

Kindergarten Team



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*You're off to
great places!*

*Today is your
day!*

*Your mountain is
waiting, so get
on your way!*

-Dr. Seuss-

WELCOME
TO
KINDERGARTEN
2023-2024



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Top 5 Academic Skills to Know Before Kindergarten

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1. Letter Identification

Knowing the names of all capital and lowercase letters in random order.

2. Rhyming

Being able to determine whether or not two words rhyme, and also being able to produce sets of words that rhyme.

3. Name Writing

The ability to write his/her first name without help (with a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lowercase letters).

4. Number Identification

Knowing the names of the numbers 0-10 when shown in random order.

5. Rote Counting

Being able to verbally tell numbers in counting order.

SELF HELP SKILLS TO WORK ON THIS SUMMER

Can your child...

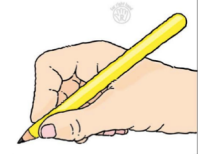
- Open his/her own lunch containers?
- Listen to a story without interrupting?
- Tie his/her shoes?
- Put on and zip his/her coat?
- Use the restroom independently?
- Solve “kid-sized” problems without help from an adult? (Example – get a Kleenex when his/her nose is runny.)
- Be independent? (Example – carry his/her own backpack.)

There are several gross motor and fine motor skills children need in order to be successful at school.

Gross motor – encourage your child to play outside, ride a bike, practice skipping, throw a ball, etc.
Daily screen time should be minimal.

Fine motor – build your child’s hand muscles by allowing him/her to play with Play-doh, beads, lacing cards, puzzles, and clothespins.

Work on appropriate pencil grip. (Pictured below)



Allow your child to become familiar with using scissors

- Thumb on top.
- Open and close to cut.
- Hold the paper with the other hand to help guide the scissors to the correct place to cut.