

Welcome to Kindergarten

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Keys to Kindergarten Success

These skills will help your child start kindergarten with confidence. We know that children develop at different speeds and we will continue to practice these skills in kindergarten.

- Recognize and write their name.
- Recognize and identify upper and lowercase letters.
- Recognize and identify numbers 1 - 10.
- Hold a pencil, crayon, and marker correctly.
- Recognize rhyming words when they hear them.
- Follow simple directions.
- Able to listen to a short story.
- Use scissors and basic school supplies.
- Share and take turns with others.
- Use the restroom and wash hands independently.
- Put on and take off their jacket.
- Open and close lunch/snack containers.
- Draw different lines like X and zigzag.
- How to clean up.

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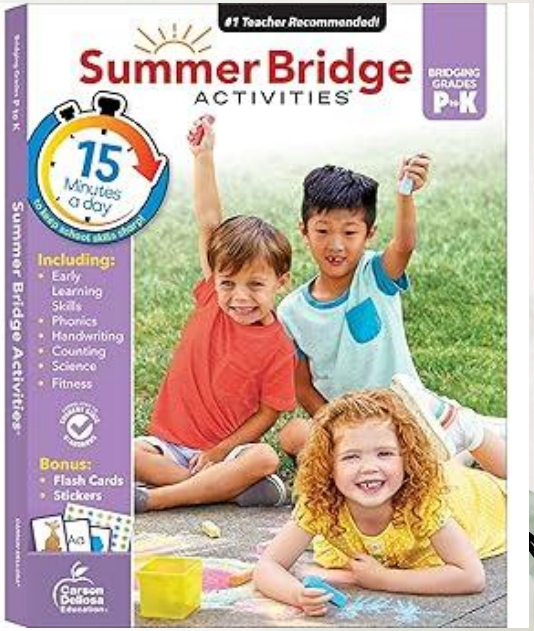
Need Ideas to Help Prepare Your Child?

- Reading, Literacy, and Math
  - Visit your local library for storytimes and beginner books.
  - Read together for 10 - 20 minutes each day.
  - Practice recognizing letters and sounds.
  - Practice counting objects and recognizing numbers 1 - 10.
- Learn Through Songs (during car rides, playtime, getting ready for the day!)
  - Listen to and sing songs that build skills like the alphabet, counting, phonics, and following directions through movement.
  - Jack Hartmann, Super Simple Songs, AlphaBlocks, and NumberBlocks are great!
- Learning Apps and Websites
  - PBS Kids Games - Free learning games with familiar characters.
  - Khan Academy Kids - Reading, math, and social-emotional learning.
  - Starfall ABCs - letter recognition and phonics.
  - ABCya - fun early math and literacy games.

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Need Ideas to Help Prepare Your Child?

- What to Practice at Home
  - Writing their first name.
  - Holding a pencil/crayon.
  - Counting objects and recognize numbers.
  - Using scissors, coloring in the lines, and drawing recognizable pictures.
- A Summer Bridge Activity Book is a great resource, they can be found on Amazon, Barnes & Noble etc.



- Social and Independence Skills
  - Practice sharing and taking turns.
  - Follow 1 - 2 step directions.
  - Practice putting on coats and backpacks.
  - Encourage independent bathroom routines and handwashing.
  - Practice opening and closing lunch boxes/snack containers.

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