



Kindergarten Countdown!



Helping students and parents make a successful transition to kindergarten.

HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Get a FREE Kindergarten Countdown T-shirt and a FREE BOOK, for your child at any Louisville Free Public Library, starting June 1, 2011. *Child must be present. T-shirts are not available at events.
2. Your child wears the T-shirt with pride to Kindergarten Countdown events, and...
- 3....your child (plus one adult) GETS IN FREE!

LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY - All Locations

Check the events calendar for dates/times.

Help your child succeed in kindergarten by joining us for fun-filled stories and activities designed to prepare your child for school.

CALYPSO COVE, NORTHEAST YMCA

9400 Mill Brook Road

Last Names A-L: June 16, 2011, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Last Names M-Z: June 23, 2011, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the water park, enroll in the Childcare Enrichment Program (CEP), and pay no registration fee during the event! For this event only all immediate family members get in free. Rain date: June 30th.

WALDEN THEATRE - 1123 Payne Street

June 17 & 24, July 22 & 29, and Aug. 5, 2011

All Performances - 1 p.m.

Enjoy a performance of "Law & Order - Fairy Tale Unit" with your child for FREE (additional tickets are \$5 each)!

To reserve a seat, contact Dan Welch at 589-0084, or danwelch@waldentheatre.org.

KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM - 704 Central Avenue

July 23, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come experience the museum and get a glimpse of Kentucky Derby History. Get there at 9:30 a.m. to see horses work out on the track!

LOUISVILLE SCIENCE CENTER - 727 W. Main Street

July 30, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Get ready for Kindergarten with some messy science fun and get excited about reading in *Chronicles of Narnia: The Exhibition*.

STAGE ONE - Story Time!

Brown Todd Rehearsal Hall

Artspace Building - 323 W. Broadway

June 11 & 25 and July 16, 2011, 10 a.m.

Costumed storytellers bring your favorite stories to life, complete with live music and audience participation! To participate in the performance call 498-2436.

LOUISVILLE ZOO – 1100 Trevilian Way

June 17, 2011, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

FREE family fun: Amazing animals, the Meta Zoo (Noon to 2pm) lead by docents, PNC Mobile Learning Adventure, & movie "How to Train Your Dragon" – at the Oasis Field at sundown. Additional Fees: exhibits, rides & activities.

SPEED ART MUSEUM - 2035 South Third St.

July 9, 2011, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for lots of hands-on activities within ArtSparks and throughout the museum.

HEALTH FAIR

Newburg Church of Christ - 4700 E. Indian Trail

July 28, 2011, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Health services will include physicals, dental screenings & immunizations. Also find info. on reading to your child, physical activity & more.

SLUGGER FIELD - 401 E. Main Street

August 9, 2011, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Countdown's main event! See the Louisville Bats play, meet representatives from local schools and community organizations, and get lots of free stuff for your kindergartener.



Go to www.LFPL.org to find out more.



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

These are some of the skills that would be helpful for children to know before entering kindergarten:*

Reading & Oral Language

1. Speak in five to six word sentences
2. Retell familiar stories
3. Discuss “who, what, when, where, & why” questions about familiar stories
4. Sing songs
5. Recite nursery rhymes or other familiar poems
6. Read own name
7. Recognize familiar environmental print (Ex. Traffic signs; store logos such as K-Mart, McDonald's and Wal-Mart; food labels, etc.)
8. Recite the letters of the alphabet (Sing the “Alphabet Song”)
9. Recognize and name some letters of the alphabet
10. Know that books are read from front to back
11. Know that print moves from left to right and top to bottom on a page

Math

1. Recognize and name eight basic colors
2. Recognize and name four basic shapes (square, rectangle, triangle, & circle)
3. Rote count from 1-10
4. Can count groups of items up to five

Writing

1. Know how to hold a pencil, crayon, pen, or marker
2. Pretend to write and reads own writing in a left to right direction
3. Write own first name
4. Draw simple, recognizable people and pictures
5. Know how to use scissors, paste, and glue

Personal Care and Safety

1. Toilet trained
2. Can fasten and unfasten own clothing without assistance (Ex. Zippers, shoes, jackets, etc.)
3. Cover mouth or nose when sneezing or coughing
4. Know home address and phone number
5. Know how to contact available, safe adults in case of emergency
6. Know full name and workplace of parents and/or guardians

Social Skills

1. Beginning to engage in cooperative play with children in own age group
2. Beginning to learn concept of sharing
3. Follow rules and directions given by a caring adult
4. Use polite language when talking with adult and peers
5. Keep track of personal belongings

**Jefferson County Public Schools believes that children develop and learn things at different rates and times. These are only suggested skills and may or may not be representative of your child's unique abilities.*

Shaping the Future!