

GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Preparedness Skills for Summer Practice

Handwriting:

Please break crayons into one to two inch stubs

Whenever your child writes, draws, or colors this summer, please have your child use these stubs. The stubs will help your child learn the correct pencil grip for writing. The correct position for holding a writing tool is for the stub/pencil to be held between the thumb and first finger. Please see the last attached sheet for a reference to introduce D'Nealian Manuscript.



Letter and Sound Recognition:

When your child enters Kindergarten in August we will begin by reviewing letter and sound recognition. It is important for you to practice with your child several times a week to ensure retention of skills. The expectation for incoming Kindergarten students is that they will have knowledge of a large proportion of letters and their corresponding sounds taught in Pre-kindergarten



Math: Every Day Learning and Some Fun Suggestions

You and your child are probably already doing many of these skills. There are so many daily experiences that include logical reasoning and developing our mathematical skills. So...when the opportunity arises, please take advantage of the teachable moments and help your child make connections.

Count when playing: throwing the ball, swinging, hopping, skipping...

Match sets/objects-ex. legos, buttons, shells, pennies, and numbers 1-20 Compare more, less, equal

Practice and draw shapes: circles, triangle, rectangles, squares, diamonds...

Draw models: begin by using basic shapes and then add your style of sliding boards, swing set, people, clouds, your house, your room, animals, sandcastles...

Measurements: helping to measure ingredients, cut sandwiches in half, quarters,

Identify coins: pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters....

Calendar: days of the week, adding the next number, number before...

Identify: morning, afternoon, evening, and night... am, pm, noon, midnight

Clocks: compare analog and digital to show time

Awareness of time eg. minutes, half hour, one hour...

Collections: classify by objects, size, colors, shapes...

Look for and create patterns...

Create addition and subtraction stories using objects/drawings...

D'Nealian Manuscript

*Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh
Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp
Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx
Yy Zz 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9*

Finally,

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to meeting with you in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McIntyre

