

Welcome Parents

We are excited to welcome your child to Kindergarten!

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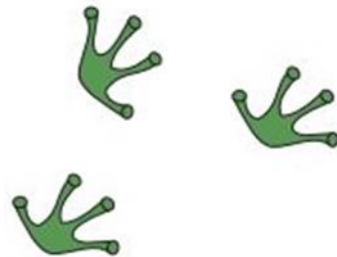
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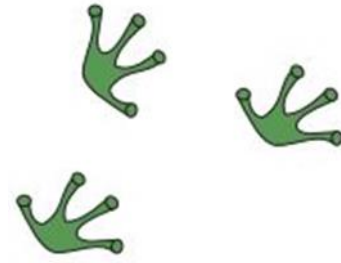
Ready for Kindergarten Video:



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Ready for Kindergarten



- ▶ **Steps to Enrollment**
- ▶ **Lunch, Afterschool Program, Transportation, Health Services**
- ▶ **Kindergarten Readiness**
- ▶ **Additional Resources**
- ▶ **Contact Information**



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Steps to Enrollment

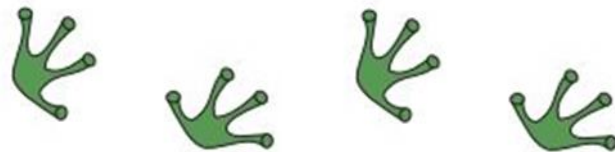


- ▶ A parent/legal guardian must complete the registration process and provide the proper documents to the school site where the child will attend.
- ▶ Your child can attend kindergarten next August as long as she or he turns 5 on or before September 1.
- ▶ Your child is zoned for a particular elementary school based on your address. Find your [assigned school](#).
- ▶ For parents who wish to send their child to a school outside of their zoned area, see our [choice options](#).



Documents needed for enrollment

- ▶ What forms do I need to complete?
 - ▶ **Student Enrollment Record Form** - SER (provided at the school site or electronically)
 - ▶ **Student Residency Form** - can be completed ahead of time, supporting documentation is required



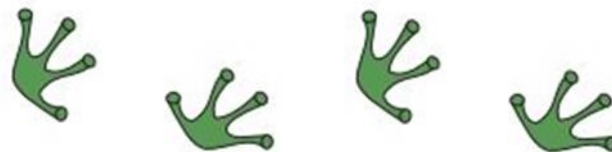
Documents needed for enrollment (Continued)

- ▶ What supporting documents do I need to register for kindergarten?
 - ▶ Birth certificate
 - ▶ Social security card, if available
 - ▶ Florida Physical HRS Form -- [Florida Physical HRS form](#) supplied by a doctor dated **within** 12 months prior to entry in Florida Schools (first day of school)
 - ▶ Florida Immunization Record on [HRS hard card](#) (form #680) supplied by a doctor
 - ▶ Two forms of **verification of address** that prove where you live but are NOT your driver's license or state-issued ID card (some examples are a utility bill, lease, or a contract to purchase a home)
 - ▶ If a child lives with someone who is not a parent, you may also need to complete a **student resident form**, which is available at the school

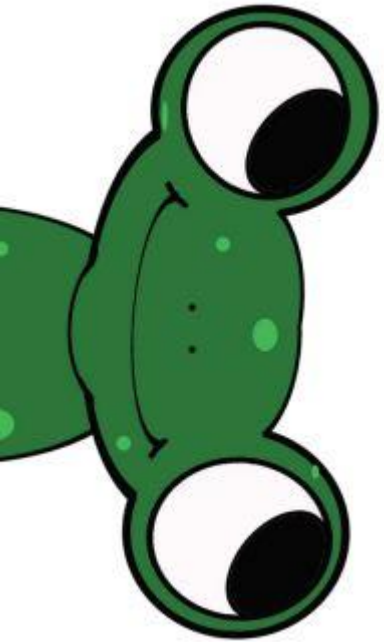
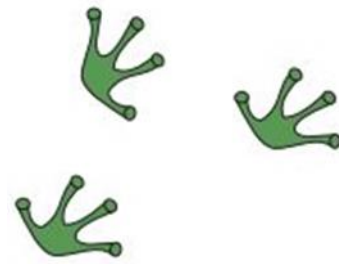


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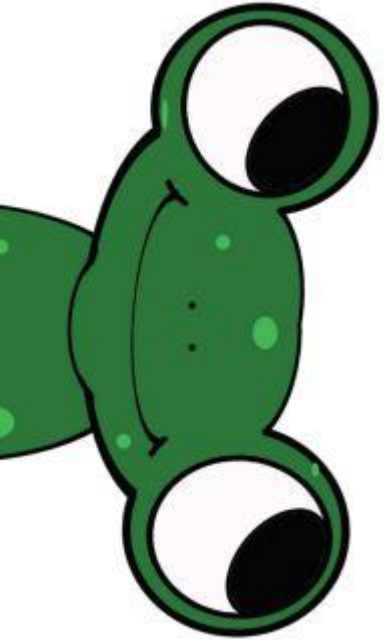
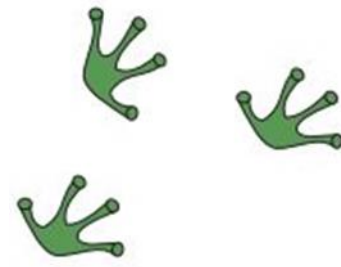
Important Information



- ▶ **School Lunch Program**
 - ▶ **Online Registration:** <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/student-nutrition-services/free-reduced-lunch-application/53-648/>
- ▶ **Afterschool Care:YMCA**
 - ▶ <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/nelson>
- ▶ **Transportation Bus Information**
 - ▶ <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/580>
- ▶ **Health Conditions**



Kindergarten Readiness



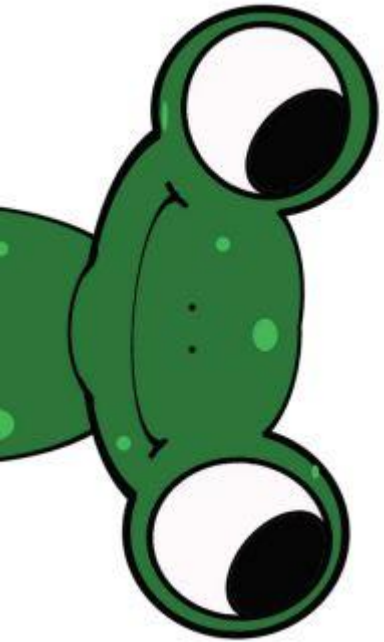
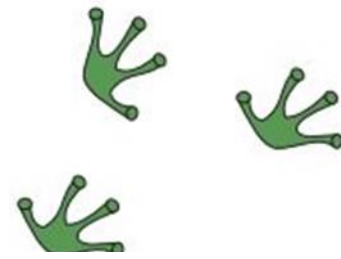
- ▶ Academic Expectations of a Kindergarten Student
- ▶ What is kindergarten readiness?



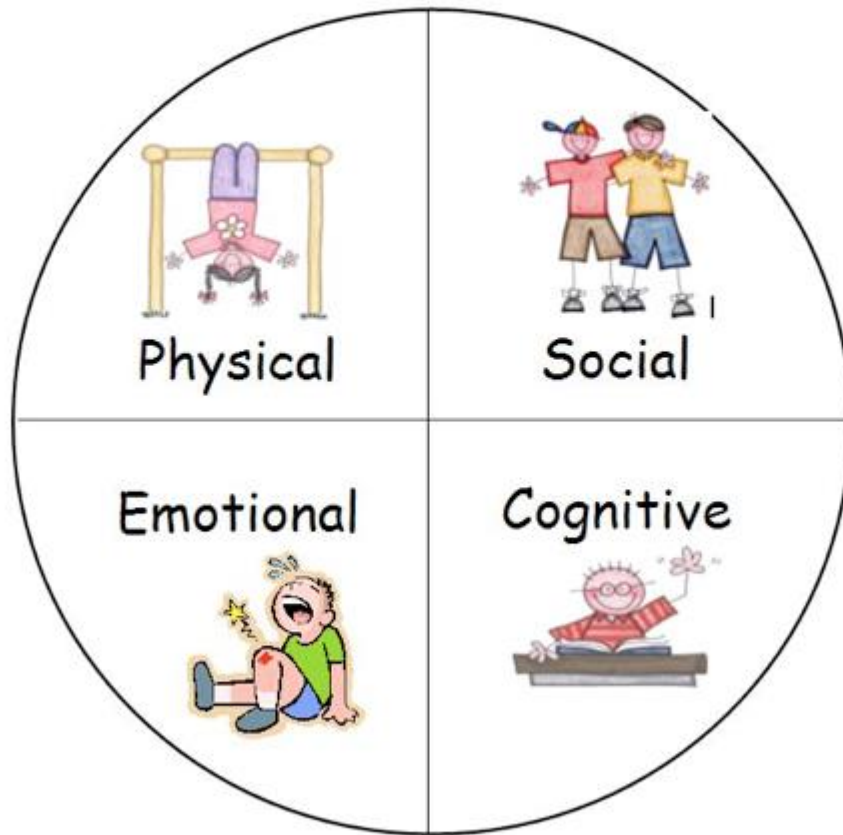
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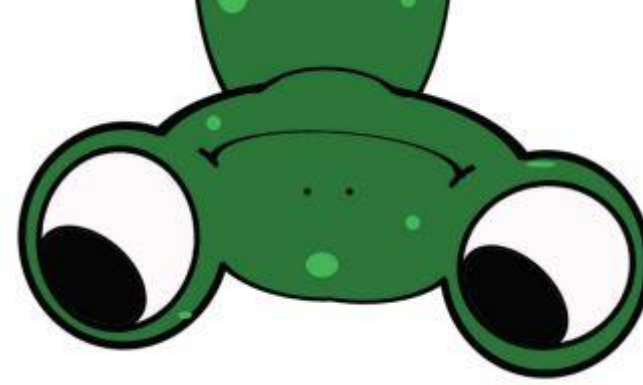
The balanced child



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Steps to be ready!



► Cognitive - Ready to Read

- Knowledge of letters and sounds, numbers, ability to focus on tasks

► Social

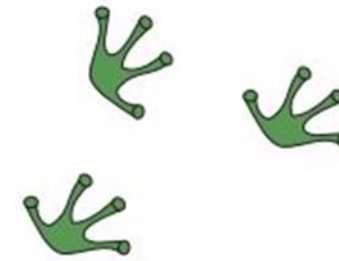
- Plays well with others, shares, resolves conflicts with words
- Opportunities to play with other children, sports, park

► Physical

- Throwing, skipping, monkey bars, etc.
- Use pencils, pens, markers, cutting with safety scissors, tweezers, and buttoning

► Emotional

- Self-control, avoids melt downs, able to wait for a turn, comfortable with new environments and with new people
- Visits a variety of places like libraries, museums, schools





Steps to be ready!

Role of “Student”

- ▶ Discuss the parts of a book (front, back, cover, title, author). Show your child that we read the text not the pictures and that we read from left to right.
- ▶ Have your child practice writing letters. (Be sure the child is holding the pencil properly.)
- ▶ Have the child practice writing his/her name and copying words from books.
- ▶ Play rhyming games and “I Spy” games with letters and words.
- ▶ Participate in group activities when possible.
- ▶ Have your child keep a journal and draw pictures to represent his/her day. Parent can add words if the child wants to elaborate!



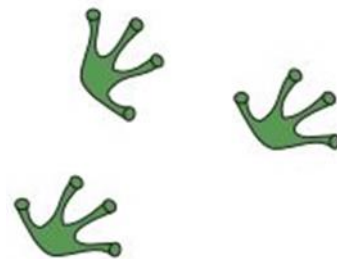
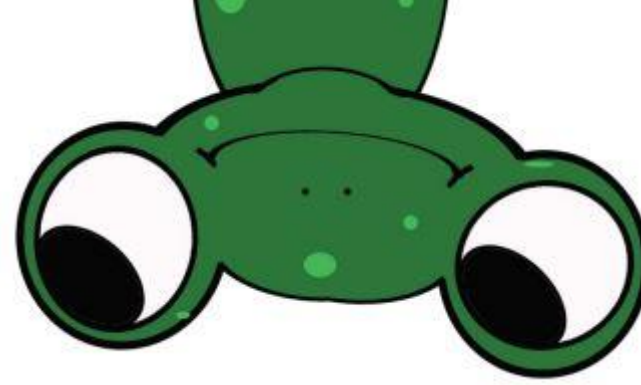
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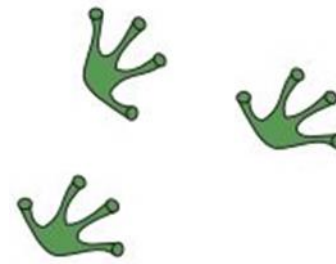
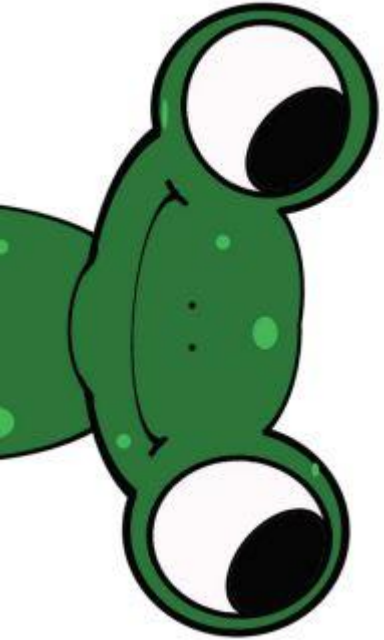
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It's all about Exposure!

- ▶ Exposure to books and printed materials
- ▶ Exposure to conversations
- ▶ Exposure to writing materials
- ▶ Exposure to other children and adults
- ▶ Exposure to a variety of locations (parks, libraries, museums, trips)
- ▶ Exposure to caring adults
- ▶ Exposure to small motor activities



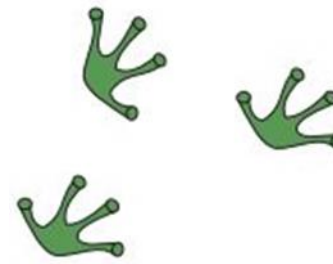
Resources



- ▶ [VROOM.org](https://vroom.org)
 - ▶ Vroom is a global program of the Bezos Family Foundation. FREE, science-based tips and tools help parents and caregivers give children a great start in life today—and an even better future.
- ▶ [PBSkids.org](https://pbskids.org)
 - ▶ PBS KIDS is here to help no matter what learning situation your family is facing this year. Every week, we'll provide a new at-home learning topic with activities, games, and articles – featuring your favorite PBS KIDS characters like Daniel Tiger, Elmo, and the Kratt brothers – to keep your child learning through play.
- ▶ [JumpStart.com](https://jumpstart.com)
 - ▶ Readily available educational resources for parents, teachers and students make the process of learning and teaching a lot easier and more fun for everyone.



Younger siblings and neighbors

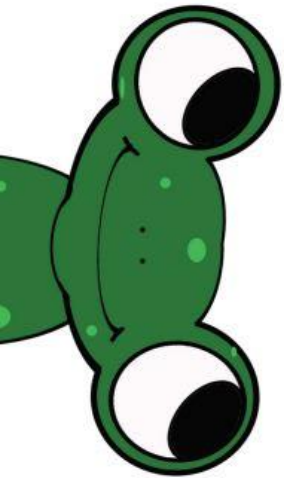


▶ Pre-Kindergarten Exceptional Education Preschool Services (PEEPS)

- ▶ Services for pre-kindergarten for children with developmental delays and disabilities are authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Children ages three to five who meet eligibility requirements can receive services designed to meet each child's individual needs. Developmentally appropriate learning experiences provide opportunities for individual growth and assistance with areas of special need.

Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)

- ▶ All of Florida's four-year-olds have access to free, quality prekindergarten programs.
 - ▶ 5 years old on or before September 1
 - ▶ <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/early-childhood-programs-and-kindergarten/voluntary-prekindergarten/225-1241/>

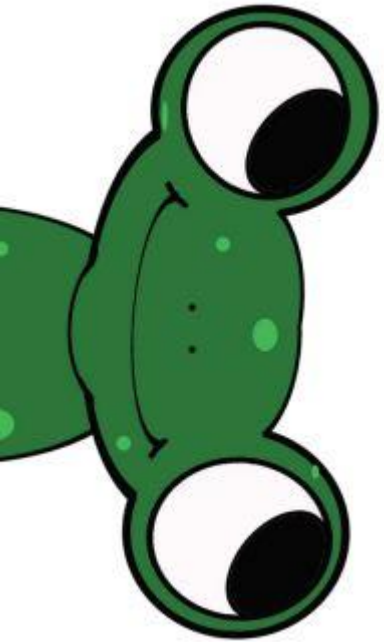
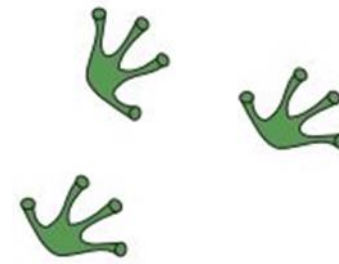


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