

Summer Reading for Rising Kindergarteners

Read aloud to your child daily. The list of suggestions below contains other recommended developmental activities.

General School Readiness Activities

- Practice getting dressed, tying your shoes, loading and unloading a backpack, taking a jacket on and off, opening a water bottle, and folding a towel.
- Say your name, address, phone number, and birthday.
- Visit our library. Choose books to borrow.
- Play a board game, with emphasis on taking turns, following the rules.
- Have a playdate with a friend. Discuss social etiquette and how to be a good friend.
- Practice good table manners.

Literacy and Number Activities

- Play with rhyming words.
- Practice letter recognition and sounds.
- Begin reading a chapter book to your child.
- Name words that begin or end with the same sound.
- Discuss the meaning of unknown words in books.
- Ask *Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?* questions before, during, and after reading.
- Practice counting and number recognition to 20.

Visual-Spatial Activities

- Fit objects together: jigsaw puzzles, nested cubes, and pegboards.
- Play with construction toys (Legos, Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, etc.).
- Complete a maze.
- Hunt objects that are squares, circles, triangles, and rectangles.

Fine Motor Activities

- Use different tools to draw on paper, chalkboards, whiteboards, sidewalks, etc.
- Trace shapes and designs.
- Practice buttoning, lacing and tying, zipping, dealing cards, folding paper, sorting objects, building with blocks, assembling nuts and bolts.
- Work with finger paint and clay.
- Play with play dough.
- Practice holding scissors correctly. Cut on lines, cut around objects, etc.
- Practice writing your name, capitalizing only the first letter.

We encourage hands-on activities as much as possible.