

MATHEMATICS

Children in kindergarten will practice counting, sorting, grouping and comparing items. They will also learn about and explore concepts of time including the use of a calendar. The students will work with shapes, lines and tools for measurement.

Mathematical lessons will include large and small-group instruction and many cooperative learning activities.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will participate in an early childhood program that nurtures emotional security, positive self-concept, and respect for others. They will be encouraged to express wants, needs, and feelings. Children will participate in activities that teach them how to work cooperatively with peers as well as develop skills to become independent learners. Readiness skills such as self-care tasks, learning school rules, and demonstrating appropriate behavior will be fostered through small and large group interaction, purposeful play, and independent work time. Teachers are trained in concepts of mindfulness, which are incorporated into lessons. Mindfulness is about paying attention. It's a simple practice that strengthens the mind's ability to stay focused on what is happening right now and to be open to experience - meeting the present moment with kindness and non-reactivity.

WRITING

Students will use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to express ideas. Children will learn sound/letter relationships in a developmentally-appropriate setting.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Students will interact with and read a variety of books, both information texts and literature. They will learn and practice letters, sounds and words using many different activities including songs, finger plays, poems, and shared stories. With prompting and support, students will identify the main ideas, details, and make connections between two pieces of information. Students will identify the parts of a book and the parts of a text.

Students will retell stories and key details from the literature. With prompting and support they will identify characters, setting and major events in a story.

PURPOSEFUL PLAY

Purposeful play provides opportunities for inquiry-based learning. Children explore answers to their questions through hands-on interaction with materials, build their questioning skills, and enhance their understanding of key academic concepts.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Students will participate in activities which promote conversation throughout the day. Activities will foster the development of asking and answering questions and speaking in complete sentences.



TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

The first year of school is certainly a milestone for all young children and their families, and we look forward to working with you and your family to ensure that it is a year filled with many memorable moments.

Our Kindergarten classrooms provide a warm and caring learning environment that honors the unique characteristics of each child. Our goal is to help each child uncover a passion for learning and succeed to the best of the student's ability.

QUESTIONS?

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please use this QR Code to find a list of Day Care Centers that service Parkland School District residents.



-  8:35 AM Arrival & Attendance
-  Whole Group Literacy
 - Foundational Skills
 - Vocabulary & Comprehension
 - Writing & Grammar
-  Small Group Differentiated Reading
-  Intervention & Enrichment
-  Recess/Lunch
-  Purposeful Play
-  Whole Group & Differentiated Math
-  Art, Gym, Music or Media Center
-  Science/Social Studies/Exploration
-  3:20 PM Dismissal Routine

Kindergarten plants the seeds for learning.



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The Importance of **READING**

Below are some benefits and advantages that highlight the importance of reading with kids.

1. READING TO YOUNG CHILDREN SETS THEM UP TO SUCCEED

The more you read to your children, the more knowledge they absorb, and knowledge is important in all aspects of life. There have many studies that show reading to babies and toddlers gives them a head start and helps to prepare them for school later down the line. After all, reading with your children gives them the skills needed for when they start to read themselves.

It is important that children learn to follow words across the page from left to right and turn pages which are pre-reading skills that benefit children and help them to become better readers later in life. Children who enjoy reading not only do better in language and literacy subjects, but in all the different subjects as well.

2. READING IS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE SKILLS

While you may speak with your children every day, the vocabulary you use is often limited and repetitive. Reading books ensures that your child is exposed to vocabulary on different topics, which means they hear words or phrases which they may not hear otherwise in their day to day lives.

The more words they know, the better. For children who speak more than one language, reading is an easy way to help their language skills and is important to develop their fluency. These skills alone show the importance of reading.

3. EXPOSURE TO READING EXERCISES YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN

Reading to young children affects their brain activity and may just give them that boost they need to support and promote their early reading skills.

Research on the importance of reading shows that specific areas of the brain are affected when young children have reading exposure at home from an early age. These areas are critical for a child's language development.

4. READING ENHANCES A CHILD'S CONCENTRATION

While you may think it is useless reading to a toddler who wants to constantly turn pages, swap books, or throw them around altogether, reading with your little one is extremely important at this age.

By consistently reading to your child every day, your child will learn to concentrate and sit still for longer periods of time, which can help when they attend school.

5. READING TOGETHER ENCOURAGES A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE

Reading to your children leads to questions about the book and the information within. It gives you a chance to speak about what is happening and use this as a learning experience. It may also develop an interest in different cultures or languages. There is nothing better than seeing a child who loves to learn.



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6. A RANGE OF BOOKS TEACHES CHILDREN ABOUT DIFFERENT TOPICS

Don't underestimate the importance of reading diverse books. Providing your child with different types of books on different topics, or even in different languages for bilingual kids, gives them a wide range of information for them to learn. There are informative books on topics such as different animals, places or objects etc., and there are also different books to help teach children about important life skills such as sharing, being kind, and diversity. There are also some amazing personalized books which make great gifts!

7. READING DEVELOPS A CHILD'S IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY

One of the great benefits of reading with children is watching their imagination grow. When we really engage in a book we imagine what the characters are doing. We imagine the setting as reality.

Seeing the excitement in a child's eyes when they know what is going to be on the next page or having them guess what is going to happen is one of the most amazing things to experience.

8. READING BOOKS WITH CHILDREN HELPS TO DEVELOP EMPATHY

The importance of reading can also be shown when children develop empathy. When a child can put himself into the story this can happen. They identify with characters, and they feel what they are feeling. Children begin to understand and relate to emotions.

9. BOOKS ARE A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT

With so much technology these days, it is difficult not to get caught up in all the hype of it all. TV, Video games, smartphones and apps are popular among children. However, reading a good book that your child is interested in can be just as entertaining.

With all of the negative effects of screen time, choosing a book that interests your child, and either reading it together, or letting them flick through pages alone, is definitely a better option. One of the main benefits that highlights the importance of reading with babies and toddlers, is that they are more likely to choose a book to read for pleasure over another activity when they are bored.

10. READING TOGETHER HELPS TO CREATE A BOND

There's nothing better than cuddling up to your little one and reading a book or a bedtime story together. Spending time with one another, reading, and talking, can bring parents closer to their children.

For parents who work, or have a busy lifestyle, relaxing with your child and simply enjoying each other's company while reading can be a great way for you both to wind down, relax, and truly bond.



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING WITH YOUNG KIDS

We really do need to highlight the importance of reading. As parents, we need to prioritize reading in a child's early years to help them to succeed later in life. After all, as Dr Seuss would say "The more that you read, the more you will know, the more that you know, the more places you will go."

TOP 10 HELPFUL TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

1. Read as much as possible. Take the time to sound out words together. Get your child excited about books and reading.
2. Practice identifying shapes and colors in real life and with flash cards or puzzles.
3. Rhyme Time! Use simple words and together come up with words that rhyme.
4. Get your child used to putting on his/her own jacket and cleaning up after him/herself.
5. Practice fine motor skills by encouraging your child to color, water play, use scissors, or play-dough.
6. Find everyday opportunities to count out loud together.
7. Give your child two or three-step directions to follow, and ask to repeat what you said.
8. Identifying letters in their own name. Encourage holding a pencil and show how to write out name from left to right.
9. Verbalize wants and needs. Encourage your child to speak clearly and in full sentences.
10. Separation anxiety is normal. Talk to your child about ways they can feel comfortable while away from home.

KINDERGARTEN CHECKLIST COMPLETE THIS WITH YOUR CHILD

- ☐ **I can** use the bathroom and wash my hands by myself.
- ☐ **I know** my parent's name(s) and my home address.
- ☐ **I can** drink from a cup, open a juice or milk box, and properly use eating utensils.
- ☐ **I can** put my jacket on and take it off without any help.
- ☐ **I know** to cover my mouth when I sneeze or cough.
- ☐ **I know** how I'm going to get to and from school.

REMEMBER... Children develop at different rates. We recognize that every child will have a different skill level when entering Kindergarten. Our teachers are prepared to work with students with a wide variety of skills.

For additional reading activities to do with your child, check out these links.



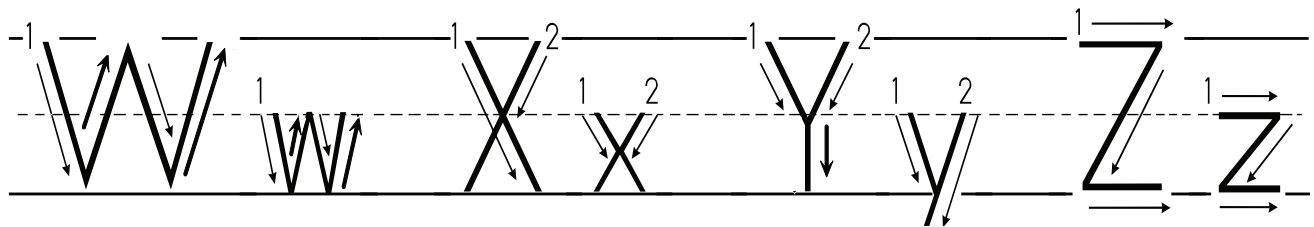
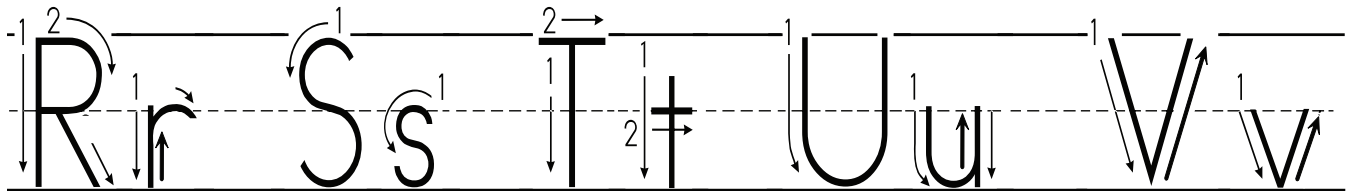
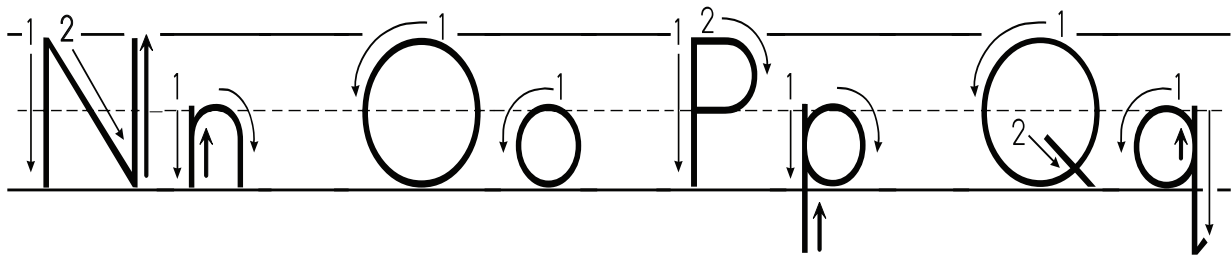
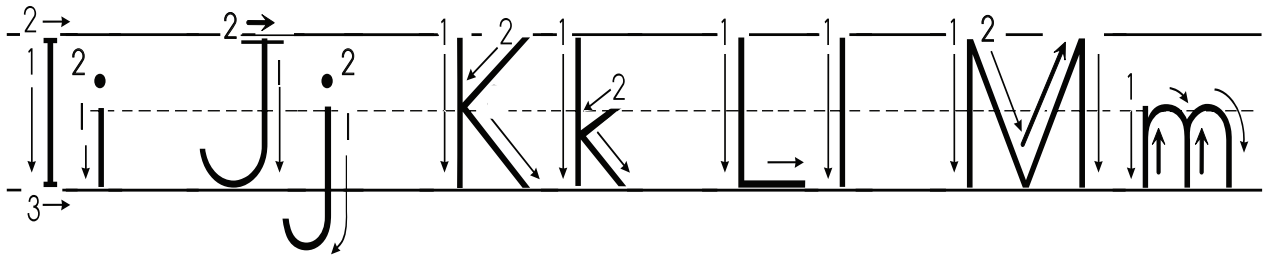
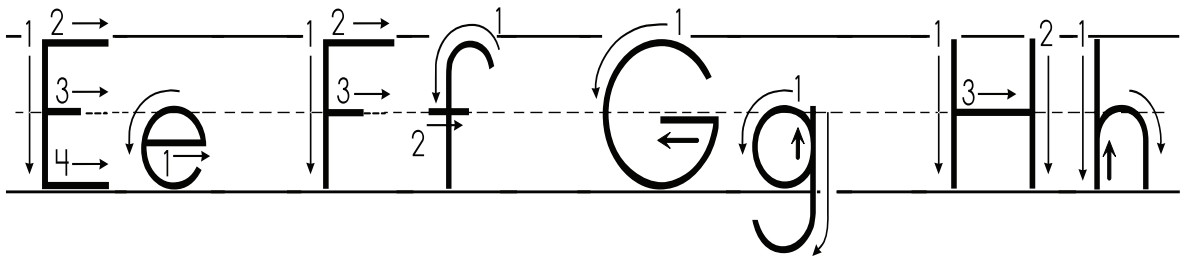
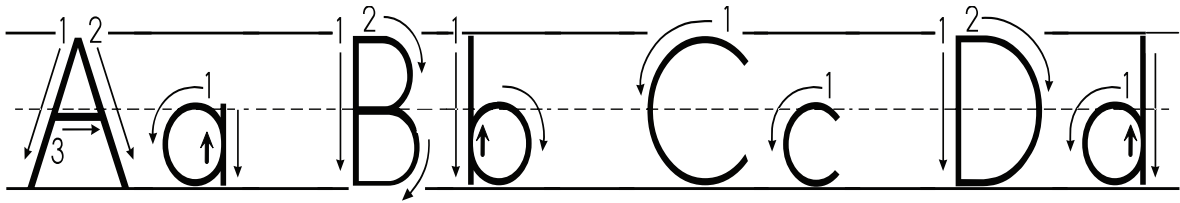
Early Reader



Late Reader



LETTER FORMATION



HOW TO HOLD A PENCIL
 Thumb and index finger pinch the pencil.
 Middle finger supports the pencil.
 Ring and pinky fingers are tucked into
 the palm of the hand.

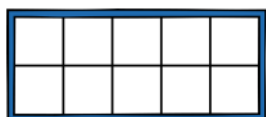
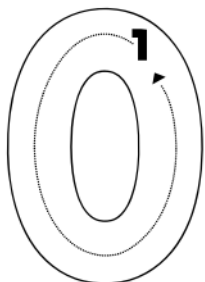


5 Math Skills to Practice in Preparation for Kindergarten

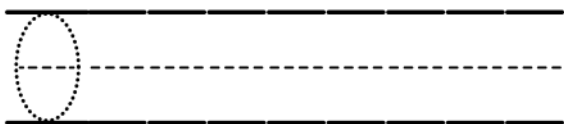
	SKILL	ACTIVITY
1.	COUNT FROM 1-20: Practice counting 1-10, then extend to 20 if they are ready.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write numbers 0-10 in sidewalk chalk outside. Have your child jump the numbers while saying them or they can jump to a number you call out. ● Write numbers 0-10 on pieces of paper, and take a number away. Have your child verbally identify the missing number.
2.	NUMBER IDENTIFICATION (1-10): Identify numbers 1-10 in random order.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use number cards and pick up a number. Have your child identify the number. Or, do the opposite by saying a number and ask your child to find the associated number. ● Draw circles on a sheet of paper and write numbers inside each circle. Have your child roll a die and color in the matching circle.
3.	COUNT OBJECTS (ONE BY ONE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use your finger to accurately touch count household items to ten. ● Count rocks on a nature walk.
4.	IDENTIFY BASIC GEOMETRIC SHAPES: Triangle, circle, square, rectangle, oval, star, rhombus/diamond, and heart.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have your child find objects around the house that match different shapes. ● Go on a shape scavenger hunt outside.
5.	SORT AND CLASSIFY: Sort objects by color, shape, and size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have your child make patterns out of pom poms, legos, or snacks. ● Gather a group of toys. Have your child sort the toys into different groups and explain their reasoning to you.



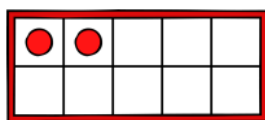
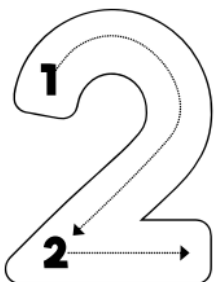
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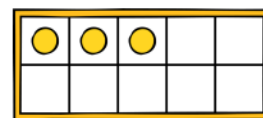
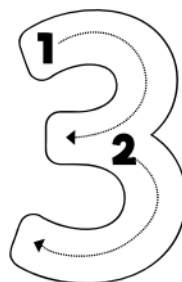
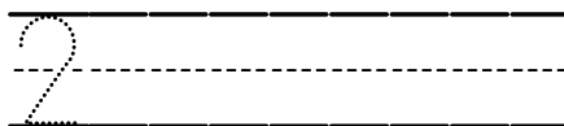
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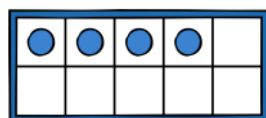
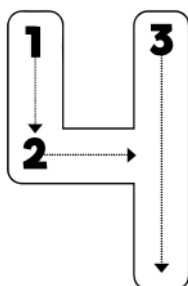
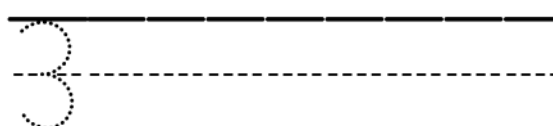
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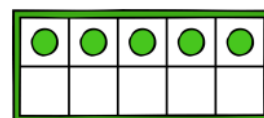
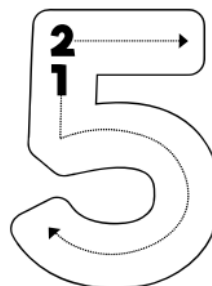
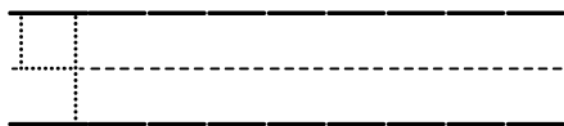
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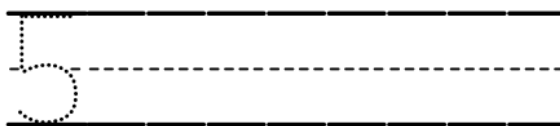
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FIRST DAY OF:



Kindergarten

MY FAVORITE
SUBJECT IS:

I can't wait for...



I want to be a

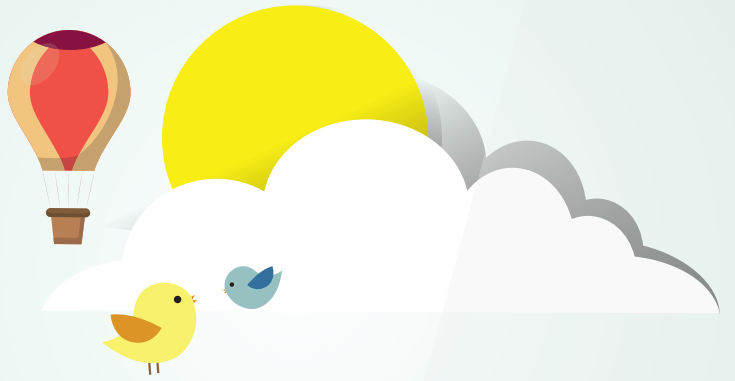


WHEN I GROW UP!

#ParklandPride

Tag us in your pictures on Facebook and Instagram.





SUMMER LIBRARY

ADVENTURE STARTS IN OUR LIBRARY

Welcome future Kindergarten students! The Parkland School District invites you to join us for Summer Library. We are excited to open several of our Media Centers to our elementary students. All Parkland students entering kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to participate. Students and guardians are welcome to enter the media center to check out our books on the dates and times listed below. **Students must be accompanied by their guardian while in the school building.** Please note which library is hosting your home school.



TUESDAYS July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	WEDNESDAYS July 10, 17, 24, 31
Ironton Elementary School Hosting Ironton, Kratzer 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Ironton Elementary School Hosting Ironton, Kratzer 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Jaindl Elementary School Hosting Fogelsville, Jaindl, Veterans Memorial 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Jaindl Elementary School Hosting Fogelsville, Jaindl, Veterans Memorial 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Parkway Manor Elementary School Hosting Centronia, Parkway Manor 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Parkway Manor Elementary School Hosting Centronia, Parkway Manor 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Schnecksville Elementary School Hosting Kernsville, Schnecksville 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Schnecksville Elementary School Hosting Kernsville, Schnecksville 1:30 - 3:30 pm

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Every student attending Summer library will receive a Summer Reading Challenge Board. Students will earn a ticket for every challenge (space) they complete, and will use these tickets to enter drawings for a chance to win a grand prize. In addition, students will receive exciting incentives each week they attend. The Parkland Community Library will also be visiting for story time and a craft. These dates will be posted ahead of time.



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

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