

Fun family activities that help your child learn

Whether your child is heading to kindergarten, started kindergarten, or has younger siblings, Pennsylvania's Promise for Children has family guides packed with fun activities that help children develop the skills they need to succeed. With activities based on Pennsylvania's Learning Standards, you can mix fun with learning.

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- Learning is Everywhere
- Kindergarten Here I Come!
- Kindergarten Here I Am!

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Understanding the Pennsylvania Kindergarten Entry Inventory

Information for
Families



Making the most of kindergarten begins with a strong start.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Let's get to know each other.

Your child will grow and learn so much in the kindergarten year. You want your child's teacher to understand your child's unique talents, interests, and needs.

Pennsylvania's Kindergarten Entry Inventory can help. This tool will give you and your child's teacher a snapshot of your child's strengths and areas that may need support. With this information, together you and your child's teacher can give your child the best possible learning experience in the classroom and at home.



What is the Kindergarten Entry Inventory?

The Kindergarten Entry Inventory is a tool your child's teacher can use to understand where your child is with his/her physical development and social and academic skills.

How does it work?

In the first month and a half of school, the teacher will observe your child during regular classroom activities and jot down his/her skill levels based on Pennsylvania's Early Learning Standards. **The Kindergarten Entry Inventory is NOT a test!** It is a reliable way for you and your child's teacher to understand your child's skill levels and what your child needs for a successful kindergarten year.

What happens next?

Your child's teacher will share the results with you and discuss ways to support your child. She may offer new activities, books, or games for home or school with your child in mind.

With the Kindergarten Entry Inventory, your child's teacher will get a snapshot of your child's skills. Here are a few examples:

Social and Emotional Development such as:

- Understanding and expressing feelings
- Following rules and routines

English Language Arts such as:

- Recognizing letters and words
- Telling a story

Mathematics such as:

- Naming numbers
- Measuring quantities, size of things

Approaches to Learning such as:

- Showing interest in new things
- Solving problems

Health, Wellness and Physical Development such as:

- Performing whole body movements
- Performing movements with fingers, wrists, and hands