

Kindergarten Summer Packet



Learning Activities for the Summer Months for
children transitioning to Kindergarten

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Dear Parents,

Your child has learned so much this year in Pre-K:

- Identifying some letters
- Identifying the sounds of letters
- Writing letters, names, and some words
- Nursery rhymes
- Rhyming words
- Identifying numerals
- Counting objects to 10
- Making patterns
- Identifying shapes

...and more

Enclosed in this packet are activities that you can do with your child this summer to help review things your child has learned in school and prepare them for Kindergarten. Please continue to review letters, numbers, counting, name writing, etc. so that your child will retain those skills during the summer months.

Have a great summer!

Kathy Trussell

Things I need to do the first day of Kindergarten...

- Follow multiple directions.
- Hold a pencil correctly.
- Color in the lines with back and forward motion
- Say the alphabet in sequence
- Count to 10 orally
- Hold scissors correctly.
- Cut on a line with scissors
- Use glue sticks correctly
- Be able to sit quietly for a minimum of 15 minutes
- Write first name. First letter is capital and the rest of the letters are lower case. Do not write your name in all capital letters.
- Take care of bathroom needs without assistance. This includes: washing hands, fastening buttons, and buckles/unbuckle belt. Teachers are not allowed to go into the bathroom with the students for any reason.
- Open food containers for lunch.

Things I need to know the first day of school...

- My first and last name
- The letters of the alphabet
- The *Guardian Angel Prayer*
- Numbers to 10
- Basic colors/shapes
- How to pack and unpack book bag
- Magic words: please, thank you, excuse me, etc...
- Good church behavior: standing, kneeling, and sitting quietly.
- Dismissal: Am I car pool, walkers, or extended care?
- How to tie shoes or have Velcro shoes

Language ARTS

Make a writing kit for your child to practice writing:

Pens	colored pencils	markers
Paper	colored paper	envelopes
Stapler	tape	dry erase board
Notepads	index cards	

Shaving cream

Put a small amount of shaving cream on the table or tray. Draw letters and numbers with your fingers in the shaving cream.

Pipe Cleaners

Use pipe cleaners to form letters.

Play the Memory Game

Use magnets or foam letters to spell

Name

Write your child's name on a piece of paper in large letters. Glue on yarn, beans or glitters. Remember first letter is uppercase, but the rest are lowercase letters.

Sound Basket

Give your child a basket and ask them to collect objects from around the house that begins with a particular letter.

Mystery Sound Bag

Place 3 or 4 objects that begin with a particular letter in a bag. Have your child pull the items out one at the time and identify the beginning letter.

Practice Paper

Math

Number Writing

1 Come straight down and that is all. That's how we write the number one.	6 Slant on down and give it a curl. That's how we write the number 6.
2 Curl around and slide to the right. That's how we write the number two.	7 Slide to the right and then slant down. That's how we write the number 7.
3 Halfway around and around again. That's how we write the number three.	8 Make an S and go back home. That's how we write the number 8.
4 Down, slide right, and cut it in two. That's how we write the number four.	9 Make a circle and go straight down. That's how we write the number 9.
5 Down and around and give it a hat. That's how we write the number five.	0 Make an oval and that is all. That's how we write the number 0.

Fine Motor Skills

Scissors & Play-Dough

Let your child use scissors to cut play-dough. This helps build fine motor strength and helps them learn to use scissors.

Magazine Collage

Cut pictures from magazines and glue them onto a piece of construction paper. You can have your child cut out certain things such as "things beginning with the letter A" or "red things" or "ocean animals", etc. You can also

More...

Play-Dough

Legos

Puzzles

Light Bright

Lacing Cards

Religion:



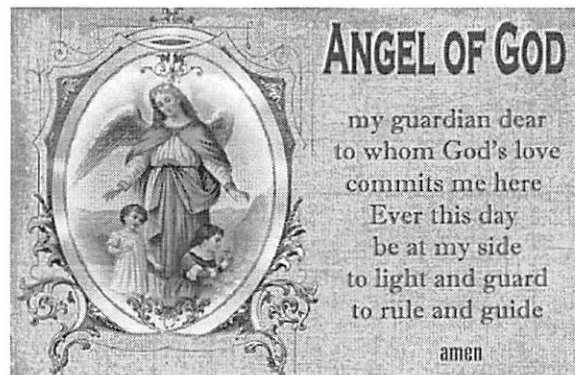
Sign of the Cross activity on www.TeachingCatholicKids.com

The Sign of the Cross

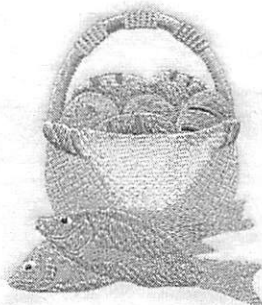
In the name
of the Father,
and of the son,
and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Angel of God



The Blessing



*Bless us, O Lord,
and these Thy gifts,
which we are about to
receive from Thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Hail Mary

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Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Websites and Resources:

<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/free-emergent-readers/>

Curious World Brought to you by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Curious World is designed to prepare kids for kindergarten. Tiny tots learn not only math and reading readiness skills, but also social skills. A super cool feature is the flashcards you can customize by your child's age and subject area you want him to learn. Just select criteria from a pull down menu, and enjoy activities that can be done anywhere, any time.

PBS Kids You watched PBS as a kid, and now your little ones can hop online with some of the same friends you remember, like Elmo and Curious George. Of course, there are new friends, too, such as Peg + Cat. Select games by character, difficulty level or latest available. The site also has a huge library of printables for your child's educational enrichment.

National Geographic Kids Has your child ever asked you a question like, "What are baby penguins called?" Well, National Geographic Kids has the answer! Kids can watch videos, play games, and best of all, learn about animals, nature and the world around them. You know, in case you don't know *everything!*

ABCmouse.com ABCMouse.com calls itself the most comprehensive learning site on Earth for kids ages 2 to 7. Your kiddos can read or listen to books and music, play games and color as they accelerate through customizable learning levels designed by teachers and experts. The site even tracks your child's progress as she learns. You can try out the site for free for a month; after that, the monthly subscription fee is \$7.95.

Funbrain Kids in preschool through Grade 8 will love Funbrain, a site that makes developing math, reading and literacy skills fun. Check out games like Math Baseball and Grammar Gorillas. Kids can even read books on the go.

BrainPOP BrainPOP's animation brings learning concepts to life for individuals or entire classrooms. Kids learn about historical events, science and even the stock market, all with the help of a plucky robot and his friends.

Spatulatta Learning takes place in the kitchen, too, according to Spatulatta. Kids can learn cooking basics and try out new recipes built around the type of meal and favorite ingredients. What better way is there to transform your picky eater into a budding chef?

50 Books Kindergarten Students Love

1. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
2. *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* by Eric Kimmel or *Anansi the Spider* by Gerald McDermott
3. *Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer
4. The Berenstain Bears series by Stan and Jan Berenstain
5. *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
6. *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
7. *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams
8. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
9. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type* by Doreen Cronin
10. *Clifford the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell
11. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judy Barrett
12. *Curious George* by H.A. Rey
13. *Danny and the Dinosaur* by Syd Hoff
14. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* By Mo Willems
15. *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
16. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
17. *Froggy Gets Dressed* or *Froggy Goes to School* by Jonathan London
18. *George and Martha* by James Marshall
19. *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
20. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson
21. *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion
22. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* By Jane Yolen
23. *I Stink!* By Kate McMullen
24. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura J. Numeroff
25. *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber
26. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback
27. *Leo, the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
28. *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* by Bernard Waber
29. *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
30. *The Magic School Bus Series* by Joanna Cole
31. *Martha Speaks* by Susan Meddaugh
32. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton
33. *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate
34. *Miss Nelson is Missing!* By Harry Allard and James Marshall
35. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater
36. *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett
37. *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
38. *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
39. *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch
40. *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig
41. *Pierre: A Cautionary Tale* by Maurice Sendak
42. *Puss in Boots* by Charles Perrault
43. *Rapunzel* by Paul O. Zelinsky
44. *Strega Nona* by Tomie De Paola
45. *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
46. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig
47. *Tough Boris* by Mem Fox
48. *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by A. Wolf, by John Scieszka
49. *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
50. *Yoko* by Rosemary Wells