



Dear future kindergarteners,

Research has shown that children who read and work on skills during the summer come back ready to learn. They do not need as much review once the new school year begins! Here are some things to help your child get ready for the upcoming school year.

Please spend time each day with some of the following ideas:

Work on the Kinder Readiness Packet from registration.

Read for 10-15 minutes every day. This includes reading to your child and/or having older siblings read to them.

After reading a book, ask comprehension questions about the characters, setting, plot, and talk about unfamiliar words.

Take advantage of Ekstrand's Summer Library program, visit the public library, or other school libraries.

Practice writing the alphabet and sight words. For an extra challenge, write sentences using sight words that you know.

Practice the 30 TK sight words and begin working on the kindergarten sight words.

Practice counting and writing to 30, counting objects to 20, and addition up to 10. For an extra challenge, count higher!

Visit a museum—Kidspac in Pasadena, Discovery Center in Santa Ana, and the Museum of Science and Industry in LA.

Play board games like Checkers, Monopoly, Clue or work on puzzles or memory games.

Practice writing first name with the first letter uppercase and the rest lowercase.

Practice a correct pencil grip and proper technique when using scissors.

Practice reading three letter words (ex: cat, mop, sit, cup).

Thank you so much for taking the time to prepare for next year! We cannot wait to see you for **Kindergarten Back to School Night on Thursday, August 15th!**

First Day of School - Monday, August 19th