



Rising Kindergarten Summer Tips

Keep Academic Skills Strong This Summer in Preparation for Kindergarten

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[A to Z Readiness JK/K](#)

Reading

All Charlotte Christian students are strongly encouraged to read over the summer! Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

- Read, read, READ to your child! Have your child read to you! Make up silly stories with one another!
- Continue to practice listening for and identifying letter sounds in words. This [video](#) models the proper pronunciation of each letter sound.
- Blend, read, and write CVC words.
- Play rhyming games and charades to apply knowledge learned during word and letter study.
- [Read at Home Bingo](#)

If you don't have a regular reading routine at your house, now is a great time to begin. Numerous studies have found that children who are read to regularly at home will have a much better chance at succeeding in school overall. Encourage your child to retell stories you have read by drawing pictures, using puppets, and role-playing.

Math

- Play with numbers!
- Use measurement while "cooking."
- Keep a calendar and engage in conversation.
- [Other fun ways to practice math](#)

Social Development and Self-Help Skills

- Uses restroom independently (buttoning/zippping pants, cleaning self, washing hands)
- Independently cares for personal belongings (school tools, crayons, scissors, etc.)
- Recognizes and respects authority
- Demonstrates self-control
- Interacts and shares with other children
- Shows respect for classmates
- With guidance, cleans up after play
- Participates in an appropriate manner in both whole group and small group activities

Verbal Skills

- Speaks clearly; can be understood without context clues
- Speaks in complete sentences
- Uses appropriate volume when speaking
- Expresses and describes feelings
- Able to clearly communicate their needs

Listening Skills and Cognitive Thinking

- Follows one-step and two-step instructions
- Understands directional terms: up, down, in, out, under, etc
- Understands comparative terms: big, little, short, long, slow, etc.
- Understands and is able to retell simple stories
- Match and sort objects
- Begins to understand that letters stand for the sounds heard in words

- Identify some numbers and understand how numbers are used
- Identify basic patterns, shapes and colors
- Counts to 10 or higher from memory

HELPFUL LINKS: Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

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	<u>NC Kids Digital Library</u> https://nckids.overdrive.com/ Username: Library card number Provided by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's ONE Access program which offers public library accounts for all students.
	<u>Book Wizard by Scholastic</u> http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/ Website or App - Use your own login. Search Scholastic Book Wizard for children's books from all publishers by reading level and grade levels. You can use the website to find good fit books when at home or the app on mobile devices (at the bookstore, library, etc).
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