

**SAVE THE DATE: August 20-24, 2018**

**In Seattle Public Schools,  
KINDERGARTEN begins with JUMP START**

**What is JUMP START?**

Jump Start is a FREE week-long experience for Kindergarteners to learn about school. Children will become familiar with their new school building, staff, typical school day activities and practices. Their parents/guardians will be able to meet with the school principal and ask questions about school.

**Jump Start aims to help young children:**

- Experience joyful learning
- Learn school readiness behaviors
- Become more comfortable with the school environment
- Help teachers to get to know students better
- Allow teachers to assess students' skills and strengths

**When and Where is JUMP START?**

Jump Start takes place each morning the week of August 20-24 at most elementary schools in Seattle. A full list of participating schools and registration information will be posted soon on the Seattle Public Schools website at <http://tiny.cc/EarlyLearn> -- or call the school your child will attend to inquire. All students at participating schools are invited!

- Jump Start will run for 5 consecutive half-days (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
- A parent/guardian meeting with the school principal is scheduled during the week
- Bilingual staff will assist children who are English-language learners.
- Some schools will offer snacks and lunch.
- No transportation is provided, so families need to drop off and pick up children each day (note: families in transition may be eligible for transportation. Please call 206/ 252-0660)

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES**


**Aug 20-24 Jump Start**

**Sept. 5-7 Each family meets with their Kindergarten teacher**

**Sept. 5 First day of school for grades 1-12**

**Sept. 10 First day of school for Kindergarten students**

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