

Getting Ready for

Kindergarten

Introduction

This year brings many exciting experiences for your child as he/she begins Kindergarten. This powerpoint has been prepared to guide you in ways that you can help your child be ready for this year. We encourage you to read with your child several times a week. Practice opening food items (chip bags, Capri Suns, fruit cups, ketchup packets, etc.) Encourage your child to be independent with personal tasks such as getting dressed and putting away lunch dishes. Encourage your child to make good choices and practice self-control.

Learning and Thinking

The student:

- is willing to complete tasks and try new things.
- carries on a conversation using complete sentences.
- states full name, address, phone number, and birthday.
- shows an interest in books and reading.
- matches, recognizes, and names at least 5 colors.
- puts together simple puzzles.



Numbers and Counting

The student:

- identifies numbers 0-10.
- counts from 1-10 in the correct order.
Encourage counting past 10.
- counts at least 5 objects.
- identifies basic shapes like circle, square, triangle, and rectangle.
- identifies two and three dimensional objects.



Language Development

The student:

- carries on a conversation using complete sentences.
- identifies some letters in random order; including those in their name.
- names common things-has a good vocabulary. Talk to you child a lot by answering those “what’s that” questions.
- says or sings familiar songs or nursery rhymes.
- recognizes when words rhyme, such as ‘cat’ and ‘hat’.
- follows directions in a simple game with other children or adults.

Social/Emotional

The student:

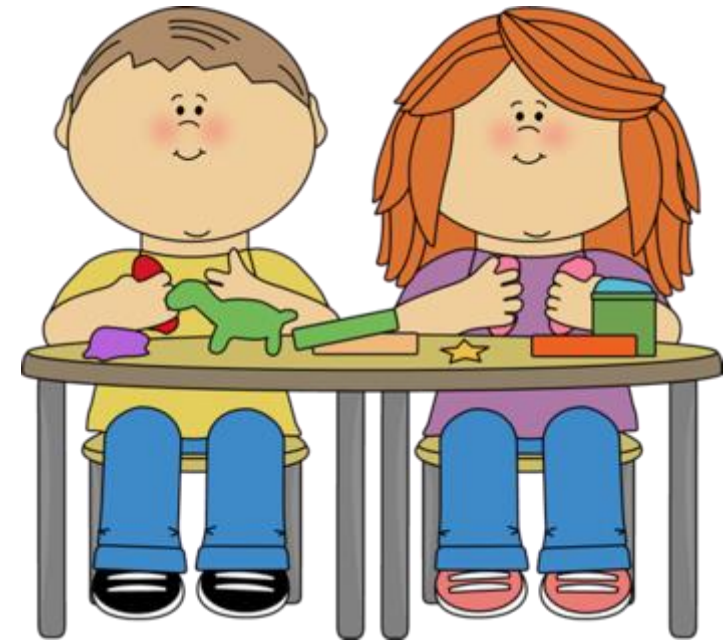
- takes care of own needs such as toileting, washing hands, and dressing.
- adjusts to new situations without parent being there.
- can share toys with other children and is willing to take turns.
- listen to an adult and follows directions.



Physical

The student:

- holds pencil, marker, crayon correctly.
- colors carefully by trying to stay in the lines.
- holds child-sized scissors correctly and has had experience cutting straight and curved lines.
- practices zipping, buttoning, snapping, and tying.



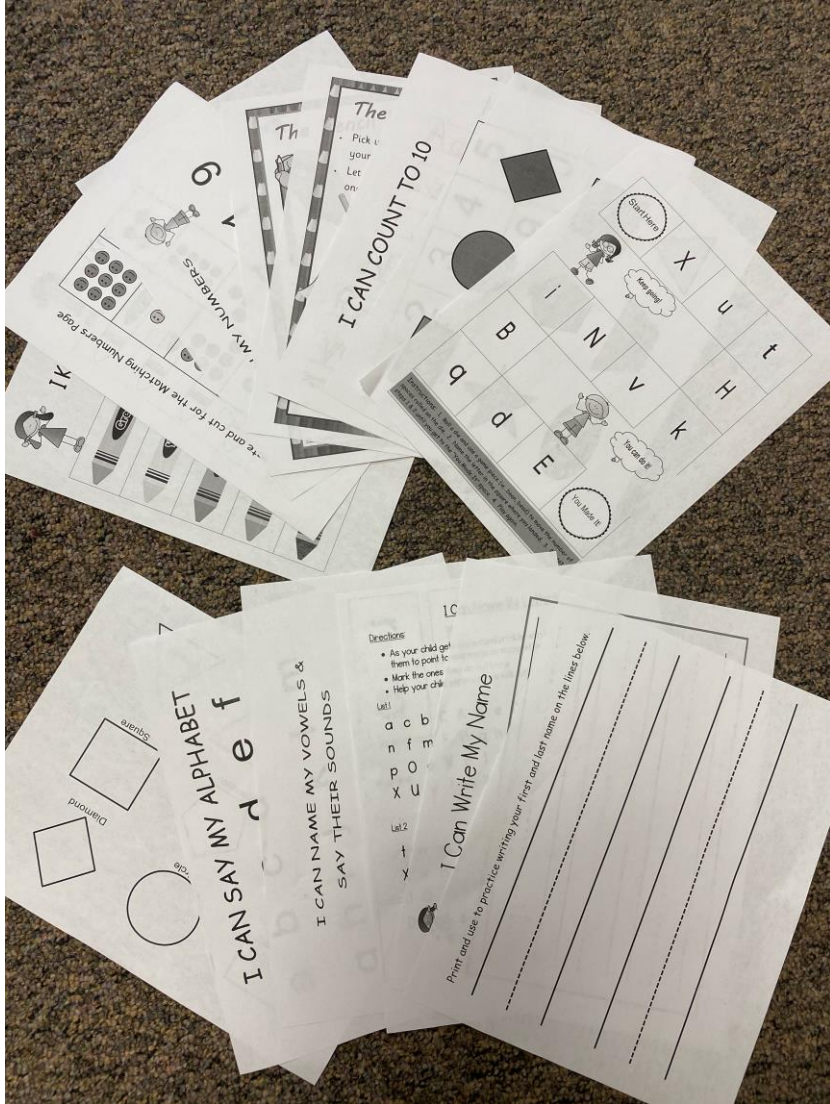
Parent Expectations

- Speak positively about school and staff
- Communicate with teacher and sign weekly folder
- Take time each to talk about the school day
- Help with homework
- Make sure your child is prepared to come to school with needed items and supplies
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest each night
- Make attendance at school a priority. However, please be aware of any symptoms your child might have that would indicate illness. Keep your child home if he/she has a fever.

Parent Suggestions

- Take time each day to talk to your child
- Read with your child daily and talk about the story
- Urge your child to recognize the colors
- Involve your child in activities and games that require listening and following directions
- Teach your child to make various patterns ie. red, blue, red, blue, etc.
- Support and encourage your child's independence
- Encourage work values such as effort, persistence, and initiative
- Encourage responsibility by having your child take care of personal belongings and assisting with simple chores.

Additional Resources



Visit our school website (county website www.acboe.net) and click on “Kindergarten Readiness Newsletter.” There are several items that can be printed out for you to use with your child. These include: count to 10, color recognition, shape recognition, Letter naming and alphabet recognition, name writing practice.

Other Information

- Daily Folder
 - Zipper Pouch
 - Label Money in Ziploc bag
- Tennis Shoes
 - Velcro or slip on
- Snack Procedure
 - Can bring snack but keep it separate from lunch. Please make sure your child knows which is which.
- Give your current phone number to your teacher or the school incase of an emergency we can reach you
- Tote Bag (**not a backpack**)
- Seasonal change of clothes
- Plastic red and blue nap mat

Questions?

Additional information will be distributed to you by your child's teacher.

Teachers will contact every parent/guardian to schedule a specific time to come meet them and drop off school supplies at the Back to School Event.

- Back-to-School Event:
 - September 1 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - September 2 – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Zoom Meeting with your child's teacher:
 - September 3 – 2:30 p.m.