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COUNTY POINTER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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To all Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Pointer Ridge Elementary School. The Kindergarten Program in Prince George's County stresses many academic skills. There are ways you can help to prepare your child for kindergarten. It will be very helpful if the children who come to kindergarten are familiar with the skills listed below:

I. Reading Readiness

- 1) Recognizes capital and lower case letters of the alphabet.
- 2) Reads one book daily with an adult. Adult should discuss new vocabulary, ask comprehension questions, and emphasize sequencing (first, next, and last).
- 3) Recognizes groups and subgroups in and around the home (food -- fruit, vegetables; animals -- cats, dogs, etc.).
- 4) Recognizes the eight basic colors -- red, blue, yellow, green, black, brown, orange, and purple.

II. Math Readiness

- 1) Identifies four basic shapes -- circles, triangle, rectangle, square.
- 2) Counts from 1 - 20.
- 3) Recognizes numbers 0 - 10.

III. Self-help Skills

- 1) Buttons, zips, buckles, ties and snaps own clothing.
- 2) Uses bathroom independently and properly.

IV: Fine Motor Skills

- 1) Holds a pencil correctly.
- 2) Traces over simple shapes or outlines.
- 3) Prints his/her first name using capital and lower case letters
Example: Andy, not ANDY.
- 4) Uses scissors to cut on a line.

IV. Gross Motor Skills

- 1) Walks, runs, jumps, skips, hops.
- 2) Practices throwing and catching a ball.

Sample Kindergarten Schedule

7:45 - 8:15	Opening Exercises - this-includes singing, movement, calendar math, weather, etc.
8:15 - 8:40	Writing Skills - letter and sound recognition, phonics skill practice, writing practice
8:40 -10:00	Language Arts - students work individually and in small and large groups on pre-reading, reading, pre-writing, and writing skills
10:00 -10:10	Snack - a small, healthy snack (consisting of fruit, vegetable sticks, crackers, or cheese) is brought in daily.
10:10 -11:20	Math
11:20 -11:50	P.E./Music
11:50 - 12:15	Social Studies/Science/Health
12:15 -12:30	Clean up/Prepare for Lunch
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30	Recess
1:30 - 1:45	D. E. A. R. (<u>D</u>rop <u>E</u>verything <u>A</u>nd <u>R</u>ead)
1:45 - 1:55	Review and Dismissal

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G g H h I i J j K k

L l M m N n O o P p

Q q R r S s T t U u

V v W w X x Y y Z z

**The stroke for each letter is continuous (do not lift pencil)
except for f, i, j, k, t, and x**