

Shirley Hills Is gearing up for Kindergarten

We are so excited your family will be a part of the *Shirley Hills School Community!* Here at *Shirley Hills (SHES)* we believe it takes us all (teachers, parents, and students) to help a child be successful in school. Below are some suggested Kindergarten readiness skills you may want to work on over the summer to get your child **GEARED UP AND READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!**

1. WRITING FIRST AND LAST NAME

Suggested Activities

- a. Start with the first name. Make sure your child is holding their pencil or crayon properly. Make sure to say each letter as you write it. *Only focus* on writing it to look neat later in the process.

2. KNOWING THE ALPHABET

Suggested Activities

- a. Be able to identify all 26 letters of the Alphabet in (Uppercase (*Start with these first*) and Lowercase).
 - i. **Hint:** Use your child's name to point out letters of the Alphabet.
- b. Know all of the Alphabet letter sounds.
 - i. **IMPORTANT-** A child will need to be able to identify letters first before they can work on sounds.
 - ii. Watch a video on letter sounds to get you started. Try any Jack Hartman video on YouTube
- c. Be able to write the Alphabet Letters in Upper and Lowercase.
 - i. Have your child trace out letters that you have created on a piece of paper with space around each one.
 - ii. Finger paint the letters
- d. Sing the ABC song.
 - i. Make sure to sing slowly the "L, M, N, O" portion of the song. When we sing these letters quickly it can sound like long letter.

3. SIGHT WORDS

Suggested Activities

- a. Sight words help your child to get a head start in reading. Knowing sight words eliminates the need to sound out every single word.
- i. Help your child to identify and spell the asterisked * words before starting Kindergarten.

*the	in	do	for	all
*I	so	you	get	be
*to	*said	an	come	as
*a	we	*can	got	ball
is	it	*no	play	by
*my	and	*am	was	day
go	up	went	had	did
*me	*at	are	they	has
*like	*see	this	will	her
on	he	look	too	him

fun	put	us	away	very
eat	run	yes	them	could
jump	sat	saw	came	have
man	read	girl	big	make
or	run	how	been	any
not	she	when	after	into
mom	sit	your	who	there
out	then	about	back	were
now	his	from	I'm	mother
of	say	than	because	just

4. MATH

Suggested Activities

- a. Count from 1-20
- i. It is very helpful if your child knows 1-10 before starting Kindergarten.
- ii. You can count anytime. Spend time pointing out how many there are of something. (Dogs, Trees)

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b. Identify numbers from 1-20

- i. Point out numbers daily as you see them. Examples of this would be in recipes, on a sign, in a book and at the store.

c. Write the numbers from 1-20

- i. Write numbers using Finger Paint
- ii. Write the numbers and have your child trace over them.

5. READING

Suggested Activities

- a. Parents and Children can read to each other.
- b. Talk about the story afterwards.
 - i. What was the story about?
 - ii. Talk about the pictures in the story.
 - iii. Can you relate to something in the story?

Helpful Videos on You Tube

Vowel Bat	Count to 100
Hip Hop Alphabet	Leap Frog Letter Chant
The Letter Sounds Song	Number in the Teens
2D Shapes	Numbers in the Twenties
3D Shapes	Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's

Helpful Learning Websites

ABCya	Guruparents.com- Alphabet Chart
PBS Kids	Story Online
Reading Rockets	GoodReads
e.Read Kids- Local Library	Math Lines
Kakooma	Primary Games
Math Playground	Xtra Math

6. HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

- 1. Make an appointment by visiting www.hcbe.net/Centralregistration or call [478.741.3610](tel:478.741.3610)**
- 2. Complete the Online Registration Form**

Central Registration Address

410 Bear County Blvd, Warner Robins, GA

(Near Houston County High School)

Items to bring with you to your appointment

- **Parent/Guardian Phone ID**
- **Certified Birth Certificate or Passport**
- **Social Security Card or Wavier**
- **Georgia Form 3231- Immunization Certificate**
- **Georgia Form 3300- Eye, Ear, Dental , Nutrition Screening**
- **Guardianship/Custody Orders (if applicable)**
- **Withdrawal Form/Latest Report Card**
- **Two proofs of Residency**
 - The **FIRST** must be a **LEASE or MORTGAGE** Statement (if home is paid off).
 - The **SECOND** must be one of the following:
 1. Current Utility Bill that shows your current address
 2. Property Tax Statement that shows current address
 3. Automobile Registration or Insurance Policy that shows it being sent to current address.
 4. Mail from any government agency sent to current address

NOTES

- If your lease is expired and on a month to month agreement, the second proof of Residency ***MUST*** be a current utility bill.
- All families new to the county but not the state of Georgia, need to provide a disconnect notice for previous address.

Make Reading a Summer Goal!



During the school year, children are given many opportunities to handle, read, and listen to books. This reading practice helps to build confident and successful readers. Over the summer, please make sure that your child is given plenty of reading opportunities. Remember that reading is an ongoing process and that beginning readers need lots of practice.

Reading can also be squeezed into everyday activities. Show your child how you use reading each day, as you follow road signs, shop, read menus in a restaurant, etc. Ask them to point out words or letters they recognize. Encourage them to take along books for summer travel and vacations.

Over the summer break, there are many things that you can do with your child to prepare him or her for kindergarten. One of the most important of these tasks is to read **to** them and **with** them. This allows for a little one-on-one time with family and promotes being able to sit still and listen to a story. Reading increases a child's vocabulary and enriches their background knowledge. Make reading a priority over the summer, and your child will surely benefit from it. When children see parent/guardians reading, they know that you value reading and realize that it is important. By making this time together fun for your child, it will more likely become a habit if he or she enjoys it. Keep in mind that whether your child is using pictures or words to make meaning, they are developing story language. One of the greatest gifts you can give your child is a love of reading!

Visit any of our county's public libraries for information on the summer reading program. Our reading lists will be available at these locations. As you read with your child over the summer, please fill out the attached sheet and return it at the beginning of the school year. The minutes read will also count for the public library's summer program. Attached is a list of titles to help prepare your child for kindergarten. This is only a suggested list, and we hope you and your child find time to dive into many good books over the summer vacation.

Recommended websites to help with Kindergarten Readiness and Summer Reading include:

www.decal.ga.gov

www.readingrockets.org

www.Scholastic.com

<https://starwalkkids.com>

www.goodreads.com

www.myon.com (website for free e-books)

1. Go to www.myON.com and click the **myON Login** button.
2. Enter the following login information:
 - a. **School Name:** Get Georgia Reading (Type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu.)
 - b. **Username:** houstoncounty
 - c. **Password:** read
3. Click on the **Sign In** button, select a book and start reading!

Have a great summer, and Happy Reading!

How did my reading go this summer? ☐ YES! I met my goal ☐ I'm still working on it

Recommended Summer Reading List Upcoming Kindergarten

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
ABC I Like Me Alphabetical feel good words to help boost self-esteem.	Carlson, Nancy
Across the Stream A hen and her chicks find a way with the help of some ducklings to put their bad dreams behind them.	Ginsburg, Mirra
Alphabet Under Construction Colorful language with an introduction to the ABC's.	Fleming, Denise
Baseball Hour Detailed illustrations that look like photo images of karate class.	Nevius, Carol
Bats at the Beach What do bats do when the sun goes down? They get a moon-tan of course.	Lies, Brian
Bats at the Library Bats explore the library with wonderful imaginative illustrations about the night time creatures.	Lies, Brian
Bear at Home A fun introduction to things around the house.	Blackstone, Stella
Bear in a Square A rhyming concept book with bear and shapes.	Blackstone, Stella
Beavers A nonfiction book about beavers and where they live.	Hall, Margaret
Beetle Bop All sorts of beetles; striped beetles, spotted beetles, all over dotted beetles, and all in rhyme.	Fleming, Denise
Belinda the Ballerina Belinda has two problems; her right foot and her left foot. Will she overcome her big-footed obstacle to become a ballerina?	Young, Amy
Birds A soaring tribute to our flying friends with beautiful illustrations to match.	Henkes, Kevin
Biscuit (followed by others in the Biscuit series) A playful puppy that makes the perfect companion for beginning readers.	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Biscuit's Picnic The playful puppy on his picnic adventures.	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Biscuit Goes to School The playful puppy on his adventures at school.	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Biscuit's New Trick The playful puppy learns a new trick.	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Boomer Goes to School Boomer the dog has an adventure at school.	McGeorge, Constance
Bootsie Barker Bites Bootsie Barker is quite a nuisance and a bother.	Bottner, Barbara
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See? A children's classic with an unforgettable beat.	Martin, Jr., Bill
Bunny Cakes Max and Ruby make the perfect cakes for grandmother's birthday.	Wells, Rosemary
Caps for Sale A peddler tries to outwit a band of monkeys.	Slododkina, Esphyr
Chewy Louie	Schneider, Howie

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Will the new dog Louie be banished from the family for all his chewing?	
Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom	Martin, Jr., Bill
Find all the letters as they dance up the coconut tree.	
Chicken Little	Emberley, Rebecca & Ed
A new updated version of an old favorite.	
Color Zoo	Ehlert, Lois
Animals in various colors to help children learn colors.	
Corduroy	Freeman, Don
A stuff bear waits to find a home.	
Count	Fleming, Denise
Counting can be fun with zebras, crocodiles and kangaroos.	
David Gets in Trouble	Shannon, David
A mischievous David finds himself in the corner for time out.	
David Goes to School	Shannon, David
David gets into trouble and has to stay after school.	
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs	Barton, Byron
An introduction to dinosaurs with brilliant colors and simplistic language with just enough facts to capture the young readers' attention. End pages feature different kinds of dinosaurs and their names.	
Dog and Bear: Two Friends-Three Stories	Seegar, Laura Vaccaro
A endearing storyline between dog and bear shows the everyday happenings between friends.	
Dog Eared	Harvey, Amanda
A large dog with floppy ears gets insulted but learns that love is all that matters.	
Duck on a Bike	Shannon, David
Farm animals stare in awe at the wonderful bikes parked in their midst. Can animals really ride?	
Every Friday	Yaccarino, Dan
Sometimes kids just need Daddy time. Every Friday explores a special bond between father and son as they enjoy breakfast together every Friday.	
Firefighters A-Z	Demarest, Chris
Paying tribute to firefighters in a wonderfully illustrated ABC format.	
First the Egg	Seegar, Laura Vaccaro
A Caldecott winning book that features intricate cutouts which illustrate sequence to the young reader.	
Fish Eyes	Ehlert, Lois
An imaginative counting book.	
Flora's Blanket	Glori, Debi
Flora has lost her beloved blanket and can't sleep without it.	
Get Up and Go	Carlson, Nancy
A heart healthy book showing that exercise can be good for you and fun too.	
Giraffes	Ipcizade, Catherine
Take a look at giraffes, where they live and how they grow.	
Go Away Big Green Monster	Emberley, Ed
Readers meet a big green monster one page at a time, and then he vanishes as quickly as he came.	
Googles	Keats, Ezra Jack
The beloved characters of Peter and Willie outsmart the big boys and retain the cool googles that they have found.	
Good Night, Good Knight	Thomas, Shelley Moore
The Good Knight refuses to go to bed when there are too many adventures to be had with an active imagination.	
Grandfather Buffalo	Arnosky, Jim
Grandfather Buffalo is old and he is slow, but he is still useful when a new calf is born.	

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Harry the Dirty Dog Harry is a white dog with black spots who loves everything.	Zion, Gene
Honk, Honk, Goose! Follow two Canadian geese through their journey to having a family. Weaving facts about geese from nest building to protecting the eggs into a storybook format.	Sayre, April Pulley
How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? Large oversized dinosaurs feature different ways to say good night.	Yolen, Jane
I Ain't Gonna Paint No More A joyous celebration of rhyme, repetition, color and humor all rolled into one!	Beaumont, Karen
I Don't Like Gloria Everything is well with Calvin the dog until Gloria the cat becomes part of the family.	Umansky, Kaye
I Don't Like to Read A book that helps kids understand that it's OK when reading is hard and how you can work through it. Great for beginning readers that struggle.	Carlson, Nancy
I Love School An introduction to school for the youngest reader.	Sturges, Philemon
I Love Tools An introduction to various kinds of tools for the youngest reader. Little readers will love discovering tools on the end pages.	Sturges, Philemon
Inch by Inch Follow an inch worm as he inches his way far away from a bird that wants to eat him.	Lioni, Leo
It's Not My Fault A kindergarten point of view of how it's never my fault.	Carlson, Nancy
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat Vivid illustrations with cut outs that demonstrate how things can be used again and again.	Taback, Simms
Karate Hour Beautiful photo like illustrations take us to karate class and what takes place. The story is in rhyme.	Nevius, Carol
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub King Bidgood is in the bathtub and he won't get out!	Wood, Audrey
Kiss Good Night Mrs. Bear puts Sam to bed with bedtime rituals.	Hest, Amy
Kitten's First Full Moon A picture book about a kitten, the moon, and a bowl of milk.	Henkes, Kevin
Knufflebunny (followed by others in the series) Mo Willems captures childhood and the perfect example of what it's like to be a toddler.	Willems, Mo
Knufflebunny Too Knufflebunny returns and takes a trip to school where there's a mix-up.	Willems, Mo
Lemons Are Not Red Vibrant illustrations that feature clever cut outs that teach color in an unusual way.	Seegar, Laura Vaccaro
Library Mouse There's a mouse who sleeps in the library and decides to become an author.	Kirk, Daniel
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear Little Mouse worries that the big, hungry bear will take his freshly picked, ripe, red strawberry for himself.	Wood, Don and Audrey
Llama, Llama, Mad at Mama Little Llama has a fit in the grocery store.	Dewdney, Anna
Llama, Llama, Misses Mama Little Llama misses Mama and is not happy.	Dewdney, Anna
Llama, Llama, Red Pajama Little Llama is not always ready for bed.	Dewdney, Anna
Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes	Swinburne, Steve

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
A look at patterns all around us.	
Lunch A simple look at foods and the colors that mouse loves.	Fleming, Denise
Magic Hat, The The magic hat bounces from animal to animal in a catchy rhyme.	Fox, Mem
Max's Words Max decides that he wants to collect things like his brothers. He decides to collect words and soon a story takes shape.	Banks, Kate
Mutt Dog Mutt Dog doesn't belong to anybody. Will he ever find a home?	King, Stephen Michael
My Lucky Day A clever pig tricks fox into a back rub among other things.	Kasza, Keiko
My Soccer Book A simple look at the game of soccer, the rules and how to play.	Gibbons, Gail
Not a Box Playing with a box is always fun, but is it really a box?	Portis, Antoinette
Officer Buckle and Gloria A comical book about Gloria, and her visits to schools to teach about safety.	Rathman, Peggy
Oodles of Animals Bright illustrations with oodles of animal poems.	Ehlert, Lois
Old Bear Follow old bear as he sleeps and eats through the seasons.	Henkes, Kevin
One is a Snail Ten is a Crab A fun introduction to numbers by counting feet.	Sayre, April Pulley
Over in the Garden The traditional rhyme to Over in the Meadow with a lovely setting of the garden.	Ward, Jennifer
Over in the Meadow The traditional song paired with illustrations from Ezra Jack Keats is sure to be a classic.	Keats, Ezra Jack
Owen Owen is very fond of his blanket. Will he ever give it up?	Henkes, Kevin
Owl Babies Three worried owlets wait for their mother to return.	Waddell, Martin
Ox-Cart Man A man loads his cart with wares to sell in town and returns home to his family where the seasonal work begins anew. A book which celebrates a simpler time and place.	Hall, Donald
Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See? A look at endangered animals with classic Eric Carle illustrations that will appeal to young children.	Martin, Jr., Bill
Red Riding Hood Retelling of the old tale.	Marshall, James
Pet the Cat: I Love My White Shoes Pet goes on a walk finding different colored foods and objects.	Litwin, Eric
Peter's Chair Peter is a bit jealous of his new baby sister and doesn't like it when Dad wants to paint his chair pink.	Keats, Ezra Jack
Pigs Rock! Pigs have an accident on the way to their concert. Will they make it in time to sing for their adoring fans? Catchy beat all in rhyme.	Jones, Melanie Davis
Raise the Roof A how to book on building a house that kids will be sure to like. Catchy verse with rhyme.	Suen, Anastasia
Rooster Can't Cock-a-doodle-do Rooster wakes up with a sore throat. Who will wake the Farmer up?	Gruber, Karen Rostoker

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Rosie's Walk Rosie the hen takes a walk with the fox following close behind. The hen is oblivious to the fox.	Hutchins, Pat
Silly Suzy Goose Silly Suzy Goose wants to be like all the other animals.	Horacek, Petr
Sleep Black Bear Sleep A night time read, that visits all the animals as they prepare for bed in a gentle soothing rhyme.	Yolen, Jane
Snowy Day, The A small moment with the wonder of snow.	Keats, Ezra Jack
Somebody and the Three Bears The three bears with a twist. The Blairs go for a walk and somebody invades their home.	Tolhurst, Marilyn
Somewhere in the Ocean Vivid illustrations with an ocean setting to the familiar over in the meadow song.	Ward, Jennifer
The Carrot Seed A young boy plants a carrot seed.	Krauss, Ruth
The Three Billy Goats Gruff Three brother billy goats who dare to cross the hideous troll's bridge.	Galdone, Paul
The Three Bears A classic folktale that even the very young can read.	Barton, Byron
Time to Sleep When animals get ready to hibernate, what do they do?	Fleming, Denise
To Market, To Market Laugh out loud illustrations set to a familiar but new nursery rhyme.	Miranda, Anne
Traction Man is Here An imaginative adventure with unusual action figures.	Grey, Mini
Trashy Town A repetitive stanza with a catchy beat about Mr. Gilly, the trash man.	Zimmerman, Andrea
Way Out in the Desert A spin off of Over in the Meadow but with a desert twist. Kids will love finding hidden numbers in the desert.	Marsh, T. J.
Welcome to Kindergarten A wash of primary colors introduces kindergarten through the eyes of a child.	Rockwell, Anne
What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? Beautiful collage cut outs about unusual animals and their tails, noses and other body parts.	Jenkins, Steve
What Teachers Can't Do Is there anything teachers can't do?	Wood, Douglas
When Sophie Gets Angry-Really Really Angry A lesson in self control that even the youngest child can understand.	Bang, Molly
Where the Wild Things Are When Max is sent to his room for time out he takes a journey into a marvelous adventure.	Sendak, Maurice
Wing on a Flea, The The master of drawing books creates a shape book loaded with colors and rhymes.	Emberley, Ed