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Dear families,

We look forward to teaching your child this coming school year. Below you will find some ideas to help your child be ready for kindergarten. Please note that two of the activities are mandatory and will be due the first week of school. We hope you have a lovely summer and are excited to meet you in the fall!

Kindergarten Readiness Summer Work:

Social/Emotional:

- Work on stamina (play/read quietly for 10 minutes)
- Play a board game or outside game at least once a week; practice taking turns, waiting patiently and losing
- Follow 2-3 step directions

Fine/Gross Motor Skills:

- Go to the Dollar Store and have your child pick out a coloring book. Practice coloring with control (use 1 color at a time, color in the lines, use colors that make sense)
- Use scissors to cut out artwork or drawings
- Hold a pencil with a tripod grasp
- Practice writing from top to bottom, left to right  
<https://www.sightwordsgame.com/writing/handwriting-worksheets/>
- Visit a different playground every week
- Practice dressing and undressing themselves
- Help in the kitchen examples: using safe knives, tongs, pouring, sorting silverware/socks while unloading the dishwasher/laundry
- Play outside with a ball, sidewalk chalk, water table, paint brush and water



#### Math

- Practice counting to 30
- Find shapes all around you; square, circle, triangle
- Play board games

#### Reading Readiness

- Find letters in the house or around town, see if your child can find the letters from their name
- Help learn how to spell your child's first and last name ( you can put it to a tune they may already know)

#### Reading Book List:

- **REQUIRED:** choose a book from the book list and draw a picture of your favorite part of the book. Bring your picture on the first week of school to share with the class.
- [Click here for the summer reading list.](#)
- Read with your child once a day.
- Be sure to choose books from different genres. (fiction, nonfiction, picture books, biographies, etc.)
- Read picture books without words and practice telling the story.
- Have your child "read" a familiar story. Have your child retell the story.
- Use puppets or stuffed animals to act out/tell a story.

#### Religion:

- **REQUIRED:** Learn about a favorite saint and draw a picture showing what you learned. Bring your picture to school to share with the class in the first week of school. Please note that your child will choose a new saint each summer. The goal is for your child to learn about a variety of saints throughout their time at St. Louis.
- Practice praying (evening and before meals)
- Practice the Sign of the Cross
- Formal prayers to practice (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)
- Talk about how God is everywhere and how he loves us



- Go to church weekly

#### Free Summer Field Trip Ideas

- Robinson Nature Center
- Ellicott City B&O Museum
- Public Library, story times (practice sitting in a group and focusing on the story)
- Visit a different playground each week

#### Technology Options:

- Watch Jack Hartmann videos on YouTube
- Use educational apps such as Khan Academy Kids, <https://storylineonline.net/>