

# Spartanburg

DAY SCHOOL

Dear Rising Kindergarten Families,

We are so excited about next year! Here are some things you may want to try this summer when you are looking for something fun to do:

- 1) The public library is your best friend. They have a wonderful summer reading program. This is a fabulous opportunity for your child to get his/her very own library card! The book selection is incredible and the program is free!
- 2) Read aloud often with your children- daily is best- “The more things you read, the more things you know, the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go!”- Dr. Seuss
- 3) Choose as many activities as you can to complete from the Kindergarten Readiness Choice Board. These ideas are designed to be fun, creative, and help retain foundational skills over the summer.
- 4) Use your imagination, be creative, and talk together! If your child says that he/she is bored this summer, pull out the Brain Exercise Choice Board and have them play! Just as helping prevent the *summer slide* is important for maintaining skills over the summer, movement and play are important, too! We encourage you to have students choose activities that will foster brain development in a multitude of ways! Take a look at the brain development choice board and challenge your child to do as many activities over the summer as they can! Try and keep them off of screens as much as possible- we want them exercising their brain through play this summer!

We hope you have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a fun filled year with your child!

Love,

The Kindergarten Team

**Kindergarten Readiness Choice Board**  
**(Do as many as you can!)**

<p>Play a rhyming or matching game with the picture cards that are attached.</p>	<p>Point out and read signs around town and on any vacations that you may take.</p>	<p>Finger paint the alphabet and numbers using sand, garden soil, shaving cream, etc. If at the beach, make letters in the sand in various sizes.</p>
<p>Take a walk, point out the directions you are going (left, right, uphill, downhill, etc). Also count steps and predict how many steps it will take to get from one location to the next.</p>	<p>Use a cookie sheet and magnetic letters: find letters, sort and match, copy simple words, make names.</p>	<p>Fun in the sun: Lie on the ground and describe the shapes of the clouds.</p>
<p>I Spy Outdoors: ex. "I spy something with the /m/ sound...what is it?"</p>	<p>Cook and bake with your child. Measure together and help read the recipe.</p>	<p>Play 5 questions: Read a book together and ask your child 5 questions about the story.</p>
<p>Use movement, touch and texture whenever you can! Make things/shapes/letters and numbers with Playdough, hide objects in a bin of rice/sand and have students sort objects by size, color, shape, etc., play with stamps, and build with blocks!</p>	<p>Learn how to tie your shoes!!</p>	<p>Paint names with water on a hot sidewalk and watch them disappear. To add in some science, guess how long it takes to evaporate. (paint numbers too!!)</p>

**Brain Exercise Choice Board**  
(Do as many as you can!)

<p align="center"><b>Go to a local playground!</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Kids Yoga!</b> <a href="https://www.gonoodle.com/">https://www.gonoodle.com/</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Slip and Slide Relay Race</b> Set up a <a href="#">slip and slide</a> and use a timer to time kids as they race down the slide. Children can sit on their bottom, lay on their belly, or slide on their back for variations in positioning.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Play Gross Motor Bingo!</b> <a href="https://www.pinterest.com/pin/95771929553300675/">https://www.pinterest.com/pin/95771929553300675/</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Do Some Chores!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vacuuming</li> <li>● Mopping</li> <li>● Sweeping</li> <li>● Dusting</li> <li>● Making your bed</li> <li>● Folding clothes</li> <li>● Mowing grass</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Go to the Trampoline Park!</b> <a href="http://www.bigairusa.com/spartanburg/">http://www.bigairusa.com/spartanburg/</a></p> <p align="center"><b>Go to Pump It Up!</b> <a href="http://www.kidspartycenterspartanburg.com">http://www.kidspartycenterspartanburg.com</a></p>
<p align="center"><b>Have a Backyard Dance Party!!</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Listen to the CD of fun songs that is in your packet!</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Rock Climbing!</b> <a href="https://www.climbupstate.com/">https://www.climbupstate.com/</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Make a necklace or a bracelet!</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Fun Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Swinging</li> <li>● Running</li> <li>● Skipping</li> <li>● Riding on trikes/bikes</li> <li>● Jumping/bouncing on trampolines, beds, balls</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>More Fun Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have a pillow fight!</li> <li>● Build a fort!</li> <li>● Play tug of war!</li> <li>● Dig in the garden or sandbox- or at the beach!</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Sidewalk Chalk</b></p> <p>Draw pictures and write your name with sidewalk chalk in a variety of colors!</p>
<p>Use gumdrops and toothpicks to make 3 dimensional shapes (cubes, pyramids, rectangular prisms, etc.)</p>	<p>Test objects in a pool, sink or tub to see if they will sink or float. Make predictions first!</p>	<p>Make paper airplanes and measure how far the different styles will fly.</p>