

WSD Parents as Teachers

SUMMER

Kindergarten Readiness Calendar



Use this Kindergarten Readiness Calendar as a guide to help your child prepare for kindergarten. Complete a learning activity each day, beginning the first day of June. Many dates have a link to a video and/or learning activity. Most importantly, have fun with your child during this special time!

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1. Read!</p> <p>Make reading aloud a daily practice! There are so many benefits to reading to your child.</p> <p>Read Aloud</p>	<p>2. Write 5 or 6 numbers on the sidewalk. Have your child say the numbers. Have your child find the number of items outside to place by the number (ex. 5 leaves by the number 5, 8 rocks by the number 8)</p>	<p>3. Watch the video below, and practice some fun magnetic letter activities.</p> <p>Magnetic Letter Activities</p>
<p>4. Help your child understand the difference between a letter and a word, and that letters make words.</p> <p>Making Words from Letters</p>	<p>5. Encourage your child to write their whole name correctly (capital letter first and the rest lowercase letters) with different color crayons each time.</p>	<p>6. Create a pretend argument between stuffed animals or action figures. Talk with your child about what happened, and how to work out problems when they come up.</p> <p>Elmo Problem Solving Activity</p>	<p>7. Start a counting collection with your child to develop number sense and counting strategies!</p> <p>Ms. Thies Video</p>	<p>8. Use painter's tape or chalk and make 10-15 lines (like a ladder). Have your child roll a dice or two and count the dots. Have them jump that many lines.</p>	<p>9. Write individual numbers on paper or sticky notes (1-20). Place them around the house and have your child find them. Once found, have them put the numbers in order.</p>	<p>10. Go on a word hunt today as you read a book to your child. Count how often they find sight words in their book.</p> <p>Jack Hartman Sigt Words Song</p>

<p>11. Read a book to your child daily! It's an easy way to build strong vocabulary skills to last a lifetime. Watch and learn ways to read aloud and fun ways to build your child's vocabulary.</p> <p>Expert Video on Read Alouds</p>	<p>12. Draw some curved lines and zig-zag lines; have your child cut out the lines with scissors.</p>	<p>13. Practice singing the ABC song. You control the volume by moving your hand. Your hand up high is a loud voice, and your hand down low is a whisper voice.</p>	<p>14. Make a sticker chart to graph the weather each day. How many sunny days have we had? How many more cloudy than rainy days?</p>	<p>15. Design an obstacle course with your child. Use words like over, under, and around to practice position words.</p>	<p>16. Practice sorting items around the house (coins, toys, laundry). Try to sort by different characteristics like color, shape, size, texture, and use.</p>	<p>17. Write letters or numbers with chalk outside. Have your child trace over the letters or numbers with a wet paintbrush. Can they make the letters and numbers disappear? Can they "paint" the letters in their name?</p>
<p>18. "I'm Thinking of a Word" is a great game to encourage hearing the sounds in words; an important skill for beginning readers.</p> <p>Beginning Sounds</p>	<p>19. Encourage your child to play with play dough and squeeze and roll the dough. Can they make the letters in their name?</p>	<p>20. Name an emotion and have your child make a face that matches the emotion. Discuss why they might feel that way.</p> <p>Expressing Emotions Activity</p>	<p>21. Play "I Spy" to practice number sense. "I spy something in this room that there are 3 of" or "I spy the number 5" Use an egg carton or a muffin pan to count out objects.</p>	<p>22. Blow bubbles for your child and call out a body part they need to use to pop the bubble (nose, head, elbow, ankle, knee, toes, etc.)</p>	<p>23. Use building blocks and dice. Have your child roll the dice and count the dots. Build a structure with that many blocks. Take turns adding to the structure by rolling the dice.</p>	<p>24. Make today an opposite day. Keep a list of how many opposites you can name</p> <p>Opposites Book</p>
<p>25. An important part of reading readiness is the knowledge that words are separated by spaces.</p> <p>Video: Words must be separated by spaces</p>	<p>26. Practice stringing round cereal or beads on a string or piece of yarn.</p>	<p>27. Play games like Uno, Old Maid, etc with your child.</p> <p>Sesame Street caring/come play</p>	<p>28. Patterns are all around us! Create a pattern using Skittles, cookie cutters, cereal, or anything else around the house! Clap and stomp a pattern and have your child repeat!</p>	<p>29. Paper Plate Skating- Have your child stand on paper plates to "skate" around the house.</p>	<p>30. Look for pictures in magazines of people from different cultures. Talk about how they are the same or different from your family.</p> <p>Sesame Street K is for Kindness</p>	

July 2023

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						1. Cut pieces of ribbon, yarn, or paper in different lengths. Put in order from longest to shortest. Find things in the house that are longer or shorter.
2. Practice reading the ABC chart. <u>ABC Chart Chants</u>	3. Encourage your child to look outside and find 5 things they see to try to spell it or tell you the sound the item starts with. "R" sound for rock.	4. Encourage your child to practice showing empathy to others. Use dolls, or action figures to practice. <u>Sesame Street empathy video.</u>	5. Sort, sort, sort! There are many opportunities to sort around the house! <u>Mrs. Gerson Video</u>	6. Play a game of Hopscotch. Get creative using numbers, letters, shapes, etc.	7. Use stuffed animals to practice simple addition and subtraction. (e.g. There are 3 teddy bears at the park, and one went home. How many are left?)	8. Draw straight lines, zig-zag, or wavy lines with chalk. Encourage your child to balance on the line as they walk, tiptoe, hop & stomp down the lines.
9. Go on a scavenger hunt with your child. Find letters and words in your home or outside. <u>Letters and words scavenger hunt.</u>	10. Practice writing numbers. Count the number of doors and windows in your house and have your child write the number of each.	11. Practice having your child say their birthday, telephone number, address, and first and last name.	12. Help develop number sense and simple addition with resources you already have at home! <u>Mrs. Schafluetzel Video</u>	13. Brainstorm with your child what they can do in 30 seconds. Try it and discuss; add or subtract time. (e.g. - run to the mailbox and back, make the bed, get dressed)	14. Go on a shape scavenger hunt by making shapes on the floor using painter's tape. Ask your child to find those shapes around the house and match them to the tape shapes.	15. Using a flashlight, make animals with your hand. Encourage your child to say the sound and/or letter that each one starts with.

<p>16. This fun bean bag activity shows how to help your child hear sounds in words. Hearing sounds in words is an important skill for reading readiness.</p> <p><u>Beanbag Toss / Sound Boxes</u></p>	<p>17. Practice buttoning their own shorts, shirt, or pants all week.</p> <p>Encourage your child to practice tying their shoes and zip their zippers.</p>	<p>18. Play games with your child that require working together. Try to build a tent out of old blankets or play catch.</p> <p><u>Sesame Street Resolving Conflicts</u></p>	<p>19. Measure your child's height on the door frame or a chart and compare it to the height of other family members. Who is the tallest? Shortest?</p>	<p>20. Practice following directions, and play a game of "Red Light, Green Light"</p> <p>Dance and sing along to this freeze dance video.</p> <p><u>Freeze Dance</u></p>	<p>21. Rhyming helps children build phonemic awareness. Listen to this rhyming song.</p> <p><u>Rocco the Rhyming Rhino</u></p> <p>Play "I spy with rhyming words."</p>	<p>22. As you run errands today encourage your child to find words in their environment (GO, McDonald's, Target, etc.). Keep track of who finds the most words.</p>
<p>23. Reading readiness includes your child demonstrating they can count how many words are in a sentence.</p> <p><u>Counting words in a sentence video.</u></p>	<p>24. Practice fine motor strength. Encourage your child to move cotton balls or pompoms from one bowl to another using tongs or tweezers.</p>	<p>25. Model manners such as using "please" and "thank you" throughout the day.</p> <p>Build shapes with popsicle sticks, toothpicks, or straws.</p>	<p>26. What is the number on your house or mailbox?</p> <p>What are the numbers in your phone number?</p> <p>Practice your address and phone number.</p>	<p>27. Place 4-6 plastic cups in a line. Write letters, numbers, or shapes on the cups. Have your child roll or kick a ball at the cups and tell the color, number, or shape they knock over.</p>	<p>28. Practice positional directions by placing a stuffed animal in different locations (e.g. above, between, behind, under, next to. Tell the position to help them find the animals.</p>	<p>29. Give your child a piece of yarn and encourage them to make letters or numbers with the string. How many letters or numbers can they make?</p>
<p>30. Make a memory game to work on letter recognition.</p> <p><u>Memory /Concentration</u></p>	<p>31. Draw 5 shapes and have your child cut out each shape with scissors.</p>					

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Look at the calendar and count the days left until school starts. Make a paper chain, taking off one link daily until school starts. What else do you notice about calendars?	2. Make your own ABC letter-sound book after you watch this great letter-sound video. Letter Sound Video	3. How Far can you Jump? Make a starting line for your child and encourage them to jump forward as far as they can. See if they can beat their distance each time.	4. Draw a picture of family members in a line and tell the position of each person. Who is first, next, last?	5. Using some coins explain their worth and then encourage your child to sort and count them. Can they make a pattern with them?
6. Read your favorite nursery rhyme book together! Watch the video below. Nursery Rhyme Benefits	7. Using some disposable or plastic cups encourage your child to build a tower with them. How long or wide can they build it?	8. Turn on some music and draw with your child. Encourage your child to talk about what they drew. Fun and Easy Tips	9. Play a board game! Board games help develop counting, problem-solving, and social skills. Mrs. Lueking Video	10. Grab some household items and head to the bathtub, pool, or kitchen sink. Predict what can sink or float and then sort by what happened. Did it sink? Float?	11. Count up from a given number other than 1. (e.g. count up from 6: 6, 7, 8,9). Make it harder and harder. Try starting with 20.	12. Practice belly breathing with your child. Ask them to pretend like they are blowing up a balloon or blowing out candles. Belly Breathing Video
13. Sit down with your child in a room and play "I spy" by saying a letter sound. Describe what sound each item starts with. Can they find it and name the letter?	14. Give your child three directions. Can they remember and follow them? (Ex. run to the door, get a toy, and then come and sit by me.)	15. Using blocks or Legos and dice, take turns rolling the dice and building with that number of items. After 5 turns discuss who used the most and least number of blocks or Legos.	16. Count your steps! How many will it take to get to the corner? To the tree? To the refrigerator? Mrs. Kollack Video	17. Check out Cosmic Kids Yoga for fun-themed yoga activity. Cosmic Kids Yoga Involve your child in problem-solving throughout the day. Ask "What do you think we should do next?"	18. Encourage your child to help plan a meal. Have them write down what's needed to make the menu items.	19. Trace everyone's hand in your family. Discuss whose hand is the biggest to the smallest. Then listen to "The Kissing Hand." The Kissing Hand Video

20. Help your child Draw pictures of what they will need to do in the morning to get ready for school. Get a good night's sleep! Wishing you and your family a great school year!

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