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# MANISTEE GREAT START FAMILIES

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER



## Preparing for Back to School

August is back to school month! As we start seeing kids head back to school here are some tips to help them get ready for school.

1. Visit the school or classroom before the first day of school.
2. Read books about starting school
3. Talk to your child about all the feelings that comes with starting a new school year.
4. Practice reading!
5. Let your child help with getting things ready for the first day of school!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Park Playgroup**  
**Fridays 9:30 – 11:00 am**  
**Onekama Park**

**Books In the Park**  
**Sat, Aug 26th**  
**9:30 am**  
**Magoon Creek Picnic Area**

**Story Time on the Go**  
**Wed Aug 9th**  
**9:30 am**  
**Baldy Trail Acarida**  
**(Kid friendly hike W/story and snack)**

**Nature event with Manistee Conservation District**  
**Mon, Aug 21st**  
**10:00 am**  
**Spirit of the Woods**



## LET'S TALK ABOUT PRESCHOOL

When talking about the first day of preschool with your little one, use words to show your excitement! Children can pick up the emotions that you may be feeling. By saying "I know that you're going to have a great day at preschool and I'm so excited for you!", this may make the idea of preschool less

**The Kissing Hand**  
 By: Audrey Penn



Chester the raccoon is sad about leaving his family when he has to go to school. What will he do when he misses his mom? His mother reassures him and gives him something special to remember her by during the day. What special something will you share with your little one?



**How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?**

By: Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

The dinosaurs are having trouble behaving well at school! Can you help them make better choices? This fun and colorful book will help your child learn what behaviors are appropriate for school!

