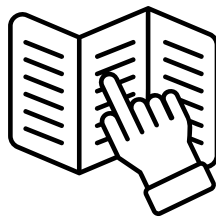


Parents' Guide to Success in Kindergarten



Purpose of Parent Guides

Parent Guides are designed to help you understand the skills and concepts your child will focus on each nine weeks in every content area. Use these guides to start conversations with your child and support their learning at home.

Why are Academic Standards Important?

Academic standards ensure that all students, no matter where they live, are prepared for success in college and the workforce. Standards provide an important first step — a clear road-map for learning for teachers, parents, and students. Clearly defined goals help families and teachers work together to ensure students succeed. They also will help children develop critical thinking skills to prepare them for college and career.

Help Your Child Learn at Home

You can support your child by reading together, talking about what they are learning at school, asking them to explain their thinking, and celebrating their effort and progress. Small daily actions make a big difference in their learning.

Parents' Guide to Success in Kindergarten for Quarter 1

Kindergarten students will focus on these key concepts and are expected to be able to:

Reading

- Learn how books work by following words on a page.
- Recognize letters and words.
- Listen to stories, answer questions, and talk about what was learned.
- Use and ask about words they don't know.
- Use drawing and writing to share ideas.

Math

- Count an amount of objects, and know that the last number said is the total
- Count up to 100 starting from any counting number less than 100.
- Tell the number before another number without counting (up to 20).

Science

- Pushes and pulls make objects move, change direction, or stop, and that stronger pushes or pulls cause bigger changes.
- Describe objects by their color, shape, size, weight, and how they feel.
- Water is important, used in many ways, found in many places, and can change forms.

Social Studies

- What it means to be a good citizen, including following rules and helping others.
- Respect and responsibility at school and in the classroom.
- Why America is important.
- National symbols, such as the American flag.
- People and events in history in simple ways.

Parents' Guide to Success in Kindergarten for Quarter 2

Kindergarten students will focus on these key concepts and are expected to be able to:

Reading

- Learn how to follow words on a page.
- Read and listen to stories and answer questions about them.
- Learn new words and use them when speaking and reading.
- Use drawing and writing to tell stories, and write simple sentences.
- Speak clearly, listen, and share ideas in conversations.

Math

- Add or subtract within 5 using various strategies
- Identify and make circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles
- Recognize and work with repeating patterns (what is next, what is missing).

Science

- The five senses help them gather information and respond to the world around them.
- Identify and classify things as living or nonliving
- Plants and animals need food, water, air, shelter, and space, and that all living things have life cycles.

Social Studies

- Difference between long ago and today.
- How people, places, and events change over time.
- Important people and events from the past.
- Holidays and traditions and why families celebrate them.
- Events using words like before, after, and now.

Parents' Guide to Success in Kindergarten for Quarter 3

Kindergarten students will focus on these key concepts and are expected to be able to:

Reading

- Understand what letters and words are, and identify parts of a book.
- Read and listen to stories, retell what happened and make predictions.
- Use new vocabulary when talking about what they read and learn.
- Use drawing, speaking, and writing to respond to stories.

Math

- Group objects by 10s and count by 10s (up to 100).
- Build and take apart groups of objects from 1-20.
- Break up a group of 11-19 objects into a group of ten and some ones.
- Solve problems using up to 10 objects

Science

- The sun provides light and heat, and that light can create shadows.
- Patterns such as day and night, daily weather, and the changing seasons.
- Both living and nonliving things change over time, and that changes can happen quickly or slowly.

Social Studies

- What maps and globes are and how they help us.
- Where they live, including their classroom, school, and community.
- Location words such as near, far, left, and right.
- Maps show real places in simple ways.
- People live in many different places around the world.

Parents' Guide to Success in Kindergarten for Quarter 4

Kindergarten students will focus on these key concepts and are expected to be able to:

Reading

- Read simple books using letter sounds.
- Use pictures and text features, to compare ideas across books.
- Create sentences by sounding out words and using punctuation.
- Use new words when speaking.

Math

- Understand that a calendar measures days, weeks, and months
- Know and name the days of the week and months of the year.
- For any day of the week, tell which day is yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Science

- People use natural resources every day to make and use products.
- Some materials can be reused and recycled instead of thrown away.
- Human choices can affect the air, water, land, and living things.

Social Studies

- Jobs people do at school and in the community.
- Why people work and how jobs help others.
- Money and what it is used for.
- Making choices and learn that choices have outcomes.
- Students reflect on what they have learned and show their understanding through projects and activities.