



Dear Rising Kindergarten Families,

In an effort to ensure that your child begins kindergarten well prepared, please use the summer break to continue to work on and review the following readiness skills. There is no packet of worksheets or websites to visit. Summer vacation is a time to relax, recharge, and spend time with family and friends. Below is a list of activities to build into your daily routine over the summer.

- Facilitate a love of reading by reading together often. Follow along with your finger to teach that writing goes from left to right, top to bottom. Ask your child to tell you what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Visit the library or bookstore and explore books that interest your child.
- Have your child practice writing their first and last name using an initial capital letter and all others lowercase.
- Recognize and name all capital and lowercase letters.
- Look and listen for rhyming words.
- Look for and make patterns.
- Recognize and name colors, shapes, and numerals.
- Count to 100 by ones and tens.
- Sort, match, and count items: socks, shells, toys, anything!
- Sing the alphabet and put things in alphabetical order.
- Take turns playing a game such as Chutes and Ladders, War, Go Fish!, Guess Who, Candyland, and dice games.
- Learn your parents address and phone numbers.
- Continue to practice fine motor skills including cutting, coloring, zipping, snapping, buttoning, and molding playdough.
- Continue to practice large motor skills including jumping, skipping, hopping, balancing, climbing, swinging, and galloping. Play "Mother May I?"!
- Learn to tie shoes!
- Practice opening food containers and bags independently.
- Use a broom and dustpan.
- Pray often and practice reciting the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Blessing before each meal.

We look forward to meeting you in August!

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