

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!**

