

Welcome to



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A welcome leaflet for parents of future grade 0 children

Dear mom and dad

Welcome as parents at Flauenskjold School. We look forward to working with you on your child's learning and wellbeing.

Helping a child succeed in life is a shared responsibility for all adults around the child. We know that you are doing your part, and we promise that we will also do our very best.

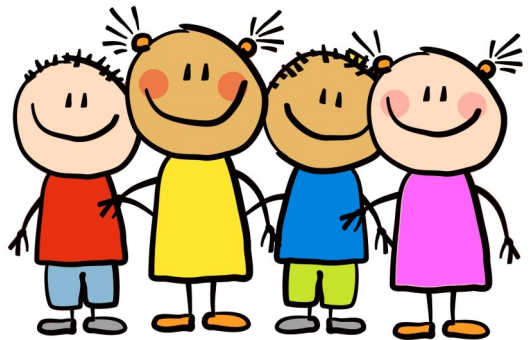
Starting school is a milestone in every child's life. For some children it is as easy as scratching their neck, while for others it is a big step that may feel overwhelming and sometimes almost unmanageable. But together, we can ease the transition, and as parents you can help make the school start easier for your child by helping him or her prepare to meet the expectations we have for children starting school.

Being ready for school is not about being able to write one's name or count to ten, but about having the prerequisites for learning. At school, your child will meet new demands, expectations and rules. This leaflet is intended to support you in what you can work on at home as you prepare for school start.

To make the transition from kindergarten to school as smooth as possible, we have a close collaboration between the school, SFO (afterschool care), and the kindergarten. This includes visits to the school and SFO and the beginning of relationship-building between the children and the adults from school and SFO already early in the kindergarten years—a process that intensifies as school start approaches.

We have prepared a list of the general expectations your child will meet at school. We do not expect the child to "check off" every point, nor is the list exhaustive, but the more points your child is able to manage, the easier the school start will feel.

We have also created a list of ideas for how you as parents can support your child at school—both in the daily school life and especially during the transition to starting school. We hope you will welcome these suggestions and that you will help your child practice some of the things he or she has not yet mastered before school begins.



We expect that your child will gradually begin to:

- Be able to receive and understand collective instructions
- Be able to delay personal needs and wait for his/her turn
- Be able to sit still in his/her seat and concentrate
- Be motivated to learn new things
- Participate and listen in group conversations
- Be independent in putting on clothes and outerwear and carry his/her own items such as his/her school bag
- Manage personal hygiene independently – including toilet visits, washing hands and showering after PE
- Consider others and show empathy toward children and adults
- Begin listening to others' experiences in conflict situations
- Respect rules and understand the difference between "yours" and "mine"
- Stay within a designated area, even when it is not fenced
- Be open to new relationships with children and adults
- Handle others' feelings

Ideas for how you can prepare your child for starting school:

- Involve your child in household tasks such as cooking, cleaning, tidying, etc.
- Let your child use a pencil and scissors
- Read aloud to your child and let him/her retell the story
- Read rhymes and chants together
- Play games together, follow the rules and remember that your child must also practice losing
- Let your child put on their clothes themselves, even if it takes longer
- Avoid letting your child interrupt your or others' conversations
- Be consistent when you say no

As parents, you can help your child by:

- Supporting and guiding your child in meeting the school's expectations
- Ensuring your child arrives fresh, wellrested—and on time
- Helping your child stay organized with practical matters such as:
 - Bringing PE clothes and a towel for PE lessons
 - Keeping the pencil case stocked and sharpening pencils at home
 - Bringing a lunchbox and water bottle every day
 - Keeping a change of clothes in the cloakroom
 - Bringing weather-appropriate outerwear
- Helping and supporting your child with homework
- Speaking positively about the school and classmates
- Creating positive expectations for the school day
- Showing confidence in your child's abilities—believe your child can do things independently and say it out loud!
- Trusting the school's work

We know our expectations for you are high. You may have the same expectations for us! Because we know that by setting expectations high, we achieve the best results.

Together we can create learning and wellbeing for all the children—both your child and their classmates. We expect you as parents to support the community. All children's learning and wellbeing is a shared responsibility, and only by supporting both your own and others' children can we ensure a good school day for everyone. Remember this—even when things get difficult.

We look forward to working with you!

*Kind regards,
Flauenskjold School*



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