

# Returning to Learning Checklist



Use this helpful checklist to make sure the child care providers you're considering take a whole-child approach to education, like we do.

Our teachers do it all, from getting your child ready for grade school to making sure they know how to share and make friends. They even work on your child's own sense of identity and larger place in the world. Make sure the child care providers you're considering do more than teach ABCs and 123s!

## Caring for happy hearts

Your child's emotional health is just as important to us as their physical safety. We see—and celebrate—each child for who they are.

**Communication throughout the day is seamless.**

We use the KinderCare App to stay in touch throughout the day so you're never in the dark about your child's day.

**Teachers are emotion detectives!**

Our loving teachers are like detectives who can sniff out what's happening with your child and help them name their feelings, regulate their emotions, think through their reactions, solve their own problems, and resolve conflicts.

**Emotional growth and social skills are just as important as academics.**

In our programs, your child will gain tools to help them listen to their inner voice, develop positive relationships, and strengthen their emotional center.

**Anti-bias principles are practiced every day.**

We use classroom materials that reflect diverse backgrounds and talk openly with children about what makes people the same—and different!

**Friendships are fundamental!**

A big part of our teachers' job is helping your child build positive relationships—with peers, grownups, and themselves—that bring them joy in supportive environments where everyone is welcome.

**Attachments are valued and independence is practiced.**

Your child's healthy attachment to you is a good thing! Yet every day, our teachers help kids practice independence, routines, and flexibility to strengthen their sense of security and belonging.

**Community participation is valued.**

From the classroom to the neighborhood, we'll explore the people and systems that make the world go 'round.

## Nurturing growing minds

Every second of learning in our classrooms counts. Our talented teachers and thoughtfully designed curricula work together to help your kiddo meet milestones and stretch beyond!

**Classroom time is unplugged!**

Screens take a backseat to our daily hands-on activities, exciting experiences, and physical activities.

**Curriculum is inclusive and tailored to this unique moment in history for different ages, stages, and abilities.**

Our team of experts created pandemic-response curricula for all ages that meets kids where they are and gets them back on track.

**Learning plans are customized for each child.**

You'll fill out our Learning Journey Profile before your first day with us so we can understand what your child needs and build a tailored learning plan for them.

**Academic success is measurable.**

Year over year, national assessment results show that KinderCare kids do better than their peers the longer they stay with us.

**Distance learning support for school-age kids is offered.**

Our on-site programs for K-6th graders help kids stay on track with school and enjoy safe social time.

