

Registration

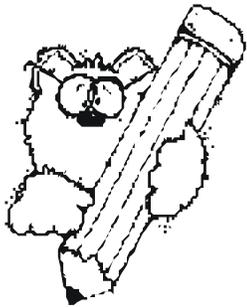
According to Florida State law, children:

- must be 5 on or before September 1
- must have had a physical exam within 12 months of the first day of school
- must have a complete immunization record turned in BEFORE the first day of school

Please register online and make an appointment with Ms. Tussinger to bring any forms to complete the process BEFORE the first day of school. Registering early helps us form classes.

(Office hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 - 3:30)

- Call 386-454-1958 for summer hours.



The School Day

- 7:45 – 1:52 (12:35 on Wednesday)
- Adult supervision begins at 7:15.
- Instruction begins at 7:45.
- Tardiness and absences affect your child's learning!

(Absences can only be "excused" if a note is sent in when your child returns to school.)

Drop Off

- K-3 students may be dropped off ONLY in the front car circle beginning at 7:15.
- There is NO PARKING in the drop off area of the car circle. (Park in designated spots only.)
- Pull as far forward as possible.
- Children MUST exit from PASSENGER side only. (This is for their safety.)

Dismissal

- Teachers MUST know how your child will go home.
- Changes in the way your child will go home must be sent to school with your child in writing. We cannot accept phone calls during the day of a requested change. This is a safety issue.

- Students may not be checked out after 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or after 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. Teachers are organizing students for their dismissal route and interruptions compromise safety.
- When picking up students by car, all vehicles must display a pick up card with their child's grade and name. These can be picked up in the front office.
- Parent walk up is located next to the main building in the gated area. Parents must have their walk up sign to retrieve their child from this area.

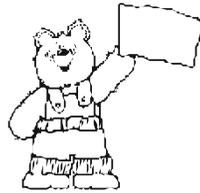
WE WILL NOT CHANGE DISMISSAL PLANS AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR UNLESS YOU SEND A NOTE TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD. YOU MAY ALSO COME TO THE FRONT OFFICE WITH IDENTIFICATION AND REQUEST A CHANGE.

Learning is Hard Work!

- Teachers teach the Kindergarten Grade Level Expectations defined in the Sunshine State Standards.
- We use the county adopted curriculum.
- Subjects taught include reading, writing, math, science, health, social studies, art, music and physical education.
- The state has defined criteria for student achievement.
- Frequent diagnostic screening of basic skills is used to determine adequate student progress.
- Social skills such as cooperative behavior, learning to show respect and appreciation for differences, and conflict resolution through communication are IMPORTANT.
- Progress Monitoring Plans (PMPs) are developed for struggling learners.
- Homework folders:
 - ☛ read with your child every night
 - ☛ review enclosed papers with your child

Report Cards

Kindergarten students begin receiving interim reports after the fourth week of school and report cards after the ninth week of school to indicate progress. The grading scale used in Kindergarten is E, S, S+, N and U.



What are "Specials"?

- Art, music, physical education, and Media are called "special" subject areas.
- Students go to one "special" a day for 4 days of the week.
- Please wear appropriate clothing for P.E. and art.

Breakfast and Lunch

- Breakfast is served from 7:15-7:35.
- Lunch is 30 minutes. Times vary according to class schedules.
- FREE breakfast and lunch for all students.
- If you choose to pack a lunch for your child, please be sure your child is able to open all containers. We also ask that you provide napkins, spoons, straws, etc. with your child's lunch.



Consider Volunteering!

- Check with your child's teacher for a list of specific volunteer needs.
- Become active in our PTSA. We always need volunteers on various committees and welcome new parents.
- Our School Advisory Council is an elected committee which advises on the development and implementation of our School Improvement Plan. Please feel welcome to attend SAC meetings and offer your input.

Preparing for the First Day

- Come to the "Meet Your Teacher" hour the Friday before school begins.
- Requested supplies are posted in each classroom.
- Be sure your registration forms are finished and have been given to the office.
- Does your child know how he/she will go home?
- Make arrangements for breakfast and lunch.
- Drop your student off at the exterior doors.



School Buses

- Riding a school bus is a privilege. Students are expected to behave on the bus and at the bus stop or this privilege may be revoked.
- Bus numbers and approximate pick-up and drop-off times can be found at <https://www.sbac.edu/transportation>. You can also call Transportation at 352-955-7602 ext. 1706 and speak with Melissa Rentz.
- We have buses that drop students at O2B Kids and Little Pioneer Daycare.

E.D.E.P.

(Extended Day Enrichment Program):
ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED

- Hours - dismissal time to 5:30
- Information about rates & enrollment - EDEP coordinator

E.S.O.L.

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

If a language other than English is spoken in your home, your child will require a screening test to determine eligibility for the county's E.S.O.L. program. This is required by state law. This screening takes relatively little

time. The Assistant Principal will screen your child during the first two weeks of school if another language is spoken in your home.

What Can You Do to Help Your Child Learn?

- Have books available everywhere, and let your child see you read.
- Set aside a special time for daily reading using a variety of materials.
- Plan visits to the Public Library with your child.
- Provide a variety of opportunities for writing, ex. shopping lists, letters to friends and relatives, etc.
- Use grocery shopping as an opportunity to practice reading and math skills.
- Allow your child to do things for him/herself. Patience pays off!
- Set consistent rules. Put a plan into action and follow through. (Smiles and encouragement go much further to shape good behavior than harsh punishment.)
- Set a realistic bedtime to be sure your child gets enough rest.
- Establish a consistent morning routine to help your child get ready to come to school and arrive on time.
- Give your child an easy to reach place to put things away and "teach" organization.
- Ask your child to tell you what he/she did in school each day. Don't take "Nothing!" for an answer.
- Set limits on TV and electronic devices.
- Be positive and encouraging. Praise your child often for a job well done.



- Identify capital and lower-case letters of the alphabet
- Button and zip clothing
- Tie shoelaces
- Write his/her first name
- Follow directions the first time given
- Identify rhyming words
- Lunch room skills

If you answered yes to a majority of these, your child is well prepared for kindergarten. If not, practice them in a fun, relaxed environment to help your child develop a positive attitude about learning and get off to a great start.

"Reading aloud is the single most important activity you can do to encourage your children's success as readers and students."

National Commission of Reading

We're On the Web!

highsprings.sbac.edu

Visit the High Springs web page to find links for parents and general information about our school.

- Online Volunteer Application
- Media Center News
- Hawk Happenings Parent Newsletter
- Code of Conduct

High Springs Pride



Our school colors are red, white & blue and our "mascot" is the High Springs Hawk!

Beginning Kindergarten Skills

Can your child....?

- Count to 10
- Recognize numbers 0-10
- Recognize & draw the four basic shapes (square, circle, rectangle, triangle)
- Color with crayons
- Cut paper with scissors
- Share and take turns