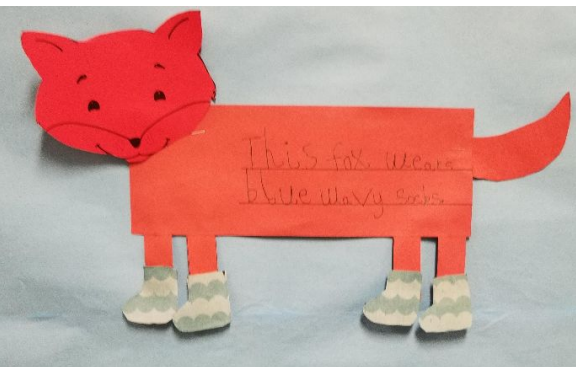
- can run and jump
- has self-help skills: dressing, eating, and toileting
- able to manipulate small objects
- can copy simple symbols
- can hold a pencil appropriately



Intellectual and Academic Development

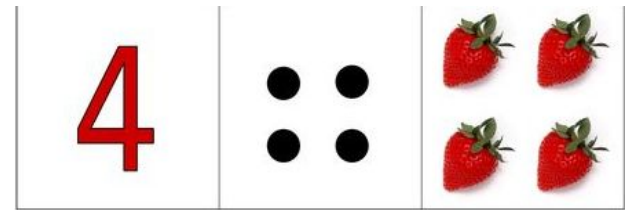
- able to focus on an activity for 10-15 minutes or longer
- has had experiences outside the home with other people
- can follow simple directions and knows simple routines
- able to finish tasks without continued adult prompting

You can help by learning nursery rhymes, and reading to your child everyday.



Mathematical Concepts

- Can count objects and understands basic shapes
- Understands the concept of more or less of something.
- Can match a the number with a picture of that many.

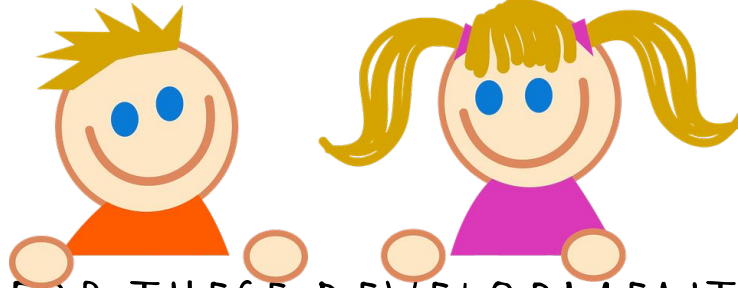


You can help by playing number games, flashcards, and doing puzzles together





Mrs. Baumgartel and Mrs. Smith would also like to stress for all kindergarteners to be able to tie their shoes. Youtube is a great resource for finding ways to teach them if you need some inspiration!



TESTING FOR THESE DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES

ASQ

Ages and Stages Questionnaire...This is a state mandated program and we as a school are required to collect this data as your child enters our school.



WHAT'S THE PLAN?

JUST KNOW THIS IS NEW TO US TOO! BECAUSE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST 5 YEARS OF LIFE ARE SO IMPORTANT, WE WANT TO HELP YOU PROVIDE THE BEST START FOR YOUR CHILD. WE WILL PROVIDE TWO AGES & STAGES QUESTIONNAIRES TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY YOUR CHILD'S PRESENT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT. THE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S AGE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME THINGS YOUR CHILD CAN AND CANNOT DO. THE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL ASSESS YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION, GROSS MOTOR, FINE MOTOR, PROBLEM SOLVING, AND PERSONAL-SOCIAL SKILLS.

- Parent Questionnaire open from August 1-20
- Counselors and Principals will be available to assist anyone
- Questionnaire will be part of the online enrollment process
- Can be done online or on paper...just make the request in the office
- Teachers will schedule a review conference on Sept. 24 from 1-8 pm

How is your child involved?

- September 4-15, teachers will screen your child once again to prepare for the conference
- September 24th conference will be the time the teachers share information with each of you to allow for interventions/enrichments at home, as well as, at school
- This allows for more understanding of how your child is progressing and if there are any needs that are not being met.

Day to Day

- Dropping your child off at school
- Picking your child up from school
- visiting the classroom-badge, sign in...



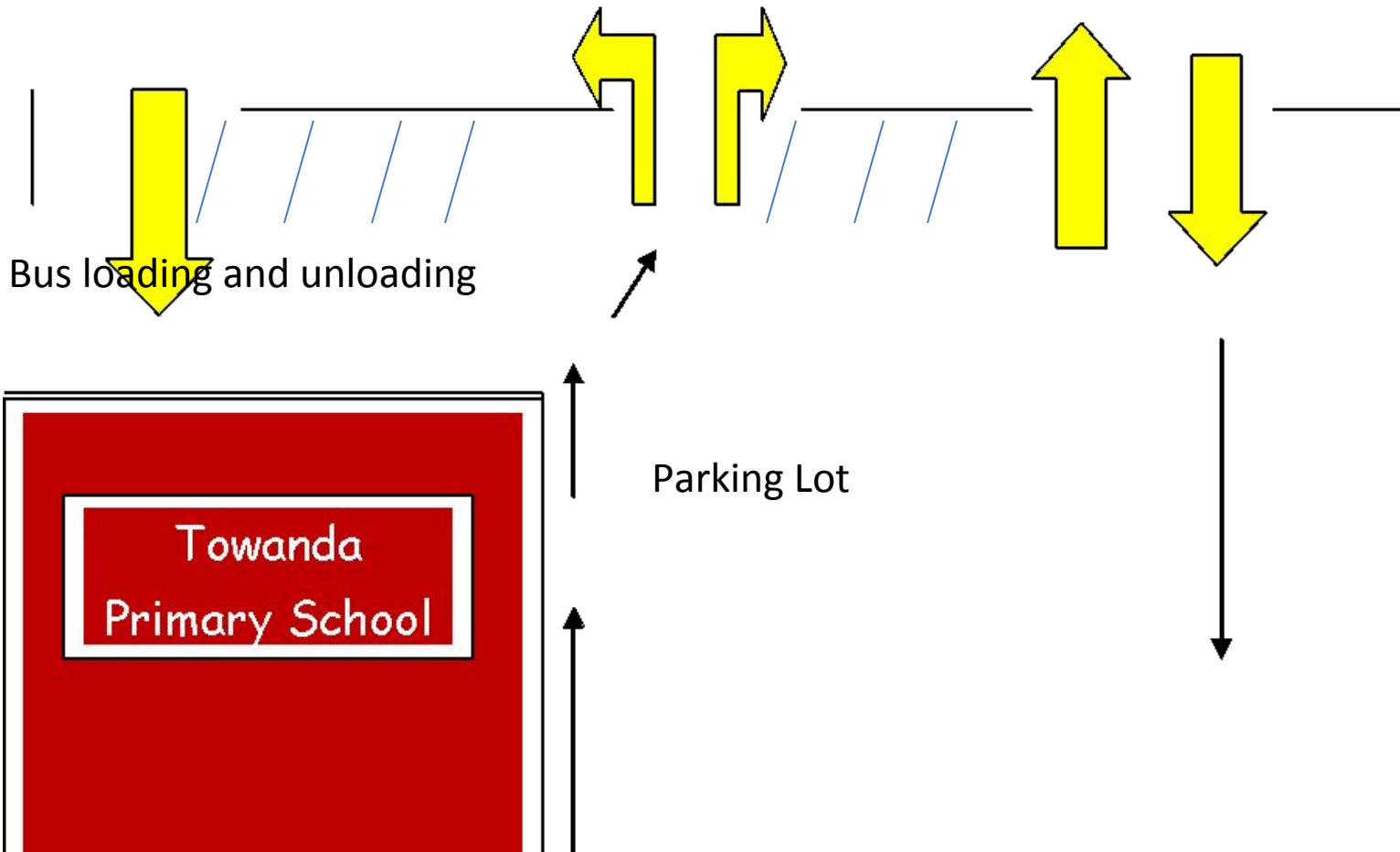
Drop off and Pick-up

6th Street

Entrance only

Exit only

Exit - Entrance



First Days of School

- You will be notified as to which day will be your child's first day of school
- The first two days are with half the class only. It starts on Thursday and ends on Friday. The first Monday is the beginning of regular kindergarten.

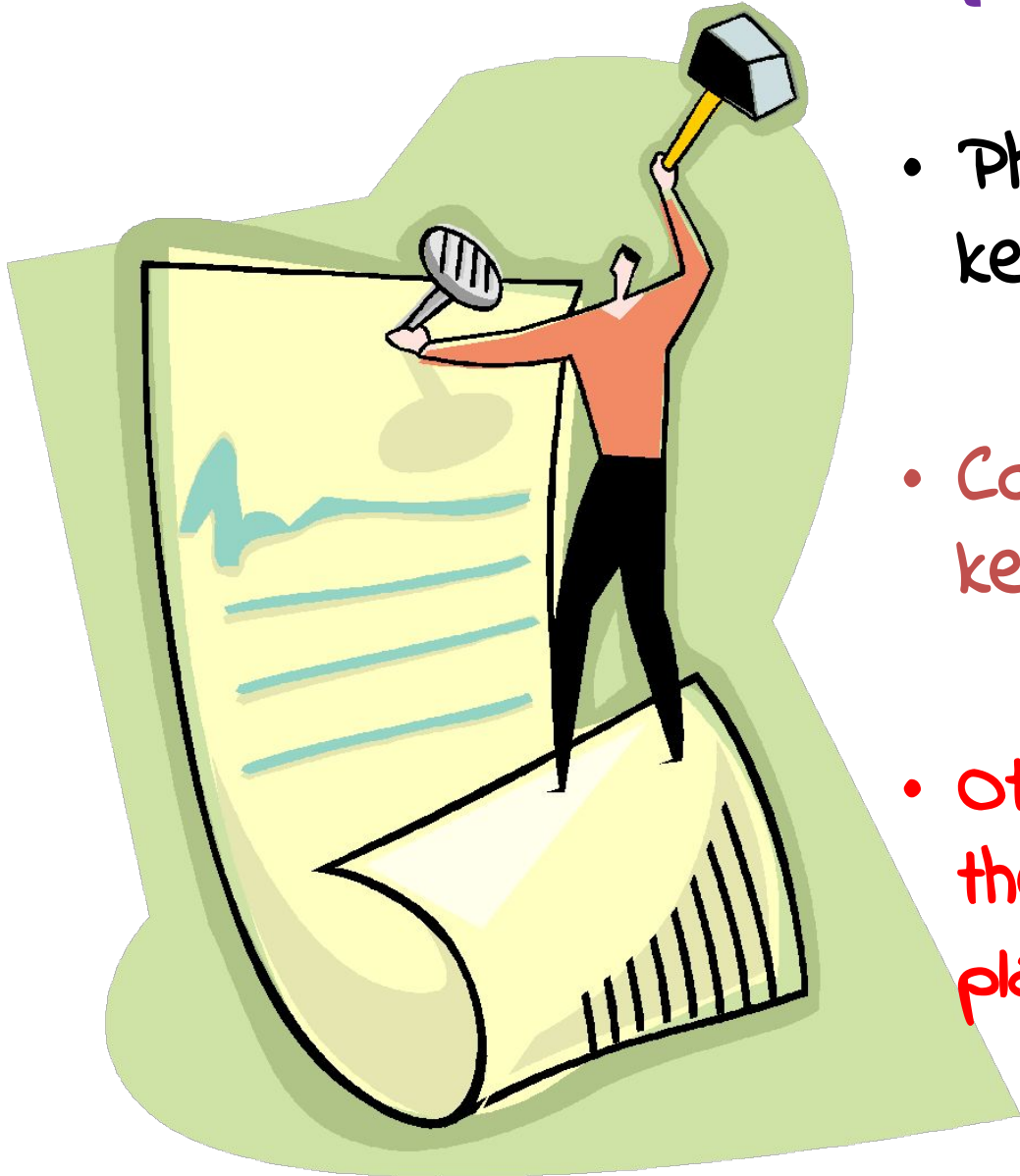


What to do if...

- My child doesn't want to stay?
- My child comes home exhausted?
- I miss my child during the day?
- My child tells me shocking stories of their day?
- My child refuses to release from me?



Personal Information



- Phone numbers-please keep current
- Contacts-again, please keep current
- other-notification if there is a change in plans

Illness

- Fever Free 24 hours-without medication
- ANY Medication given at school must have authorization from doctor on file in the office
- Tummy trouble



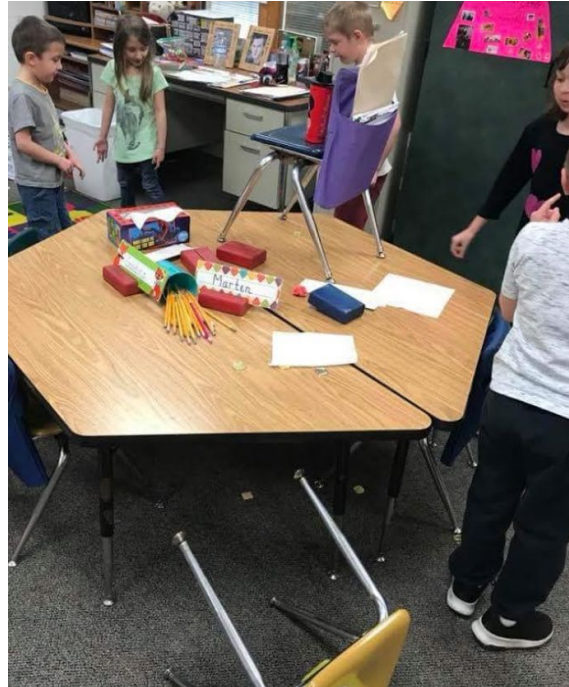
How the day begins and ends...

JumpStart



Happy Trails

finally...we just have a lot of fun!



Get Involved with PTO!

Parent Teacher Organization

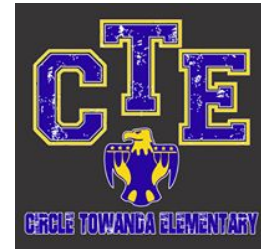
WHO? Parents, Teachers, School Staff, Principal

WHY? To *enhance* and *support* school life for students, families, teachers, and schools.

School Funding only goes so far! PTO does various fundraising to provide what students and teachers would have to do without. Examples: recess playground equipment, mulch underneath the equipment, recess balls, picnic tables and benches for the playgrounds, laminators for teachers, blinds for our windows at the Intermediate building, TGIF (Towanda Grows Incredible Families) activities and Bingo, Honor Roll Breakfast, ect.

WHEN? We meet the 1st Monday of every month at 4:15 pm

WHERE? Circle Towanda Primary in the Library



HOW DO I HELP?

- **Come** to monthly meetings and events
- Sign up to **provide** food for various events such as Parent-Teacher conferences, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Staff Christmas Goodies, ect.
- **Volunteer** to work an event such as the Book Fair Family Night, Family Fun Night, Craft Fair, Parent's Night Out, Fall Fundraiser Orders and Pick-up, Movie Night, ect.
- **Send** in BOX TOPS! Each one is worth \$0.10 for our school. They really add up quickly!

What questions
do you have?