

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome both you and your student to kindergarten! Here are some suggestions of things to do over the summer to help ensure that your child has a great experience next year. You will find the following attachments of ideas:

1. **Phonics**- Letter identification and letter sounds
2. **Reading**- Reading word wall words
3. **Writing** Ideas
4. **Math** Ideas

Thanks!

The Kindergarten Team

1. Phonics

1. Please practice identifying the 26 alphabet letters (capital and lowercase).
2. Please review the 26 letter sounds (see "Alphabet Chart" document).



IDEAS:

1. Get some chalk. Go outside with your child and have him/her write the letters on the sidewalk or driveway.
2. Spread a shaving cream on your kitchen countertop. Have your child write the letters in the cream.
3. Get some lower case magnetic letters. Put these on your refrigerator door. Your child can practice naming the letters and sounds daily.

2. Reading

1. Please practice reading the kindergarten word wall words.

a	am	an	and	at	can	come
dad	do	down	go	have	he	help
here	I	in	is	it	jump	little
like	look	love	me	mom	my	no
not	on	see	so	the	to	up
we	you					



IDEAS:

1. Practice writing the words using markers, pens, and crayons.
2. When reading, frame these words in the text with your fingers.
3. Use magnetic letters to spell the words on your refrigerator.
4. Please practice reading daily with your child.

3. Writing

1. Please practice writing your first and last name using proper capitalization.
2. Please practice writing the word wall words.
3. Have your child try to write a sentence using word wall words (you could make a sentence and have your child copy).

4. Math

1. Please practice identifying the numbers 1-20.
2. Practice writing the numbers 1-20.
3. Please practice counting objects to 20 (examples: beans, paper clips, pasta, toys).
4. Please review plane shapes (triangle, circle, square, oval, and rectangle).
5. Please review colors with your child (pink, orange, blue, yellow, green, white, black, brown, purple, red, and gray).
6. Please practice the AB (example: circle square circle square) and ABC (circle square triangle circle square triangle) patterns at home.