

Prospective Parent Night for Kindergarten

How many K openings?

There are about 60 kindergarten slots. There is a sibling preference policy and based on the incoming Kindergarten siblings, we anticipate about 40 openings.

Do you do STEM Projects or have STEM at CPCS?

STEM projects are done throughout the different grade levels at CPCS. The SMCPS STEM program is offered at Lexington Park Elementary and Spring Ridge Middle School.

How many teachers are in the Kindergarten classroom?

There is one teacher and one paraprofessional in each class.

If my child has a late September birthday and I feel they are ready for school, should I still apply to be in the lottery?

If you feel your child is ready for kindergarten, but does not meet the required age, you can apply for the lottery provided their birthday falls before Nov.1. If selected to attend CPCS, you will be contacted by CPCS for your child to take an Early Entrance Exam by one of our staff members to determine if acceleration is appropriate.

What happens if our kindergartner is selected to attend CPCS and they have an older sibling—do they automatically get in?

The older sibling will be placed on the sibling wait list for their grade level. Siblings have preference, so if an opening occurs, the first person on the sibling wait list is called.

What does a typical day look like in Kindergarten?

Morning meeting, whole group reading instruction, small group reading instruction with stations, snack, recess, lunch, specials, whole group math instruction with math rotations ending with free choice centers.

What skills can we work on at home to prepare our child for kindergarten?

Coloring, cutting, writing name, puzzles, counting to 100, rhyming, playing games, reading to them, nursery rhymes, cooking with them, noticing and wondering about the science outside, proficiency with dressing themselves, buttons, zippers, gloves, hats, coats, opening and closing lunch items, unbuckling and buckling seatbelts, putting shoes on

Do you have Before and Aftercare?

Yes, we have SMCPS Parks and Recreation have a program at our school.

Are there any summer opportunities for kids?

All CPCS students are eligible for the summer programs offered through the St. Mary's County School System.