

Give your Kindergartener a SMART START

One of the best gifts you can give your child is a great foundation before going off to kindergarten. DSG invites families with 3-6 year olds with Down syndrome to attend the *Smart Start* sessions which will help you better understand what successful students with Down syndrome have in common. Your attendance will help you send your child off to the first day of kindergarten with excitement! You will have the opportunity to ask questions, learn about local resources, and meet other parents whose children are also preparing to enter kindergarten.

Session 1: Student Readiness

Thursday, September 19, 2019 6-8PM

Session topics:

- Potty training
- High expectations
- Insistence on compliance
- Following rules and directions
- Jobs around the house
- Handling schedule changes



Session 3: Placements & IEP's

Thursday, January 16, 2020 6-8PM

Session topics:

- State assessments
- IQ Testing
- Inclusion, mainstreaming and self-contained classrooms
- Individual Education Plans
- Creating IEP Goals

Session 2: Parent/School Relations

Thursday, November 14, 2019 6-8PM

Session Topics:

- Communicating effectively
- Common mistakes
- Addressing concerns
- What's a paraprofessional?
- What your teachers need to know
- How to build good rapport

Session 4: Fostering Friendships

Thursday, March 5, 2020 6-8PM

Session topics:

- Social skills for success
- Creating social opportunities
- Successful play dates
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community activities
- Peer presentations

All sessions will be held at the DSG Office.

Childcare will be provided to those who register in advance for sessions.

REGISTER ONLINE: kcdsg.org/smartstart

Questions? Contact Julie at 913-213-5485 or Julie@kcdsg.org