



Junior Kindergarten Summer Tips

Keep Academic Skills Strong This Summer in Preparation for Kindergarten

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READING

All Charlotte Christian students are strongly encouraged to read over the summer! Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

- Read, read, READ to your child! Have your child read to you! Make up silly stories with one another!
- Continue to practice listening for and identifying letter sounds in words.
- Sound, blend, spell and write CVC words.
- Play rhyming games and charades to apply knowledge learned during word and letter study.
- Use the high-frequency words in sentences.
- [Read at Home Bingo](#)

If you don't have a regular reading routine at your house, it's never too late to start. Numerous studies have found that children who are read to regularly at home will have a much better chance at succeeding in school overall. Encourage your child to retell stories you have read by drawing pictures, using puppets, and role playing.

WRITING

- Continue to keep working in your JK journals throughout the summer.
- Write about the trips and adventures you go on.
- Write "how to" stories. ["How to" story format.](#)

Writing paper: Choose the paper that best fits your summer writing!

[How to Write Sentences](#)

[Journal Blanks](#)

[Story Paper for Personal Narratives](#)

[How to Ride a Bike](#)

Fun Writing Prompts:

- [I am proud...](#)
- [No grownups...](#)
- [If I could be a superhero...](#)

MATH

Make math fun and keep skills sharp! [50 Ways to Engage in Summer Math Fun](#)

1. Throw snowballs to make 10.

Make “snowballs” from paper (or any way you like), then place them in a bucket at one end of the room. Start kids out by having them toss snowballs into another bucket until they reach 10 (or any target number). Then, up the challenge by placing some snowballs in each bucket, and have kids figure out how many more they need to toss in to make 10. Learn more: [Frugal Fun for Boys and Girls](#)

2. Play teen-number bingo.

This free printable game helps little ones master their numbers from 11–20, both as numerals and represented on ten frames. Learn more: [The Measured Mom](#)

3. Put together puzzles to gain number sense.

Kindergarten math students learn to understand that numbers can be represented in a variety of ways. These free printable puzzles help them practice those skills. Learn more: [Tickled Pink in Primary](#)

4. Battle it out in ribbon war.

Work on non-standard measurement with this fun and easy kindergarten math game. Cut colorful ribbons into a variety of lengths and place them in a bag. Each student pulls a ribbon from the bag, then put students in pairs and have them compare their ribbons, identifying the longer one. The student with the longer ribbon keeps both, and the game continues. Learn more: [Sommer’s Lion Pride](#)

5. Have a rubber duck race.

In this kindergarten math game, kids race to see who can be the first to get their duck to 10 (or any number you choose). They roll a die and layout tiles to move their duck. The twist? To get to 10 at the end, they must roll the exact number they need - no going over! This game is terrific for practicing counting on, basic addition, and making 10. Learn more: [Happy Toddler Playtime](#)

6. Stack cups and count to 100.

Kids love stacking cups, so they’ll get a kick out of this game, which has them doing it with 100 cups while they count! Turn it into a competition by putting them in teams and timing them to see who can finish the task the fastest. Learn more: [Kindergarten Smorgasboard](#)

7. Practice counting on with cards and dice.

Remove the face cards from a deck of playing cards and grab a pair of dice. The first player turns over a card and then rolls the dice. The number on the dice indicates how far they “count on” from the card. (For example, a player turns over a three and rolls a four. They say, “Three: four, five, six, seven.”) If the player gets it right, they keep the card, and the other player(s) get a turn.

Learn more: [Creative Family Fun](#)

8. Build a weigh station.

Use a hanger and plastic cups to [build a super simple weigh station](#). Kids will love dropping items into the cups to see which weighs more or less. Turn it into a game by having them try to guess which object weighs more first or how many of one item equals another.

9. Hold a shape scavenger hunt.

Kindergarten math students are learning to recognize shapes in their environment and also to categorize and sort. This scavenger hunt does it all! Send them out to find objects in the room that match the shapes. Then count and compare to see how many you have in each category.

Learn more: [Frugal Fun for Boys and Girls](#)

10. Skip count with craft sticks.

There are [endless ways to use craft sticks](#) in the classroom. For this kindergarten math game, number a series of sticks by fives, as shown. Kids can practice by putting them in order first. Then, have a student draw a stick and count on by fives from that number to 100—if they draw 75, they then count 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100. If they get it right, they keep the stick, and the next player takes a turn.

Learn more: [Simply Kinder](#)

11. Use UNO cards to play addition war.

In the card game war, players each flip a card, and the one whose card is greatest takes them both. In this kindergarten math game twist, players each flip two cards. They then use counting blocks to represent the numbers, and count on or add to find the sum. The largest sum wins the hand, and play continues.

Learn more: [Planning Playtime](#)

12. Roll and add for fluency within five.

Kindergarten math students work to become fluent adding and subtracting within five. This free printable board game makes it fun!

Learn more: [Liz's Early Learning Spot](#)

13. Bowl and subtract within 10.

Set up a toy bowling pin set (or make one from plastic bottles or toilet paper tubes). Kids bowl and see how many pins they knock down, subtracting that number from 10. Then they repeat, this time subtracting from the previous answer. First to get to zero wins!

Learn more: [Planning Playtime](#)

14. Use the link to guide you through a fun method for recognizing numerals.

[Number Line Run](#)

Help kids recognize numbers and number order with this fun and simple sidewalk chalk game.

15. Sticky Note Addition Fun

[Sticky Note Math Match](#)

Match sticky post-it notes to numbers during this fun move and learn activity.

[Life Size Math Board Game](#)

Make a big board game kids can walk on to practice identifying numbers and number order.

[Backyard Number Hunt](#)

Hide number sticks in the backyard for the kids to find and order.

[Lego Brick Math Games](#)

Kids can practice ordering, sorting, and more with Lego bricks.

[Egg Counting Game](#)

Put those plastic eggs to use by setting up a number identification game.

[Flight School Number Game](#)

Turn the kids into airplanes as they zoom from one numbered cloud to another.

[Sticky Hundreds Chart Activity](#)

A hundred chart can be used for tons of number practice - making it big on contact paper makes it lots of fun.

[Number Scavenger Hunt](#)

Send kids on a hunt to match the numbers to their corresponding set.

Number Splash Game

Throw water balloons at sidewalk chalk numbers to practice identification, higher and lower and what comes next when counting.

Sidewalk Chalk Counting Maze

Go outside and practice counting on a big chalk maze.

Fire Hose Practice Game




Let kids use water squirters to “put out” the correct answer to simple addition or subtraction facts.

Indoor Hopscotch

Count as you play hopscotch using this easy to make game.

HELPFUL LINKS: Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

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