



# Attendance Matters

Every day counts!

Attending school regularly and on time helps children develop relationships, feel better about school, and themselves.

## Did you know...?

Missing just **one** or **two** days of preschool or kindergarten every few weeks can make it **more difficult** to:

- Gain early reading and math skills
- Be prepared for kindergarten/first grade
- Build relationships
- Develop good attendance habits in high school and college

This summer,

start establishing routines!



- \* Create morning and evening routines:
  - Set a bed and wake up time a few weeks before the first day of school
  - Lay out clothes--let your child choose!
  - Pack bookbag the night before
- \* Start a countdown to the first day
- \* Visit the school and meet the teacher
- \* Make sure immunizations are up to date
- \* Read to your child each night, in your home language, and use books to address concerns in playful ways
- \* Create a pick up/drop off schedule with neighbors
- \* Ask questions!

Consider  
this!



Missing 1 day every 2 weeks = 20 days per year

1 day per week = 40 days per year

2 days per week = 80 days per year

