

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

As you go through the summer there are many things you can do to help prepare your child for kindergarten. This list has been prepared for you to help your child practice basic skills that will be necessary during the first few weeks of school. These are things you can incorporate into your daily routine or through fun games during the summer months.

Self help skills: separation from parent  
Verbally communicate needs and wants  
Take care of and clean up belongings

Literacy skills: recognize the letters of the alphabet (capital and lower case)  
Recognize and write 1<sup>st</sup> name  
Beginning to write letters of the alphabet with proper form

Math skills: identify numbers 1-10  
Write numbers 1-10  
Count objects in groups of 1-10  
Identify colors: red, yellow, orange, green, blue, brown, black, purple  
Identify shapes: circle, square, oval, triangle, rectangle, diamond

All children should be able to sustain attention to a task for approximately 10 minutes.

You will find a suggested reading list and handwriting sample attached. Be sure to read daily to your child and have fun!

Sincerely,  
The Kindergarten Teachers

Suggested summer reading  
Entering Kindergarten

Suggested Authors:

Brett, Jan  
Bunting, Eve  
Carle, Eric  
Carlson, Nancy  
Crews, Donald  
Cousins, Lucy  
Dr. Seuss  
Ehlert, Lois  
Fleming, Denise  
Gibbons, Gail  
Henkes, Kevin  
McMillan, Bruce  
Murphy, Stuart J.  
Numeroff, Laura Joffe  
Rockwell, Anne  
Walsh, Ellen Stoll

Suggested Topics:

Alphabet  
Children's Poetry  
Colors and Shapes  
Community  
Counting  
Fairy Tales  
Nursery Rhymes  
Patriotism  
Seasons  
Healthy Choices

A B C D E F G

H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T

U V W X Y Z

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j k l m n o p q r

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