



Preparing for Kindergarten



SUMMER READING READINESS



School Skill

How to at home

Your name is Special

One of the foundational skills we focus on in kindergarten is name recognition. This skill is more than just knowing how to identify and write their name; it plays a crucial role in their early literacy development and sense of identity. When children recognize their name, it builds their confidence, helps them feel a sense of belonging, and is the first step toward understanding the alphabet and reading. Name recognition also fosters independence, as children learn to identify their belongings and participate more fully in classroom activities. By supporting this skill at home, you're setting the stage for your child's success in school and beyond.

When helping your child practice writing their name at home, remember to reinforce using a capital letter at the beginning of their name and lower-case letters for the rest.

Click [here](#) for examples of name writing activities.

Reading with your Child

One of the best ways to help prepare your child for kindergarten is to read together every day!

Reading aloud to your child at home is crucial for fostering early literacy skills, building vocabulary, and nurturing a love for reading.

To engage your child in conversation, you can use a

Having a conversation about a book will develop your child's vocabulary and knowledge about the topic of that book. Whether you are reading a fairy tale, a picture book, an informational book, or any other text, you can engage in a

tool called PEER: Prompt, Evaluate, Expand and Repeat.

discuss it as you enjoy reading together.

Click [here](#) for an example of how to use PEER

Phonological Awareness

Phonological and phonemic awareness are important pre-reading skills, related to the ability to hear, identify, and play with the sounds in spoken language — including rhymes, syllables, and the smallest units of sound (phonemes). Children with strong phonological awareness skills are ready to become readers.

Using read-alouds to practice phonological awareness activities is a great way to motivate your little learners while exposing them to many important skills

Here are a few Activities to try!

[Syllables](#)

[Nursery rhymes](#)

[Rhyme Time](#)

[Alliteration](#)

[First Sound Song](#)

Thank you for all you do to support your child in preparing for kindergarten!