



Kindergarten Countdown!



Helping students and parents make a successful transition to kindergarten.

Here's How to Participate:

1. Get a FREE Kindergarten Countdown T-shirt (along with a FREE BOOK, *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!*) for your child at any Louisville Free Public Library, starting June 1, 2010. **Child must be present. T-shirts are not available at events.*
2. Your child wears the T-shirt with pride to Kindergarten Countdown events, and...
3. ...your child (plus one adult) GETS IN FREE!

Calypso Cove, Northeast YMCA - 9400 Mill Brook Road
 June 17: Last Names A-L June 24: Last Names M-Z
 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the water park, enroll your child in the Childcare Enrichment Program (CEP) for the upcoming school year, and pay no registration fee! CEP, a partnership between JCPS and the YMCA, offers a safe, enriching environment for children before and after school, as well as during school vacations. *For this event only*, all immediate family members get in free! **Rain date:** July 8.

Speed Art Museum - 2035 South Third Street
 June 19, 2010, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Visit ArtSparks for lots of hands-on activities inside and enjoy activities outside with the PNC Mobile Learning Adventure.

Walden Theatre - 1123 Payne Street
 June 18, June 25 & July 30, 2010
 Performance Times Vary

Enjoy a performance of "Alice in Wonderland" with your child for FREE (additional tickets are \$5 each)! To reserve a seat, contact Dan Welch at 589-0084, or at danwelch@waldentheatre.org.

Louisville Zoo - 1100 Trevilian Way
 June 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy the amazing animals and Calistoga Splash Park for FREE! Let zoo docents introduce your child to select animals from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and make the visit extra special. Have fun with the PNC Mobile Learning Adventure, too. Additional zoo exhibits, rides and activities available for additional fees.

Kentucky Derby Museum - 704 Central Avenue
 July 17, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come experience the newly renovated museum and get a glimpse of Kentucky Derby History. Get there at 9:30 a.m. to see horses work out on the track!

Slugger Field - 401 E. Main Street
 July 27, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This is the Kindergarten Countdown main event! Come see the Louisville Bats play, meet representatives from local schools and community organizations, and get lots of fun, free stuff for your kindergartener!

Louisville Science Center - 727 W. Main Street
 July 31, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come out for special events, experience KidZone hands-on activities and enjoy the special exhibit, Sesame Street: The Body.



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

These are some of the skills that would be helpful for children to know before entering kindergarten:*

Reading & Oral Language

1. Speak in five to six word sentences
2. Retell familiar stories
3. Discuss “who, what, when, where, & why” questions about familiar stories
4. Sing songs
5. Recite nursery rhymes or other familiar poems
6. Read own name
7. Recognize familiar environmental print (Ex. Traffic signs; store logos such as K-Mart, McDonald’s and Wal-Mart; food labels, etc.)
8. Recite the letters of the alphabet (Sing the “Alphabet Song”)
9. Recognize and name some letters of the alphabet
10. Know that books are read from front to back
11. Know that print moves from left to right and top to bottom on a page

Math

1. Recognize and name eight basic colors
2. Recognize and name four basic shapes (square, rectangle, triangle, & circle)
3. Rote count from 1-10
4. Can count groups of items up to five

Writing

1. Know how to hold a pencil, crayon, pen, or marker
2. Pretend to write and reads own writing in a left to right direction
3. Write own first name
4. Draw simple, recognizable people and pictures
5. Know how to use scissors, paste, and glue

Personal Care and Safety

1. Toilet trained
2. Can fasten and unfasten own clothing without assistance (Ex. Zippers, shoes, jackets, etc.)
3. Cover mouth or nose when sneezing or coughing
4. Know home address and phone number
5. Know how to contact available, safe adults in case of emergency
6. Know full name and workplace of parents and/or guardians

Social Skills

1. Beginning to engage in cooperative play with children in own age group
2. Beginning to learn concept of sharing
3. Follow rules and directions given by a caring adult
4. Use polite language when talking with adult and peers
5. Keep track of personal belongings

*Jefferson County Public Schools believes that children develop and learn things at different rates and times. These are only suggested skills and may or may not be representative of your child’s unique abilities.