

Activities that Support Kindergarten Learning

How Parents Can Help...

Reading

- Read aloud to your child daily.
- Discuss the stories you have read.
- Have picture books available.
- Visit the library regularly.
- Teach nursery rhymes.
- Encourage reading of environmental print (for example: menus at McDonald's, Signs at K-Mart or Wal-Mart).

Writing

- Provide a variety of tools (pencils, crayons, and markers) and a variety of paper types.
- Draw pictures about experiences.
- Have your child tell you stories about the pictures they draw and write the story for them. Ask them to copy the letters you've written.
- Encourage your child to write down any sounds heard in a word.

Listening & Speaking

- Encourage your child to be respectful when speaking.
- Enjoy listening and performing poems, songs and finger plays.
- Encourage and develop your child's ability to give and follow directions.

Mathematics

- Practice counting with your child to 30, by 1's. (for example: 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.)
- Sort the laundry, toys, or books with your child.
- Discuss the identity of coins with your child (pennies, nickels and dimes).
- Discuss size (a big dog versus a small dog) and shape (circle, triangle, rectangle and square).

Science/History

- Enjoy nature walks with your child.
- Do simple science experiments.
- Visit museums, the post office or grocery store, etc. and discuss what you see.
- Involve your child in family/community celebrations and community service.

Study Skills

- Be on time for school and when picking up your child.
- Be aware of what your child is studying.
- Check your child's backpack daily.
- Ask your child questions about papers that come home.
- Provide a place in your home for papers that require attention.
- Attend school functions and parent conferences.
- **Make Learning a Priority in Your Home!**

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