



Rising Kindergarten Summer Work

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Parents,

It is summertime! We always encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, swim, sleep in late, and be together as a family. We hope you have a wonderful few months ahead of you and that you can create many memories during this time. We also hope you spend some time keeping your child's memory fresh with all the important things they learned this past school year. We've tried to help you in that task by creating a summer activities list for you. You are not expected to follow the list exactly. It is meant to be a guide for exercising your child's mind. The list provides suggested activities and games for each month that are an appropriate follow-up to the school year. Each activity can easily, and enjoyably, be done as a family. We hope you take time each week to enjoy these activities.

You will see "Every Week Activity" below. These are tasks we believe vital in the education of your upcoming kindergartner. By taking the time to do this each week, you are preparing your child for a great beginning to their kindergarten year!

We pray that you have a fantastic summer. We pray for safe travels and relaxing nights. We pray for your child as they learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you this fall. Until then, enjoy summer!

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team

Every Week Activity: someone reading aloud to your child

Grab your books from our Book Fair! **The Parent Council Book Fair is in the Dining Hall on May 22 between 7:35 a.m. and 4 p.m.**



June

Be on the lookout for natural and purposeful opportunities to count. (How many goldfish are on your plate? How many books are on the shelf?)

Write the alphabet using your best handwriting. Remember to make every letter starting at the top.

Cut words from the newspaper or a magazine. Find a word that begins with every letter of the alphabet.

Play Simon Says. Do a movement a certain number of times. (Tap your nose 4 times, nod your head 3 times, touch your toes 7 times...)

Find numbers in places like menus, road signs, and clocks. Practice reading the numbers you find.

Using your sense of touch, go outside and find things that are smooth, rough, prickly, sharp, hard, wet, dry...

Draw a picture of you and your friend. Tell your mom about the things you like about your friend and let her write them down.

Go to the library and check out an audiobook.

Work on measurement by playing "Which Is Bigger?" (Which is bigger: A dog or a hamster? A monkey or a gorilla? A cat or a lion?..)

Write your numbers from 1 to 10. Be sure to form your numbers from the top down.

Work on measurement by playing "Bigger and Smaller." (Find an object that is bigger than your hand. Find an object smaller than your hand...)

Make a sandwich. Cut it in half. Cut it into fourths.

Write your full name and draw a picture of yourself doing something you do well.

July

What do you know about America? Tell all that you know to a grown-up and let him or her write down all that you say...I bet you know a lot!

Let your grandmother, grandfather, or special friend read you a story.

How did you celebrate the 4th of July? Draw a picture of something you did and let a grown-up write a sentence that goes with it on the back.

Count to 10 starting at 1. Do it again and start at 3. Do it again and start at 6...



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The next time you are in the car, name everything you see that is your favorite color. How many things did you see? Then try a new color...

Make a schedule for your day. At the end of the day evaluate how well the schedule matched to what actually happened.

Go outside and find 3 different kinds of leaves. Discuss with your mom or dad how they are alike and how they are different.

Count things in your house or in the car, including silly things with an answer of 0. (How many windows? How many doors? How many clocks? How many tigers?...)

Pretend you could eat anything you wanted for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Draw pictures of your meals and label all the foods.

Draw a map of your house.

Practice writing your letters. Be sure to form the letters correctly starting at the top and going down.

Let your sister, brother, aunt, or uncle read you a story. Try to remember the story and tell it back to him or her.

What is your favorite thing about summer? Ask everyone in your family and compare what everyone says.

Go to the library and check out an audio-book. Listening to books being read aloud is a powerful way to improve your vocabulary!

August

Use index cards and make a deck with 2 cards for each letter of the alphabet. Play "Go Fish" with the deck. Practice letter recognition.

Can you write the names of the children who will be in your class?

Tell a story and have your mom or dad write it down. What was the best thing that happened to you this summer?

Find one object in your house starting with each letter of the alphabet.

What number comes before 3? After 9? Before 7? After 13?...