



# Parents' Guide to Kindergarten Learning Targets for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics



## Chambersburg Area School District

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### ~ Reading ~

By the end of Kindergarten your child should be able to :

- Identify in random order the 26 letters of the alphabet and their sounds.
- Identify beginning, middle, and ending sounds in a written and spoken word.
- Identify short vowel sounds.
- Identify rhyming words.
- Know the difference between a letter, word, and sentence.
- Put sounds together to make a word.
- Break words apart into individual sounds.
- Identify /read all high frequency words.
- Begin to identify naming words, action words, and describing words.
- Orally retell a story in sequence.
- Identify main characters and important details within a story.
- Begin to predict what a story will be about.
- Begin to identify real and make-believe stories.
- Understand concepts of print (left to right, top to bottom, end punctuation, and word spacing).

### Reading Activities to do at Home

*Good readers can unlock the puzzle of print and enter a joyful world of reading.*

- **Read with your child at least 20 minutes per day.**
- Use magnetic letters to identify letters, letter sounds, and make simple words.
- Discuss books with your child by asking:  
What is your favorite part? Who were the characters? What was the problem?
- Encourage your child to rhyme by reading nursery rhymes.
- Play "I Spy" with your child.  
Say "I see something that begins with the sound /t/" and have them find the object.
- Break apart the sounds within a word. (c-a-t)  
Then ask your child to put the sounds together and tell you the correct word. (cat)



## ~ Writing ~

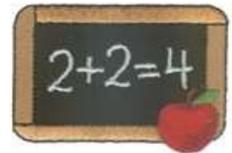
By the end of Kindergarten, your child should be able to:

- Write upper and lowercase letters.
- Write his/her first and last name, and the first names of some friends, classmates, or family.
- Draw a picture and write a story about the picture using what letter sounds they hear in a word.
- Write all high frequency words with or without a printed example.

### Writing Activities to do at Home

- Provide a variety of writing tools to your child such as pencils, markers, crayons, & colored pencils.
- Practice writing letters as they are introduced throughout the school year.
- Encourage your child to write everyday.

## ~ Mathematics ~



By the end of Kindergarten, your child should be able to:

- Use and follow direction words.
- Identify shapes such as a circle, square, rectangle, triangle, oval and heart.
- Complete patterns made with shapes, colors and objects.
- Compare objects by color and size.
- Count up to twenty objects in a group.
- Write and identify numbers up to twenty.
- Display objects to represent a number.
- Count to 50 and count backward from ten to zero.
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### Mathematic Activities to do at Home

*Children enjoy mathematics because it relates to real life objects and situations.*

- Count objects around your home.
- Play "I Spy" using shapes or numbers.
- Play "Simon Says" using direction words such as forward, backward, left, and right.
- Have your child create a pattern using shapes, numbers, or objects.
- Have your child identify numbers on a clock, microwave, or within a phone number.