

# Is Good Attendance in Kindergarten Important?

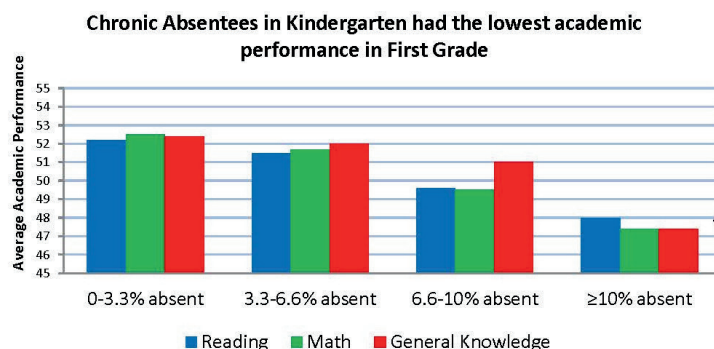


Kindergarten is **very important to your child's future learning**. In kindergarten your child will be learning important skills that will "set the course" for school success in the years to come.



## Missing too much school affects the child's Ability to Learn:

Research shows that **children who are absent more than 10% of the time, or 18 days in a full school year, will not do as well in school in first grade**. The graph shows how children who miss more than 10% or more of school perform much more poorly in reading, math, and general knowledge.



This is missing just **one day** every two weeks!



**Fact:** One in ten kindergarten and first grade students miss a **month** of school throughout the year when absences are totaled. Critical learning time is being missed. Children who don't learn the building blocks and basic skills in the early grades have to work much harder to stay on grade level as they move through school. Many don't catch up.

**Fact:** Chronic absence (missing 10% or more of school) is the single strongest indicator of dropping out of high school before graduation. Students who drop out of high school have a higher likelihood of becoming teen parents, being poor, have substance abuse problems, and becoming involved with the law.

**BE PRESENT**

**BE POWERFUL!**

Help your child become a super hero with their learning.  
Attend kindergarten every day!