

You're on your way to TK/K!

The transition to TK/Kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to TK/Kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful throughout their school experience.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their first elementary school experience.

You bet, I'm ready for TK/K!

Personal Needs: Without help, can they...

- ☐ Put on and take off coat and shoes
- ☐ Open and close backpack and lunchbox
- ☐ Wash their hands using soap
- ☐ Use the bathroom, including self-cleaning
- ☐ Snap, button, zip, and buckle

Academic Skills: Does your child ...

- ☐ Sit and listen to a story
- ☐ Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- ☐ Know their first and last name
- ☐ Tell and retell familiar stories
- ☐ Know colors, shapes and sizes
- ☐ Count 0-10

Social Skills: Can they ...

- ☐ Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
- ☐ Cooperate with other children
- ☐ Resolve conflicts with words instead of hands
- ☐ Handle disappointment and hearing no
- ☐ Take turns in a group setting

Academic Skills {continued}

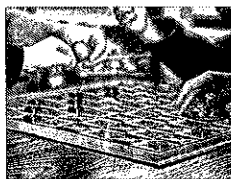
- ☐ Say/Recite the ABC's
- ☐ Hold and uses scissors & pencil appropriately
- ☐ Recognize and/or write their first name (use capital letter for the first letter and lowercase letters for the rest.) M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T
- ☐ Recognize some of the letters of the alphabet

To assist with a smooth transition into school, you can provide opportunities and experiences that allow them to practice social norms in a variety of settings. You can take them to the park, library, grocery store, dentist, restaurant, public restroom, etc. Also, provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your child socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others.

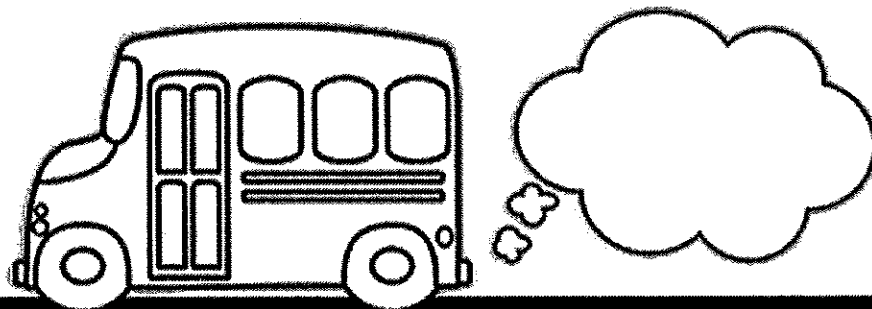
•Additional Skills for Success•



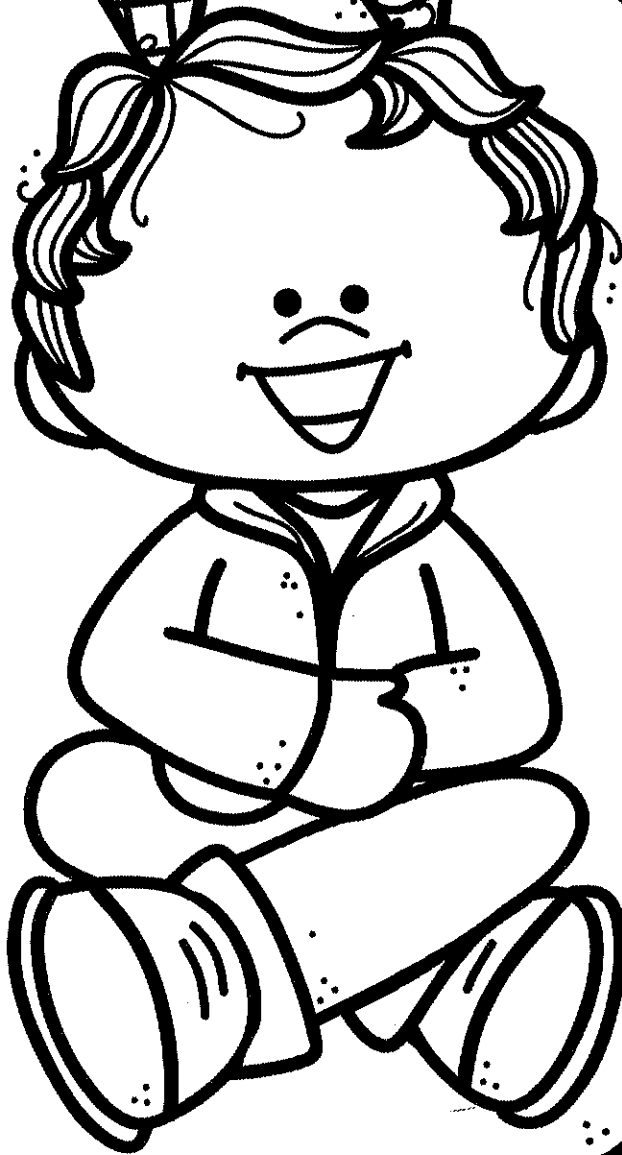
Read every day with your student. Listening to read alouds gives your student access to expanded vocabulary, knowledge and comprehension.



Play games frequently with your student. Games encourage turn taking, shared rules of engagement, and good sportsmanship.

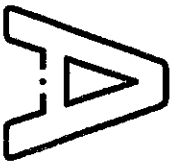
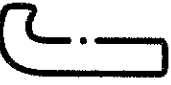
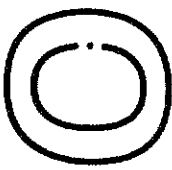


Welcome to
TK!



I'm Ready for Kindergarten!

Color in each box as you get your child ready for their first day!

 I can recite the alphabet		 I can help read books! *Turn the pages, discuss what is happening on each page, etc.	 I know how to clean up.	 I can follow two-step directions.	 I can handle my emotions. *For example, When I get upset, I know to calm down.
 I can say how I feel.	 I can use glue appropriately	 I know how to wash my hands and use the bathroom independently.	 I can identify numbers 1-10.	 I can put on a jacket independently.	
 I know my first and last name.	 I can identify lowercase letters.	 I can match items	 I can count numbers up to 20.	 I know my colors, like orange.	

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P

I can identify,
create, and
extend **patterns**.

Q

I can ask and
answer **questions**.

R

I can identify and
use **rhyming**
words.

S

I can name 2D
shapes.

T

I know how to
take turns.

U

I can identify
uppercase letters.

V

I am **very** good at
asking for help
when needed.

W

I can **walk**
backwards.

X

I can draw
different kinds of
lines like **x's** straight
line, zig-zags, etc.

Y

Can you write
your name?

Z

I can **zip** up my
jacket
independently.

