



Kindergarten, Here We Come!

August 2017

Kindergarten, Here We Come! is a 45 - 60 minute class for children entering Kindergarten this fall. The class features stories and activities to help mark that all important first day, including boarding a real school bus. Registration required. Cosponsored by Friends of HCLS and Howard County Public School System.

HCLS CENTRAL BRANCH (410.313.7880)

Registration begins Aug 9 for all sessions.

Wed	Aug 16	11 am
Thu	Aug 17	7 pm
Sat	Aug 19	2 pm
Sat	Aug 19	3:30 pm

HCLS EAST COLUMBIA EXPRESS BRANCH (410.313.7730)

Registration begins Aug 8 for all sessions.

Tue	Aug 15	6 pm
Wed	Aug 16	10 am
Wed	Aug 16	1 pm

HCLS GLENWOOD BRANCH (410.313.5579)

Registration begins Aug 9 for all sessions.

Wed	Aug 16	4 pm
Wed	Aug 16	7 pm
Thu	Aug 17	10:30 am
Thu	Aug 17	4 pm

HCLS MILLER BRANCH (410.313.1950)

Registration begins Jul 24 for all sessions.

Mon	Jul 31	10:15 am
Mon	Jul 31	11:30 am
Tue	Aug 1	4:30 pm
Tue	Aug 1	7 pm
Wed	Aug 2	2 pm
Wed	Aug 2	7 pm
Thu	Aug 3	11 am
Tue	Aug 8	7 pm
Wed	Aug 9	4:30 pm
Wed	Aug 9	7 pm
Thu	Aug 10	11 am
Thu	Aug 10	2 pm

HCLS SAVAGE BRANCH (410.313.0760)

Registration begins Aug 15 for all sessions.

Tue	Aug 22	10:15 am
Wed	Aug 23	10:15 am
Thu	Aug 24	6:30 pm
Sat	Aug 26	11:15 am

Meet the Author: Carla Taylor-Pla

Helping Children Make the Transition into Kindergarten

For parents and caregivers of children entering Kindergarten this fall; 45 - 60 min. Registration required.

Experiencing school for the first time is one of life's most rewarding yet challenging adventures. *School is New to Me: A Beginner's Guide to Starting School* by Carla Taylor-Pla relates valuable, immediately usable information for preparing children to enter early education settings with minds ready to learn. Written in a child's voice and based on best practices and the author's experiences as a mother and dedicated child advocate, this book explains what to expect from a typical school routine.

Books and companion activity books available for purchase and signing. In partnership with HCPSS and the Road to Kindergarten initiative.

CENTRAL (410.313.7800)

Sat Jul 22 2 pm

(more)



MILLER 410.313.1950)

Thu Jul 27 7 pm

GLENWOOD (410.313.5577)

Mon Jul 31 7 pm

Carla Taylor-Pla holds a BA from Yale University, an M.S. in Journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, and an MBA from American University. She lives in Alexandria, Virginia with her husband, daughter, and spotted dog, Maxie. Her daughter, Liv, is the inspiration for the School is New to Me Series and company, Carla & Liv KIDS (www.carlaandlivkids.com).

Q & A with Carla Taylor-Pla

What lessons did you learn from your daughter's first experience with "school?"

I had two "aha" moments from this experience. One was that sharing information with her teacher about a challenge my daughter, Liv, was having helped bring out the best in my daughter. The other was that children, like us, need to know what to expect from a new situation in order to feel comfortable enough to succeed.

What topics will you explore in your discussion group?

Since the discussion is geared to parents and caregivers, some of my topics will include:

- Your role as your child's first teacher.
- Building your child's familiarity with the school environment and teachers.
- The importance of communicating with your child's teacher(s).
- Helping reduce your child's separation anxiety.
- Supporting learning through play.
- Providing activities that support year-round love of learning.

You will leave the discussion with easily usable ideas to engage your children in school readiness activities.

What is your professional background?

I started my career as a broadcast journalist covering child welfare. Then, I went on to work as a senior public policy analyst for a child advocacy organization in Washington, DC, and provided testimony for Congress while mobilizing a nationwide network of educators and parents to support early education initiatives. I also served on the leadership team that launched the high quality media education brand. PBS KIDS.