

GROWING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOL

Why Early School Years Matter for Your Child

- The brain grows the most during these early years
- Coming to school every day builds good habits
- Reading skills learned now are used in all other subjects
- Social skills learned early help kids make friends for years to come
- Math basics learned now are building blocks for harder math later

What Kids Learn in PK and Kindergarten

- Make friends and learn about feelings
- Move their bodies in fun ways
- Learn classroom rules
- Learn about letters and sounds
- Count to 20 and learn simple adding
- Recognize sight words
- Listen to stories and tell what happened
- Learn about the world around them

1st Grade

- Read simple stories
- Understand basic math facts
- Write simple sentences
- Solve easy problems
- Learn about science and other subjects



2nd Grade

- Read longer stories by themselves
- Addition and subtraction
- Write short paragraphs
- Work more on their own
- Take more responsibility for their learning

Why Reading by 3rd Grade Matters

If kids don't learn to read by 3rd grade:

- 64%** have trouble keeping up in school
- 43%** miss more days of school
- 41%** have trouble in all subjects
- 17%** miss more days of school as they get older

Learning Happens Every Day Attendance Matters!