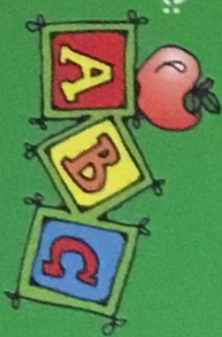


Why Is Quality Early Childhood Education Important?

Research shows that young children who receive quality early care and education are:

- better prepared to enter kindergarten ready to succeed
- less likely to drop out of school, be unemployed, or get arrested
- more likely to graduate from college, work in higher-paying jobs, and experience personal success

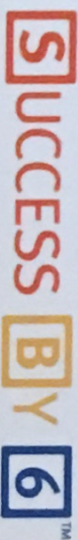


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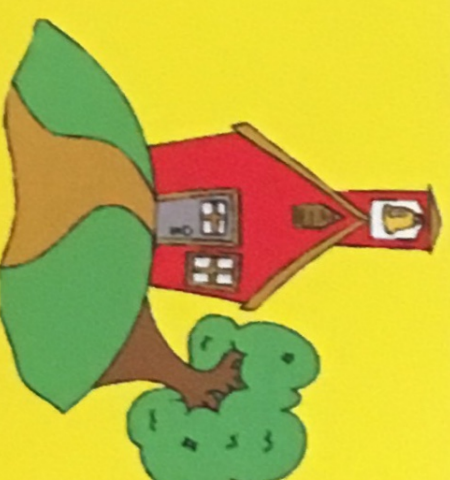
Working together and collaborating with other community partners so that ALL of Bucks County's children can enter school ready to succeed.



Is my child ready for Kindergarten?

Signs of kindergarten readiness may include:

- Saying first and last name, birthday, and age
- Printing first name
- Printing letters of the alphabet
- Counting to 10
- Saying or singing the ABC's
- Knowing colors, letters, basic shapes
- Stating needs with a simple sentence
- Using the bathroom alone
- Being able to wait turn and share
- Listening to others
- Following simple directions
- Being away from parents for 2 to 3 hours without getting upset
- Drawing with crayons, cutting with scissors, playing with play dough
- Snapping and buttoning own clothing



You can help by reading and talking with your child. Do activities together.

Visit your local library to select books. This will help your child get ready for kindergarten.

For more information on where to pick up Kindergarten Here I Come! activity book, call United Way of Bucks County at 215-949-1660.