



# GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN! LITERACY AND LANGUAGE



The following choice board provides a sample of activities and games that you might do with your child over the summer to reinforce and review concepts/skills. Practicing these skills and concepts in fun ways will promote engagement. We also recommend giving students choice in what activity or skill they practice. Students are encouraged to revisit any activities they are interested in.

<b>Pre-Literacy*</b> Children at this age are developing a curiosity around print in the world and familiarity with letters in their names.*Dual Language students can use character or Chinese for any of these activities	<b>Listening &amp; Speaking</b> *Language development in one language supports all languages. Please use the language or languages most comfortable for your family.	<b>Reading</b> *Reading at this age involves repeating favorite stories and "reading" by describing the pictures. * Dual Language students, this can be in any language	<b>Handwriting</b> *Students at this age benefit from practicing fine motor activities so that will have the muscle development to grip a pencil in kindergarten.	<b>Handwriting</b> *Students at this age benefit from developing shoulder stability so they will have the muscle development to sit at a table to write in kindergarten.
Make your name with play dough! <a href="#">Here</a> is recipe for no-cook play dough that you can make at home.	Tell your mom and day the steps of your morning or night routine as you do it.	Ask mom or dad to read you a favorite story while you act it out!	Go on a walk to find tiny treasures: pebbles, acorns, flower petals. Use an empty egg carton to sort your treasures into categories.	Paint the wall with water! Find an outdoor space, a large paint brush, and a pal of water. Paint a wall with it and watch your art disappear in the sun!
Make a sensory bag filled with paint and use your finger to practice writing your name. <a href="#">Here</a> are directions to make your own bag.	Call a family member and tell them about your favorite book or movie.	Read a book to mom or dad by describing everything that is happening in the pictures.	Build a teeny-tiny city. Use Legos, blocks, or other toys to make a miniature town.	Make a chalk rainbow. Using sidewalk chalk, sit down on the cement and draw a rainbow around you using as many colors as you can.
Read a book with rhymes or listen to a song or poem with rhymes.	Play Simon Says with simple, one-step directions.  <a href="#">How to play</a>	Choose your favorite book that you would like to read for 3 days in a row. Ask mom or dad to read it to you over and over again.	Thread oh-shaped cereal on to a piece of string to make a delicious necklace!	Make your own easel. Tape a piece of paper to the wall and draw on it like an artist.
Sing the alphabet song or go for a letter hunt around the house.	Tell a family member who just got home all the things you did today.	Choose a favorite book and read it to your stuffed animals. Be sure to use an exciting voice as you read.	Make a bean collage. Collect a variety of beans/dried corn/ rice. Spread some glue on to the paper and make a design!	Using only your finger draw a picture on the back of a friend or family member. Ask them to guess what you drew.