

## Preschool and your child!

**Children** who enter kindergarten without a preschool experience may be missing early learning opportunities. If your child has not been in a formal program, there is still time to get him or her enrolled.

They learn how to play in a group, respect others and solve problems. Preschool provides an introduction to the concepts of reading, math, and science.

When a child is identified as needing extra help, preschool teachers are able to refer him or her to the Board of Education as soon as Kindergarten starts.

**You are your child's MOST important teacher!** Here are some things to do to help your child be ready for school...

- Set and keep a routine for bedtime and getting up in the morning
- Go to the Library and read books together
- Point out signs like the name of your street and foods in the grocery store
- Let your child pretend to read to you
- Ask questions like "what," "where," and "how" about stories you read together



*Getting ready to read is just one way parents can help their child be ready to learn.*

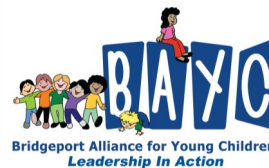
## Kindergarten Registration

If your child turns **5** years of age on or before 1/1/12 they **must** be enrolled in Kindergarten. You register your child at the school they will be attending. First, take your child for a physical and immunization. Then go to the School Office where someone will help you with the registration. Bring:

1. An official birth certificate
2. Two kinds of proof of your address. Proof can be any two (2) of the following:
  - Parent/Guardian driver's license or CT State ID
  - Current Utility Bills from two (2) different companies
  - Canceled checks to prove payment of rent for (2) months
  - A notarized letter from landlord stating family lives at that address
3. Immunization Record/Health Assessment Record with BOTH sides completed.

If you have questions or are not sure where to go, call for help:  
Board of Education— 203-275-1263  
or BAYC— 203-339-6318.

**Register EARLY...**  
**Don't wait until August!**



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## Getting Ready for Kindergarten



**Check Inside to find out ...**  
*How to register for school,  
How to get ready to learn, and  
All about Kick Off Kindergarten!*

# Kick Off to Kindergarten

Is it the right program  
for your child?

**Kick Off to Kindergarten** is a program for children who have not had any formal preschool experience. Your child will have three weeks of focused activities that introduce him or her to books, numbers, and how to play in groups. There will also be **Parent Workshops** that will give you materials and activities to continue preparing your child for Kindergarten.

Classes will be held from July 1—July 22 from 8:30 to 12:30 pm. There is no transportation provided for **Kick Off to Kindergarten**, however breakfast and lunch are provided. Classrooms will be at Cesar Batalla and Barnum Schools. Fill out the form in this brochure and return it today... **don't wait...space is limited!**



## Get your child Ready for School

If your child is going to Kindergarten this year but has not gone to preschool, then register today for **"Kick Off to Kindergarten"**

### Student Information:

Student name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

(If your child turns 5 years of age on or before 1/1/12 they **must** be enrolled in Kindergarten.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Apt. No \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child in preschool now? Yes  No   
 Name of preschool, daycare, home daycare?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of school)

### Language Information:

1. What language did your child learn to speak first?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the primary language spoken in your home?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the primary language spoken by your child at home? \_\_\_\_\_

A limited number of children will be accepted for this program. There will be classrooms at Barnum School and Cesar Batalla. Which school do you prefer?

Barnum  Cesar Batalla   
 We will try to honor your choice  
 but cannot guarantee your selection.



### Parent agreement:

1. I will bring my child to school by 8:30 am and pick them up at 12:30 pm each day
2. My child will attend every day of the three week program.
3. I will participate in the two Parent Workshops held in the afternoon/evening.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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 Print name of Parent or Legal Guardian

**Return by Friday, June 10 to:**  
**Kick Off to Kindergarten**  
**75 Washington Ave,**  
**Bridgeport CT 06604**  
**Or FAX to 203/334-3297**

If your child is accepted into the program, you will receive a letter by June 20. If you do not receive a letter, please contact  
**Jackie Romero**  
**203-339-6318**

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