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MAY

In kindergarten, students will become independent as they do things for themselves more. This month is a great time to start helping your child do just that by getting themselves ready (zippers, buttons, tying shoes) to go out or to get ready for bed. Another skill your child can begin doing independently is to get in and out of the car seat or seat belt. This will help you in the car line at school.

1
Color a picture together. Then, cut it into pieces, and try to put it back together.

2
Sing or say the ABC song together today.

3
Find things today that are shaped like a triangle.

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Register for Kindergarten at k5.sdcc.org/

6
Practice rolling dice and naming how many without counting.

7
Use a handful of coins to sort into piles that are the same. How many of each coin are there?

8
Play a game of follow the leader, and practice jumping and hopping on one foot.

9
Visit the library or pick a new story book. Read it together. Act out your favorite part.

10
Can you name all of the letters in your name? Practice writing your name with a capital letter first and the rest lowercase.

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Count how many steps it takes to get from your bedroom to the front door.

14
Role play situations that your child may need help with a problem. Ex: how to share, ask for help, ask a friend to play.

15
Make a pattern using objects from around your home or outside. Who can make the best pattern?

16
As you clean up your toys, sort them into groups. Ex: stuffed animals, dolls, trucks, legos, etc.

17
Write your child's name on Post-It notes and place around your home. Have your child point to each letter as he/she says the letter names each time they pass it.

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Give your child playdough and scissors. Ask them to cut the playdough using their scissors.

21
Find things today that are shaped like a square.

22
Make a list of names with the same letter as your child's name. Practice finding his/her name on the list.

23
Work on a puzzle together or play a game.

24
Write each letter of your child's name on a popsicle stick. Have them put them in order to form their name.

25
Sign up for summer reading through the public library for cool prizes!



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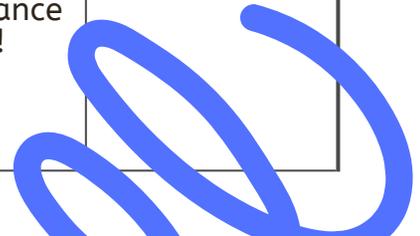
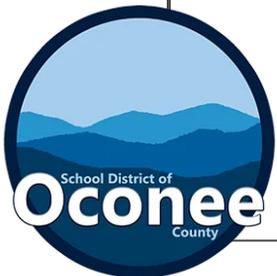
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Color a picture together. Work on coloring in the lines.

28
Count groups of ten using cereal. Good choices are Cheerios or Fruit Loops.

29
Read a story to your child. Point to each word as you read.

30
While driving or taking a walk, go on a "letter hunt" looking for the letter in your child's name.

31
Have a dance party!



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JUNE

Letters and Words at Home and Around Town

- Use an uppercase letter followed by lowercase letters when writing your child's name.
- Make a name card for each family member. Help your child place them at the dinner table where everyone sits.
- Place alphabet letters in a container. Pull them out one at a time and name them.
- Invite your child to "read" familiar business signs as you run errands.

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The QR above is a great resource for families and their children starting Kindergarten.



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While driving count stop signs together. How many did you see?

4

Give your child junk mail, and practice cutting with scissors.

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Create Art! Find things around the house or outside to make art.

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Letter Hunt: Write letters E, F, G, on sticky notes. Hide them around the house for your child to find.

7

Use tongs to put small objects into a container.

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Practice writing or tracing your name. Begin with a capital letter.

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Share your favorite nursery rhyme with your child. Can you come up with hand motions together?

12

Practice naming opposites, like up/down, on/off, etc.

13

Read a book together and share your favorite part.

14

Name an emotion (happy, sad), and ask your child to make a face that matches the emotion.

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Visit First 5 SC today to find services for your family and your young child.

17

Play with playdough. Practice making balls, snakes, and different shapes.

18

Play a "freeze" game or "Stop and Go."

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Find words that rhyme with "pig".

20

Take turns with someone rolling a dice and tell how many dots.

21

Collect items on a nature walk. Line them up and count how many you found.

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Collect items around the house of different colors and sort.

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Play school together and take turns being the teacher.

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Talk about the kinds of things he/she will be doing in school.

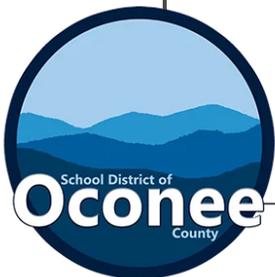
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Practice zippers, buttons, and putting on tennis shoes.

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Pick a game for family game night.

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	1 Have your child pick out their own clothes and put them on by themselves.	2 Make a simple musical instrument with kitchen items. (utensils, pots) Now play them!	3 Discuss with your child how he feels about starting kindergarten.	4 Have your child practice buttoning, zipping, and snapping own clothes.	5 Find 5 things in your home that are shaped like a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle.	6 New routines take time. Start shifting your schedules at home to make the transition easier.
7	8 Use a ruler, tape measure, or other objects to measure items in your home. What is longer? Shorter?	9 Have your child help fold, sort, and put away clothes.	10 Talk about starting school with your child. Establish a morning routine and practice it.	11 Talk with your child about how much they have grown and specific reasons why you love them.	12 Go to the public library and check out books about going to school.	13 If you need after school care, do you have it lined up?
14 Be sure to enroll your child online this week.	15 Play "I Spy Numbers!" Look for numbers around you!	16 At the end of the day, practice taking off your own clothes and putting on pajamas.	17 Practice naming opposites like up/down, on/off. Use objects to help model words.	18 Make extra snuggle time today with your little and a book!	19 Pretend it is the first day of school. Practice ways to say goodbye.	20 Is your child able to use the restroom independently?
21 Write down questions you might have for your teacher or school.	22 How long can you stand on one leg without falling over?	23 Help your child write his/her first name and practice saying each letter.	24 Visit a playground. Practice pumping legs on the swings.	25 Eat a meal from a lunch box or tray. Show your child how to open cartons and clean up.	26 Ask your child if he/she has any questions about the first day of school. Give them support!	27 How will your child get to and from school each day?
28 Kindergarten has a staggered start. Do you know which day your child will attend? Find out at Back to School Night this week.	29 Adjust your child's daily routine to match the school routine.	30 Attend Back to School Night from 2:00-6:00 at your child's elementary school.	31 Help your child pack the bookbag for the first day and for the rest of the year.	Getting enough sleep is super important for kids. It is recommended kids should try to get 9-12 hours of sleep. When kids start kindergarten, there is no nap. If your child is used to napping, it might be a good idea for him/her to go to bed earlier to make sure he/she get all the sleep the body needs!		



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AUGUST

Starting kindergarten is a really big change for everyone! The first few weeks can be hard for the whole family. There might be a lot of big feelings, including tiredness. Be kind to each other and take care of yourself. Get enough sleep, eat healthy food, spend time every day cuddling, talking and playing. Stick to a routine so kids know what to expect.

1 Today is the first day for all SDOC students, but it is a staggered start for kindergarten.

2 Today is also a staggered start for kindergarten.

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WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY!

5
Today is the first day for all kindergarteners!

6
Ask specific questions about school. "What made you smile?", "What felt hard?"

7
Celebrate starting kindergarten! Do something special together that makes you smile.

8
Draw pictures and talk about what you liked most about kindergarten today.

9
Build in time to be outside after school today! If it rains, build a blanket fort inside.

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What worked well last week? What needs to be changed?

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13
Draw a self-portrait. Talk with your child about the things that make him/her special.

14
Play a game together!

15
Count from 1 to 10 or as high as your child can count.

16
Read for at least 10 minutes a day together.

17
Be sure to limit screen time and especially before bed time.

18
What extra support might you need from the school?

19
Help your child practice shoe tying.

20
Don't forget to check the bookbag and clean it out each day.

21
Have a dance party today after school!

22
Ask your child specific questions about school. Give them support.

23
Enjoy a family movie night tonight!

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26
Play with playdough today.

27
Make time today to play. Play is crucial for developing early skills.

28
Go around your house and label the position of objects as *below, above, beside, in between.*

29
Use pictures in a book to tell and retell a story.

30
Draw a picture and use it to tell a story.

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MARCH

KINDERGARTEN, HERE WE COME!
 Starting kindergarten is a big step for your little one (and you too). You can do a lot to get your child ready for this exciting change. Here are 5 easy ways to remember: Talk together, Play together, Read together, Count together, and Move together!

1
 Find things today that are shaped like a circle. ●

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4
 Gather 10 crayons, buttons, books, etc. Try counting them.

5
 Help sort some things today like toys, socks, and silverware.

6
 Ask a grown up to tell you one thing to do. How quickly can you do it?

7
 What's the first letter in your name? Can you think of more letters?

8
 Can you put on your own clothes today and name each item?

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11
 Tell someone about your favorite thing you did over the weekend!

12
 Can you find things that start with the sounds "A", "B", "C"?

13
 Have a Face Race! Who can make a better happy face? Mad face? Sad face?

14
 Practice rolling and catching a ball with someone.

15
 Ask an adult for 10 pennies. How quickly can you turn them from heads to tails?

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 Can you name the colors of all of the foods you eat today?

19
 Take turns with someone rolling dice and tell how many dots you see.

20
 How many jumps (with two feet) can you make without losing your balance?

21
 While going up or downstairs, count the number of steps together.

22
 Draw a picture of the people in your home.

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25
 While eating, count your food on your plate.

26
 Play "I Spy" using colors or shapes!

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 Take a walk and look for signs of spring.

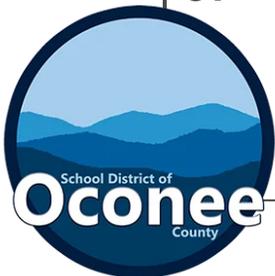
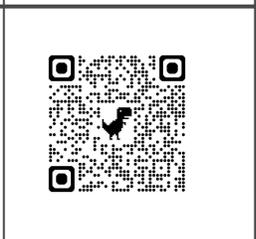
28
 Practice opposites with your child (up/down, in/out, over/under).

29
 Read a book together or visit one of our public libraries!

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Don't Forget!
 Be sure to preregister your child for kindergarten on the School District of Oconee County website now. Students must be five on or before September 1, 2024.



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	<p>1</p> <p>What does your body feel like when it's sad, happy, mad?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Name letters found on cereal boxes, cans, etc.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Play shape scavenger hunt. I spy a...</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Draw a picture of spring together. Name things you drew.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Play Red Light, Green Light! This game helps with listening skills!</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Register for kindergarten at k5.sdcc.org/</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Read a book together by looking at the pictures and talking about what you see.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Practice using a bathroom at a location outside your home. This helps ease worries at school.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Practice buttoning, zipping, and snapping clothing.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Rhyming words are important! Practice with rhyming. CAT - HAT HOG - FROG</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Help your child learn to read and recognize his/her name.</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Find objects today that are these colors: red, orange, green, and then sort them.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Practice letting your child open snacks on his/her own!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Find things that start with the "H", "F", and "P" sounds.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>FREEZE dance! Play a freeze dance song (for any song). Pause the music.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Make an obstacle course outside with chalk or inside with objects around the house.</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Play a game that involves taking turns: board games, card games, etc.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Practice scissor skills. Use your scissors to cut junk mail!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Name different emotions and make faces in the mirror to match the feeling.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Practice counting to 10 or higher. Count things you see.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Make a high tower with blocks or cans. How many did you use?</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Find words that rhyme with "me".</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Practice taking deep breaths. Smell the flower (in), blow out the candle (out).</p>	<p>Practice using the restroom by yourself. This is an important skill!</p>	<p>Routines aren't boring - they're healthy! Children feel more secure when they know what to expect. Keep a basic structure to your day. An evening routine might include setting the table, eating dinner, play time, bath time, brushing teeth, read a story, kiss, and bed. When children know what to expect, it's easier for them to cooperate, and it may minimize tantrums.</p>		

