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KINDERGARTEN
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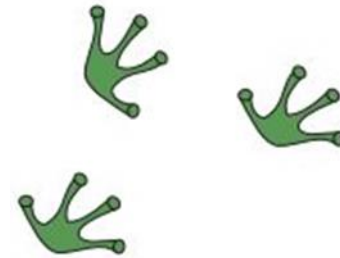
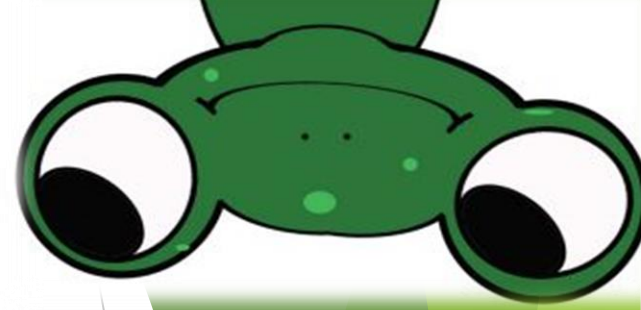


Town and Country Elementary School

A Hillsborough County Public School

Welcome Parents

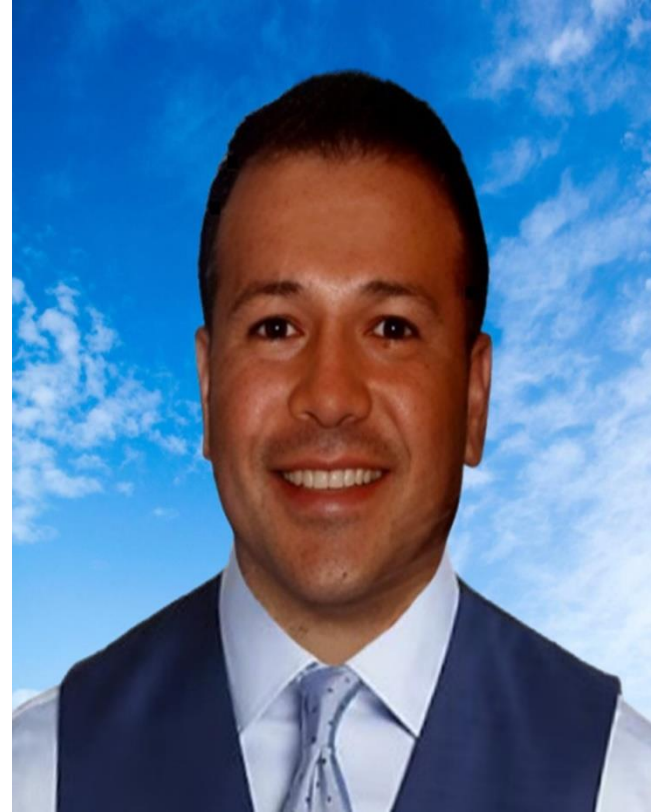
We are excited to welcome your
child to Kindergarten!



Town & Country Elementary



Nicole Zamora
Principal



Jose Flamenco
Assistant Principal



School Mission & Vision

Vision:

- ▶ At Town & Country Elementary every student can excel.

Mission:

- ▶ Our mission is to provide students with the tools to create their own vision for success

Meet our Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Enright



Ms. Milton



Mrs. Valenti



Mrs. Socarras



School Information

► School Phone Number:

(813) 875-7500

► School Email Address:

townncountry.elementary@hcps.net

► School Website & Social Media:

www.hillsboroughschools.org/townandcountry

Twitter- @TownCountryES

► School Hours

Monday: 7:40 AM to 12:55 PM (Early Release Day)

Tuesday-Friday: 7:40 AM to 1:55 PM

► Uniforms

Tops are Burgundy or Navy or White

Bottoms are Navy and Khaki Dresses, Pants, Shorts, skirts or skorts,
closed-toe shoes for outside play

► School Lunch Program

Online Registration: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/student-nutrition-services/free-reduced-lunch-application/53-648/>

► Boys and Girls Club Afterschool Care

Enrollment Information



- ▶ 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/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 at <http://gis.sdhc.k12.fl.us/schoollocator/>.
- ▶ For parents who wish to send their child to a school outside of their zoned area, see our choice options at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/choice>.



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Documents needed for enrollment

► What forms do I need to complete?

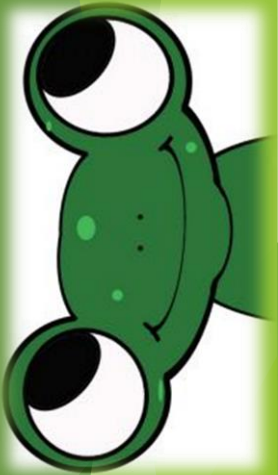
- **Student Enrollment Record Form** - SER (provided at the school site or electronically)
- **Student Residency Form** - can be completed ahead of time, supporting documentation is required

► Supporting documents

- 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

What is expected from your child

- ▶ Behavior that promotes learning
- ▶ Participation in the classroom family
- ▶ Active listening throughout the day
- ▶ Responsibility (getting work done)
- ▶ Independence
- ▶ Effort
- ▶ Self-sufficiency in the restroom

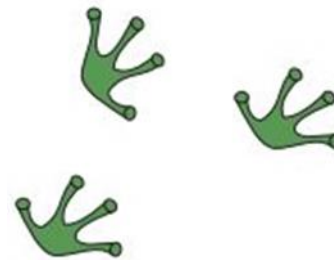


What is needed from you



- ▶ Encourage positive behavior
- ▶ Create independence
- ▶ Review agendas/daily work together
- ▶ Read with or to your child every night
- ▶ Complete on-line volunteer application if volunteering at school
- ▶ Make sure the teacher knows how your child will be going home (bus, car, walking, private provider van) and notify the office and teacher of any changes in writing
- ▶ Make sure the office has your current phone numbers, address, emergency contact, and email address
- ▶ Have your child arrive at school on time
- ▶ School gates open at 7:10am ▪
 - ▶ Mondays - Early Release Dismissal 12:50pm
 - ▶ Tuesday - Friday Dismissal 1:55pm Notify us immediately if you have any concerns

Younger siblings and neighbors



► Head Start

- Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive, child development program that encompasses all aspects of a child's development and learning. The program serves children ages 3 to 4 years old. Eligibility is based on income.

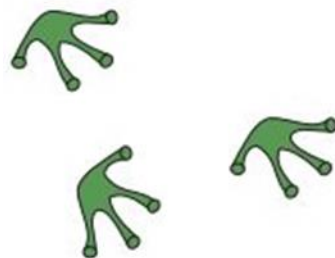
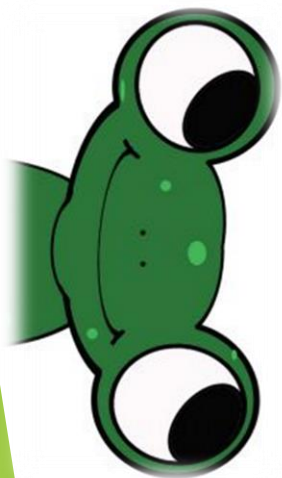
- <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4779>

► Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)

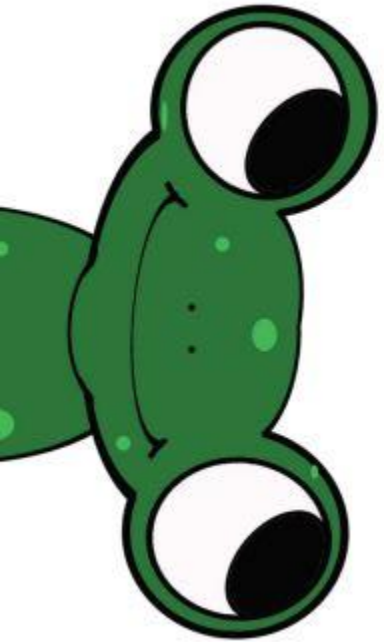
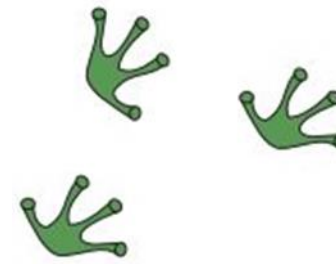
- All of Florida's four-year-olds have access to free, quality prekindergarten programs.

- 4 years old on or before September 1

- <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4780>



Kindergarten Readiness



- ▶ Academic Expectations of a Kindergarten Student
 - ▶ Knowledge of letters & sounds, numbers, ability to focus on tasks
 - ▶ Plays well with others, shares, resolves conflicts with words
 - ▶ Opportunities to play with other children, sports, park
 - ▶ Throwing, skipping, monkey bars
 - ▶ Use pencils, pens, markers, cutting with safety scissors, tweezers, & buttoning
 - ▶ Self-control, avoids melt downs, able to wait for a turn, comfortable with new environments and with new people
 - ▶ Visit a variety of places like libraries, museums, future school
 - ▶ Prepare your child for the role of “student”

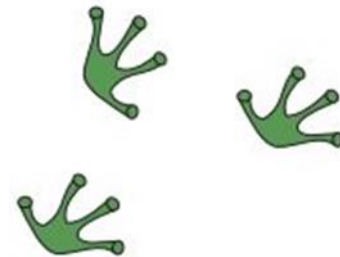


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Why is it important to be Kindergarten Ready

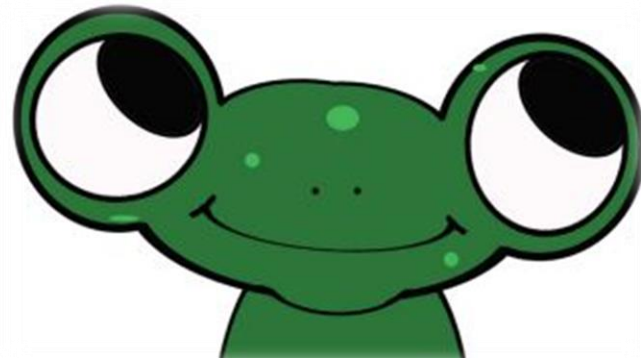
- ▶ A child's first school experiences can influence the way he or she relates to others for the rest of life. Success or failure at this stage can affect a child's well-being, self-esteem and motivation, resulting in how they approach school going forward.



A new stage in their life:

Children must be ready to cope with:

- ▶ A change in place.
- ▶ A change in expectations.
- ▶ Adjustment to a new peer group.
- ▶ A new authority figure.
- ▶ A new role as a student.



What to expect in Kindergarten



Start of the Year Assessments

- ✎ **Star:** Star Early Literacy is a state-wide assessment given to all children entering a public school kindergarten in the state of Florida.
- ✎ **i-Ready:** i-Ready is an online computer program that students will utilize throughout the year. Students will participate in lessons as well as diagnostic measures.



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Jake Albertson

Stop Test

The blue bird is in a nest.

Pick the word that describes the bird.

1

red

2

nest

3

blue

4

big

Next

8. What number sentence matches the picture below?



$4 + 3 = 8$
☐

$4 - 3 = 1$
☐

$4 + 3 = 7$
☐

Reading

- 👉 Read Alouds
- 👉 Shared big books
- 👉 Interactive read alouds
- 👉 small group rotations
- 👉 Independent Practice





Writing

- 👉 Modeled
- 👉 Shared
- 👉 Guided
- 👉 Independent



Math

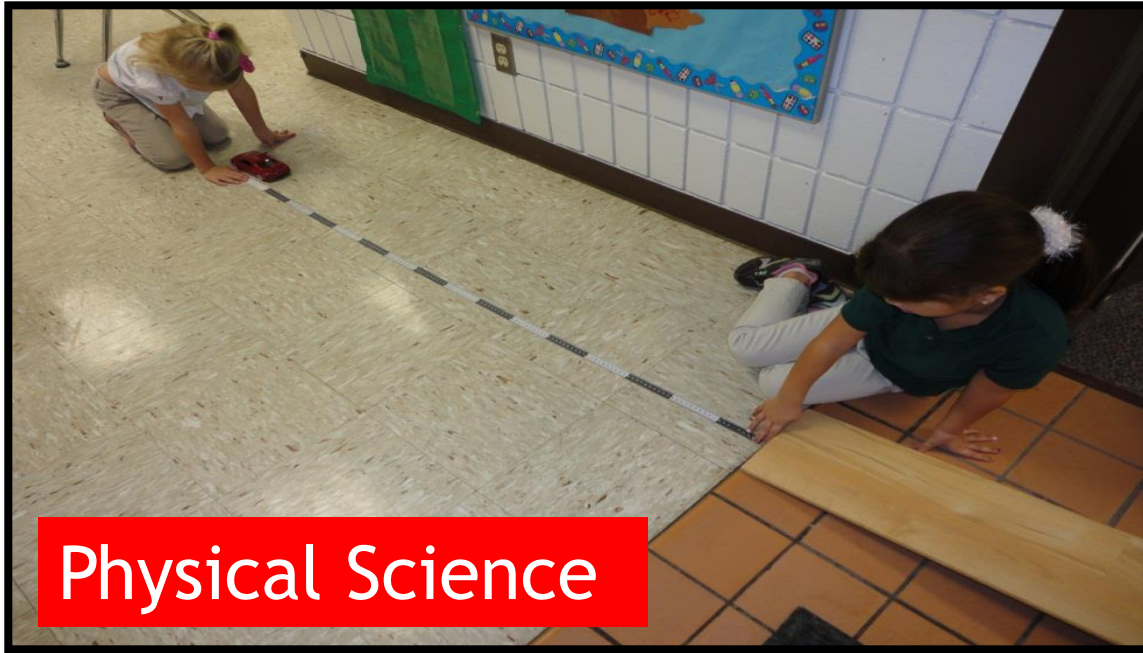


Hands-on activities
to
deepen
understanding



Science

- 👉 Observing using the five senses
- 👉 Hands-on activities for deeper understanding



Physical Science



Life Science



Earth Science

Social Studies



Calendars, Weather, Holidays, and American Heroes

Rules and Laws, Good Citizens

Jobs and Money, Wants and
Needs, Families

Maps and Globes, Symbols of America



Kindergarten Standards

B.E.S.T Standards

- *Benchmarks for
- *Excellent
- *Student
- *Education

To find the Kindergarten Standards
you can look online at:

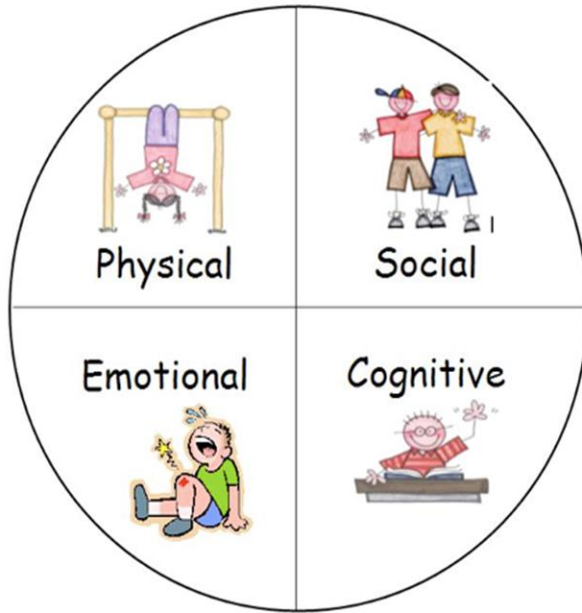
<http://www.fldoe.org>



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Steps to be ready!

The balanced child



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► Social

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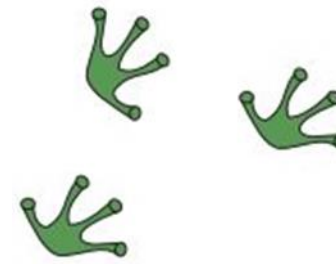
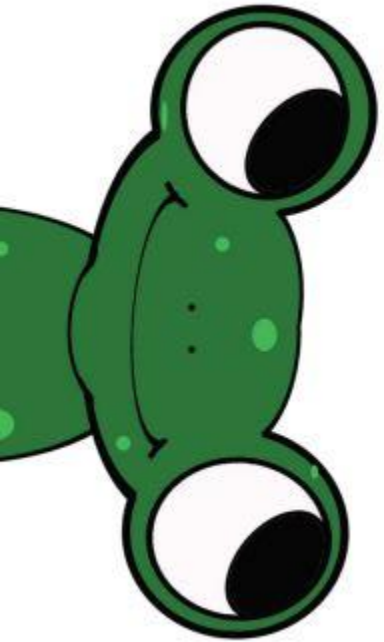
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Resources



- ▶ HCPS Kindergarten webpage
 - ▶ <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/kindergarten>
- ▶ Florida's Office of Early Learning
 - ▶ Development Standards document - Birth to Kindergarten:
<http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/docs/OEL-SR15BtoK.pdf>
- ▶ Kindergarten Readiness Checklist
 - ▶ <https://bit.ly/KindergartenReadyChecklist>

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.

▶ [Starfall.com](https://starfall.com)

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Questions and Answers



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