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May: Kindergartners' Lunch and More

May 11 - 29

Class supply boxes, including for rising K, will be available for purchase on SPARK's website and will be delivered to the class teacher directly.

May 13

Please bring your rising Kindergartner to SPARK to enjoy a lunch in the cafeteria together (2014-15 lunch fees were \$2.25 for child; \$4 for adult). We will have time with Nurse Carr to discuss allergies and Asst Principal Adamo to discuss SPARK Café policies and procedures.

May 15-31

Download and submit form for personal letter to Principal Brown to aid in student placement.

Mid-May and beyond

Stock up on summer reading books with Mr. Jackson's Scholastic Book Sale and summer reading lists.

May 28-29

(Re-)registration at SPARK cafeteria.



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Summer Skill Building (rising K)

Set a regular schedule and talk about time.

Practice two-step instructions.

Practice writing first and last name.

Encourage doing household chores.

Practice tying, zippering, and buttoning.

Read together!!



Other Free Resources

BedtimeMath.com: incorporates simple math and problem solving as part of a daily routine.

Atlanta Public Library: order books and read together at night.

Barnes & Noble Summer Reading program: earn a book by reading and recording in a journal.

PTO-funded online programs: available on SPARK/Our School/Classes/Instruction Schedules.
Mr. Jackson's Summer Reading List.



June: K and 1st Summer Play Dates

June

9 @ 10-12pm SPARK Playground

20 @ 10-12pm SPARK Playground

27 @ 4-6pm Splash Fountain at
Piedmont Park

No need to RSVP; just come and have fun!

One last opportunity to (re-)register, likely
at Grady High School



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July: Playdates and More

July 15 and 25

Rising K and 1st Playdate (10-12pm) at SPARK Playground

Check the APS transportation website for your bus route and bus stop. Get excited about empowering your student to ride the bus.

Teacher assignments and additional materials will be mailed by July 24. Use social media to organize a playdate to meet classmates.

Attend Orientation for Parents of New Students (to be scheduled)

Create a quiet, work zone in your home for homework, studying, and reading. Stock it with spare school supplies.



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July: The Week Before School Starts

Reinforce bedtime and wake up time.

Practice getting up, dressed, breakfasted, and walking to bus stop or to school.

Practice laying out clothes the night before.

Gather school supplies. Label belongings (backpack, lunch box, outer wear).

Print out the monthly lunch calendar and allow your student to select a few meals each month to try.

Finalize schedule for homework, after-school activities, snack, TV time, free play.

Volunteer for Parent Work Days (July 29-Aug 4).



July-August: Introducing Global Traditions

Read up on and consider your own First Day of School traditions by:

Carrying a Japanese *randoseru*

Riding up on a Dutch *bakfietsen*

Coming to breakfast to find a German *Schultuete*

Bringing your teacher a Russian *Day of Knowledge* flower.

<https://www.pinterest.com/littlepassports/back-to-school-across-the-globe/>

Volunteer at our Parent Work Days on July 28-Aug 4 to get the classrooms ready.

Come to Sneak Peak (TBD) to meet your teacher, your paraprofessional, and classmates; see the classroom; deliver school supplies; get a Bag Tag; become a Class Parent.

Come share in SPARK's traditional Coffee & Kleenex party (August 5 at ~8:05am).



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August 5: School Begins

Become a SPARK Supporter by joining the PTO. Help offset the APS budget deficit by contributing to the PTO. Become a SPARK Partner if you are a business owner.

Register and use Infinite Campus.

Volunteer with at least one PTO program each semester.

Empower your teacher with your support, your presence, your resources, your \$.

Come to Parent-only Back to School Night (late Aug).

Encourage student to pack lunch/snack each night.



And Beyond: Be a SPARK Advocate

Get to know your PTO Board.

Get to know your teacher.

Be generous with your time, your resources,
your \$\$.

Attend Principal's Teas.

