

Dear Parents:

We are so excited that you have (or will) registered your student for the upcoming school year. It is our goal to help eliminate some of the unnecessary stress and anxiety you may experience as your child enters school for the first time. We hope you will find the following lists of goals and summertime activities helpful in preparing your child for kindergarten.

Goals:

Literacy

- Student is able to write name.
- Student is able to hold a pencil correctly.
- Student is able to recognize letters and identify corresponding sounds.

Math

- Student is able to recognize numbers to 10.
- Student is able to count with 1-1 correspondence.
- Student is able to see math in the context of the real world and not in isolation. For example, recognizing patterns in clothes, table cloths, and signs in the environment.

Behavior

- Student is able to listen to 3-part directions. For example:
 - First, sit in your chair. Next, pick up a pencil. Last, write your name.
- Student is able to communicate needs with words.
- Student consistently sits quietly and listens to instruction for approximately 7-10 minutes.
- Student is able to cooperate well with others.

Summertime Activities :

- Read to your child daily. This practice will enhance language skills, reading comprehension, and build vocabulary.
- Exercise fine motor skills by doing squeezing, pinching, cutting, and tracing activities. Squeezing: Move water from bowl to bowl with sponge, play dough. Pinching: Move water with an eye dropper, pinch a clothespin, and use tweezers to move beads from one dish to another. Cutting: Cut pictures from magazines, cut play dough, cut lined paper. Tracing: Draw lines on a page and have child trace the line, mazes, and spray shaving cream on a flat surface and let your child play with it like finger paint.
- Play Learning Games: Letter bingo, number bingo, card games, leap frog, etc. Any game that reinforces reading, writing, or math skills is a great game to use as a learning tool, and have fun at the same time 😊
- Student should practice opening/closing lunch box items, water bottles, snack containers, etc.
- Student should practice zipping up a jacket and tying shoes
- Student should be independent with personal hygiene habits.

We hope these ideas help you and your child feel more prepared for kindergarten. The most important thing we would like you to do is talk to your child about how much fun learning will be in kindergarten. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in the fall.

~ Warmly, The Kindergarten Team