

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Here are some of the things your child needs to be able to do to be ready for kindergarten.

- Identify and write first name
- Identify most of the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase)
- Identify numbers 1-10
- Count 10 objects
- Identify basic shapes and colors
- Cut basic designs with scissors
- Use a 3 finger pencil grip and write some letters
- Sit during circle time and participate in class
- Follow directions during class



Here are some things you can do at home to help your child get ready for kindergarten.

- Practice writing your name (first and last)
- Recite the ABC poem and work on knowing your letters and sounds
- Write your ABCs
- Write your numbers and count
- Color, draw, trace, cut and glue - this will make those hands ready to write
- Read, read, read
- Check out these websites:
 - www.starfall.com
 - www.morestarfall.com
 - www.abcya.com
 - www.funbrainjr.com
 - www.abcmouse.com

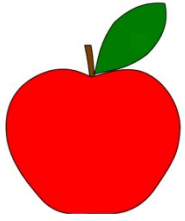


Recommended Apps

- The Bible App For kids - by You Version
- Skybrary- from Reading Rainbow
- Endless Alphabet
- Monkey Preschool Lunchbox
- Todo Math
- Alpha Tots
- Learn with Homer
- Writing Wizard
- Moose Math
- Animal Pre-K Learning Games
- Lola Panda Math Train
- Alphabet Train



ABC Poem



A "a" apple



B "b" ball



C "c" cat



D "d" dog



E "e" elephant



F "f" frog



G "g" goose



H "h" house



I "i" igloo



J "j" juice



K "k" kitten



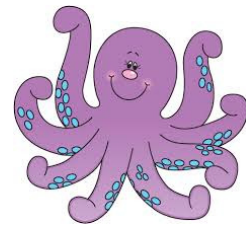
L "l" lion



M "m" mitten



N "n" nest



O "o" octopus



P "p" pencil



Q "q" queen



R "r" rabbit



S "s" snake



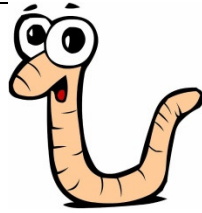
T "t" tea



U "u" umbrella



V "v" violin



W "w" worm



X "x" x-ray



Y "y" yogurt



Z "z" zipper

Preschool Book List

Please note: This is a suggested list to read aloud. Parents may wish to preview all content to ensure appropriateness for their children.

- Ahlberg, Janet. (E Ahl) **Each Peach Pear Plum: an "I spy" story**
- Aliko, (E Ali) **We are Best Friends**
- Alborough, Jez. (E Alb) **Duck in the Truck**
- Bridwell, Norman. (E Bri) **Clifford the Big Red Dog (Series)**
- Brown, Margaret Wise. (E Bro) **Goodnight Moon and Runaway Bunny**
- Burton, Virginia. (E Bur) **The Little House (Caldecott Medal)**
- Capucilli, Alyssa. (E Cap) **Biscuit (Series)**
- Campbell, Rod (E Cam) **Dear Zoo**
- Carle, Eric. (E Car) **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** (and many other books)
- Christelow, Eileen. (E Chr) **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (Series)**
- Crews, Donald (E Cre) **Freight Train (Caldecott Medal)**
- DeBrunoff, Jean. (E DeB) **The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant (Series)**
- De Paola, Tomie (E DeP) **Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs**
- Eastman, P.D. (E Eas) **Are You My Mother?**
- Galdone, Paul. (E Gal) **Hattie and the Fox**
- Guarino, Deborah. (E Gua) **Is Your Mama A Llama?**
- Hoban, Russell. (E Hob) **Bedtime for Frances (Series)**
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. (E Hob) **Miss Mary Mack**
- Hutchins, Pat. (E Hut) **The Doorbell Rang**
- Johnson, Crockett (E Joh) **Harold and the Purple Crayon**
- Keats, Ezra Jack. (E Kea) **Peter's Chair and The Snowy Day**
- Keller, Holly. (E Hol) **Geraldine's Blanket**
- Lobel, Arnold. (E Lob) **Frog and Toad All Year (Series)**
- London, Jonathan. (E Lon) **Froggy Gets Dressed (Series)**
- Marshall, James (E Mar) **George and Martha**
- Martin, Bill and John Archambault (E Mar) **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**
- Martin, Bill Jr. (E Mar) **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**
- McCloskey, Robert (EMcC) **Blueberries for Sal**
- McGrath, Barbara Barbieri. (E McG) **The Cheerios Counting Book**
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. (E Num) **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**
- Rathmann, Peggy (E Rat) **Good Night, Gorilla**
- Seuss, Dr. (E Seu) **Green Eggs and Ham, Hop on Pop, The Foot Book** (and many more)
- Sharmat, Mitchell. (E Sha) **Gregory, the Terrible Eater**
- Slobodkina, Esphyr (E Slo) **Caps for Sale**
- Taback, Simms. (E Tab) **There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly**
- Tafuri, Nancy. (E Taf) **Have You Seen My Duckling?**
- Waber, Bernard. (E Wab) **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile**
- Wells, Rosemary. (E Wel) **Max's Dragon Shirt** (Max and Ruby Series)
- Willems, Mo (E Wil) **Knuffle Bunny and Piggy and Elephant** (series)
- Wood, Audrey. (E Woo) **The Napping House**
- Zion, Gene. (E Zio) **Harry the Dirty Dog**

