

What can I do over the summer to help my child get ready for kindergarten?

Can your child.....

- recognize upper and lower case letters in random order?
- recognize numbers in random order up to at least 10?
- count up to at least 10?
- recognize the basic colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)?
- recognize the basic shapes (square, triangle, circle, rectangle)?
- write their first name with correct capitalization?
- write upper and lower case letters from a model?
- write numbers from a model?
- cut with scissors on a straight line?
- tuck in their shirt?
- take care of themselves in the rest room?
- tie their own shoes?

Important Information to Remember

Thursday, August 18th, 2011 – Kindergarten and First grade *student orientation* from

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 22nd, 2011 – Please join us for the *First Day of School Story* with the Principal which begins at 7:15 a.m. in the

Media Center

School starts at 7:45 a.m.

Blake Academy's Seven Caring Habits

Supporting, Encouraging, Listening,
Accepting, Trusting, Respecting,
Negotiating Differences

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Welcome to Kindergarten at Blake Academy



“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, any place you choose.”

- Dr. Seuss

What to expect at orientation

Kindergarten and First Grade orientation begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18th

How do I find my child's homeroom teacher's name and room number?

As you walk through the gate, look on the class list board for your child's name. Here you'll find your child's homeroom teacher's name and room number. Maps are available to help you find your way around campus.

Will I be able to buy uniforms at orientation?

Yes, in the cafeteria. Please bring cash or money orders to purchase uniform shirts and t-shirts. No checks or credit cards are accepted for this purchase.

How much do shirts cost?

Youth collared shirts are \$15.00 and the Friday t-shirts are \$10.00.

What supplies will my child need for class?

- Student backpack
- Two boxes of 24 count crayons
- Two packages of pencils with erasers
- One large glue stick
- Two composition books
- Small pencil or supply box or zippered supply pouch
- One box gallon size freezer bags
- One box quart size freezer bags

Should I bring my child's class supplies to orientation?

Yes. It's easier on the first day of school to have less to carry in backpacks.

Will I need to fill out any paperwork at orientation?

Yes. It's important that we have pertinent contact information in our records before the first day of school. To be prepared, please bring names and phone numbers of people you want listed on your child's emergency contact list. This list should include people who have your permission to pick up your child at school. Please bring doctor and dentist phone numbers too.

When will I find out which bus my child will ride or how to pick my child up as a car rider?

During orientation, your child's teacher will have a list of bus numbers and routes to ensure your child is ready to ride to school on the first day. If your child will be a car rider, teachers will have information about the procedures for being a car rider at school.

Are there other items I should send with my child to school?

Yes, please put a change of clothes in a labeled bag in your child's backpack in case a change is necessary during the day.

Are there other tips parents of beginning Kindergarteners should know?

Please put your child's name on all items sent to school including lunch boxes, backpacks, agendas, sweaters and sweatshirts. This makes it easier to reunite items with children should it be misplaced.

How will I communicate daily with my child's teacher?

Students use a school agenda as a communication tool between home and school. You can purchase an agenda for \$5.00 in the cafeteria during orientation.

Is there after school care available at Blake?

Yes. The Blake Bridge program provides students a snack, homework help with a teacher, academic and team-building activities after each school day. Visit the Parent section on our website for more information.

Let's Play BINGO!!

As you visit the different stations, make sure you receive a sticker on your BINGO board! Once your board is full, get a cookie and juice!!

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In the cafeteria				
PTO booth	T-shirts	Lunch \$\$	Agenda	ID Photo
Wow! You have a sticker in each box! Remember to get a cookie and juice in the cafeteria!!				