

Dear Upcoming Kindergarten Families,

Kindergarten is an exciting and important year for you and your child. By the time your child leaves kindergarten he/she will be expected to read and write sentences and solve addition and subtraction problems. Here are some things your child can practice this summer in order to prepare for the exciting year to come.

Reading and Writing practice:

- How to correctly hold a pencil or crayon. Kindergarten classes begin instruction on the first day of school. Students will be expected to use a pencil and crayon at this time.
- Write his/her name using a capital letter at the beginning of both the first and last name.
- Recite and recognize letters of the alphabet.
- Hold and use a pair of safety scissors.

Math Practice

- Count by ones orally to 20.
- Count objects to 10.
- Recognize numbers 0-10.
- Name and recognize shapes.
- Recognize colors and begin to read color words.

Listening skills:

- Listen to and follow directions the first time they are given. This is an important skill for kindergarten students. Your child will be asked to follow many teacher directions during the school year. Try to give your child simple chores to do around the house to help them feel responsible and understand how to follow your directions.

Thank you for working to prepare your child for a successful year in kindergarten. We cannot wait to meet our new Kindergarteners!

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If you would like a more comprehensive list of things your upcoming kindergartener should know, please visit the following website:

<http://www.leapfrog.com/en-us/learning-path/articles/kindergarten-skills-checklist>