

Preparing for Kindergarten



Hands-on fun ... all summer long!



Purpose: There are so many ways you can help your child prepare to enter kindergarten! Everyday activities and experiences are THE best way ... not “worksheets” or “pencil & paper” tasks. The calendar on the next few pages are designed to help you reinforce key skills in all 10 areas of development as you engage with your child. Best of all, the activities are easy-to-do and help your child learn in a way that is meaningful, intentional and fun!



To Use: Print out the calendars and post them in the kitchen or other area of the house where you will be able to refer to it quickly and easily. Try to do each activity on the calendar but do not stress if you can't do them all. Also, if your child is not particularly interested in an experience, that is OK as well. Let your child be the guide.

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June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Challenge your child to look for letters on signs while shopping or riding in the car.	Read a book with your child. Talk about the problem the characters face in the story.	Have your child experiment by mixing flour and water. What happens?	Count the number of doors in your home with your child. Estimate before counting.	Save empty food boxes. Invite your child to create something with them.	Have your child help set the table. How many plates, spoons, forks, etc. are needed?	Prepare instant pudding with your child. Explore measuring.
Read your child's favorite book. Have him/her talk about what happens next.	Give your child a bucket of water and a paintbrush. Have him/her "write" on the driveway or sidewalk.	Talk about the colors of foods at mealtime.	Read a book with your child. See if your child can identify the main character.	Pour cornmeal into a tray with edges. Invite your child to use his/her finger to write or draw in the cornmeal.	Make lemonade with your child. 	Play "Simon Says" with your child. This is a great game to reinforce following directions.
Visit the library and check out books. Reading to your child is SO important!	Have your child compare & contrast vegetables at the grocery store or farmer's market.	Provide your child with junk mail and child-safe scissors that he/she can use to practice cutting.	Go for a walk and count the number of birds you see.	Look for letters, words & numerals on household appliances. Why are they there?	Count flags while riding in the car or walking. How many can your child find?	Sit outside and have your child close his/her eyes. What does he/she hear? Smell?
Sing and dance together! 	Help your child use the internet to learn about his/her favorite animal.	Blow bubbles with your child. Talk about how bubbles are a sphere.	Play a simple board game with your child.	Summer begins in June. Do something special together to celebrate this new season!	Locate pieces of ribbon or yarn to weave these in and out of the holes on the side of a laundry basket.	Have your child help you match socks when doing the laundry.
Go to the grocery store and challenge your child to read the prices.	Do a simple jigsaw puzzle with your child.	Invite your child to experiment with sink and float during bath time.	Holidays in June: Flag Day Father's Day First Day of Summer Eid-al-Adha Juneteenth			

July



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When out & about, look for EXIT signs.	Read a book with your child. Talk about the setting (e.g., where the story takes place).	When shopping, look for price tags. See how many numerals your child can identify.	Serve mixed vegetables. Have your child sort and then count.	Use Google Maps with your child to discover how far away destinations are from your home.	Help your child learn how to use the vacuum cleaner or dust pan/broom.	Go for a walk with your child and see how many different colors of flowers you can find.
Have your child help type a text message to a grandparent or other relative.	Put frozen fruit in a blender with yogurt and make smoothies with your child. Talk about how the mixture changes.	Have your child use a toy phone or an old cellphone to practice dialing your phone number.	Look for STOP signs when walking with your child. See if your child can name the letters in this word.	Have your child mail a postcard to a friend or relative. Have your child sign the card.	Use the internet with your child to learn about the state parks in your area. If possible, go visit one!	Invite your child to write his/her name with sidewalk chalk on the driveway or other paved surface.
Watch a short video about a place your child would like to visit someday.	Take books outside, spread out a large blanket and read with your child.	Practice looking both ways when crossing the street with your child.	Have your child help make a shopping list for the grocery store. Talk about letters & words.	Give your child a deck of playing cards to sort by color, number, or suit.	Use Google Translate to learn how to say words in different languages.	Look through a cookbook with your child and pick out a recipe to make together.
Have your child use a ruler to compare the size of his/her shoe to yours.	Teach your child a song from your childhood.	Provide your child with empty paper towel rolls and tape. Invite him/her to create!	Play, "I Spy" when visiting a local park.	Plant a flower with your child and then help your child learn how to care for it.	Go on a "Letter Hunt" with your child. See how many different letters he/she can find.	Put ice cubes in a bowl in the sun. Have your child predict how long it will take for them to melt.
When having a playdate, invite your child to help with the planning.	Print the names of the people in your family on index cards, hide & have your child find/read.	If possible, visit your local fire station to help your child learn more about firefighters and fire safety.	Holidays in July: The 4th of July Ashura			

August



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Provide your child with sidewalk chalk and invite him/her to create.	Gather some old clothing and invite your child to use it for dress-up.	Talk with your child about starting school. What does your child think school will be like?	Use a tape measure to see how far your child can throw, or kick, a ball. Challenge your child to read the measurement.	Invite one of your child's friend for a playdate. What types of activities do they play together?	Have your child help you prepare fruit salad. Compare & contrast the fruits.	Have your child help you as you put away clean silverware. Sort at the same time!	
Go to the library and get books about starting kindergarten to read together.	Take your child out for a special ice cream treat! Point to and read the flavors to expose your child to print.	Have your child help prepare a tossed salad for dinner.	Read food labels with your child.	Invite your child to help you fold towels. This is an excellent life skill that also helps build fine motor control.	Read your child's favorite book and talk about why your child likes it best.	Play "Follow the Leader" with your child and incorporate the positional concepts "left" and "right."	
Visit a local park or playground with your child.	Role-play riding a bus with your child. Set up chairs and practice getting on and off and staying seated.	Practice what to do IF a smoke detectors goes off with your child.	Go for a walk with your child and count mailboxes. How many can you find?	Look for letters & logos on food boxes and cans with your child. Can you find all of the letters of the alphabet?	Turn on upbeat music and dance, dance, dance with your child!	Go on a Shape Hunt with your child. Look for circles, triangles, rectangles, squares, ovals, stars, hearts.	
Help your child use the internet to learn about a place he or she would like to visit.	Give your child a deck of cards and challenge him/her to arrange the numbered cards in order.	Play hopscotch with your child. Talk about numerals in the process.	Make sure your child is getting enough sleep at night.	Have your child help you wash the car.	Help your child type an email to a friend or relative on a computer, tablet or even your cellphone.	Go for a Color Walk with your child. How many different colors can you find?	
Toss a ball back and forth with your child. Count how many times you can do this without dropping it.	Compare the sizes of shoes worn by the people in your family. Arrange in order from smallest to biggest.	Have a wonderful school year!	Holidays in August: None				