



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Get ready for one of the biggest adventures of your child's life!

School will be starting soon. These tips can help your children look forward to attending school every day.

Did you know that missing just one or two days of preschool or reception every few weeks can make it harder for children to develop reading skills, and to be prepared for statutory school years and beyond?

Adventure Time!

Take your child to visit the school to see the building

- If possible, meet their teacher and visit their classroom!
- Visit with neighbours to see who is going to the same school. It's always fun to have a buddy.
- Explore a pick-up and drop off sharing plan with neighbours, or a "Walking School Bus."
- Respond right way to outreach from your child's teacher. Ask any questions you have!



Story Time!

Tell your child positive stories from when you were at school

- Make up silly songs about everyday routines: getting up, eating breakfast and going to school.
- Read to your child each night in your home language.
- Books can address children's concerns in playful ways and support conversations.





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Habit Time!

Set a standard bed and wake up time a few weeks in advance

- Let children choose what clothes they'd like to wear the next day.
- Routines make everyone feel in control, and that's a good feeling.



Good Health Time!

Make sure your child has the right immunisations to attend school

- If you are concerned your child may have a contagious illness, call your child's health provider or school for advice.
- If your child is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, talk to your school about developing a health plan.
- Schedule non-urgent medical appointments and extended trips when preschool is not in session.



Preschool through reception establishes the foundation for relationship building and life-long learning. Help your child gain comfort, self-confidence and delight in these milestone events.

