what's the NEXT STEP?

1. At the beginning of school: Meet with your child's teacher for the Family Connection. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other.

+ If your child has been in preschool or child care, please consider sharing information you've received from the early learning provider.

+ Also consider sharing any assessment information you may have about your child.

2. By early November: Ask your child's teacher what she or he has learned about your child through the WaKIDS process.

Ask the teacher questions like:

+ What have you learned that my child can do well?

+ What can I do at home to help support the work being done in the classroom?

Resources:

WaKIDS website
www.k12.wa.us/WaKIDS

"Introducing Me!" a booklet to guide the family connection conversation
http://bit.ly/1maywqE

Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines, Birth through 3rd Grade
http://bit.ly/LjwnC6

Characteristics commonly found in entering kindergartners and measured by WaKIDS
http://bit.ly/12QBJvy

WaKIDS and Washington State Standards
http://bit.ly/19mBRtW

Washington State Department of Early Learning

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WaKIDS Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

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here's to your child's bright future!

Thanks for working with us to make kindergarten a *great experience* for your child!

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entering kindergarten

is a huge milestone for you & your child!

so you're INVITED

...to participate in a program designed to help your child *transition* into and *thrive* in school.

Welcome to the adventure of
WaKIDS

What: WaKIDS.

When: As your child enters kindergarten.

Where: At your child's new school.

Why: Because by working together, we can create the best possible start to a lifetime of learning.

what is WaKIDS?

The Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills — or WaKIDS — is a process for:

- Welcoming students and their families to kindergarten.
- Assessing students' strengths.
- Discussing the characteristics of children's development and learning that will enable them to be successful in school.

No one knows your child better than you. You are an important member of the team that will help support your child's learning and make the transition into kindergarten as smooth as possible.

WaKIDS

Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

Pathway to Success:

family connection

Families and teachers partnering to get to know you and your child.

whole child assessment

Teachers identifying children's strengths to target support where it's needed most.

early learning collaboration

Kindergarten teachers and early learning providers sharing information to help children succeed.

the result

Creating a pathway toward your child's success in school.