

WSD Parents as Teachers



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 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1. Welcome to Kindergarten video. Welcome Video</p> <p>Make reading aloud a book to your child a daily practice! There are so many benefits from reading to your child. Read Aloud</p>	<p>2. Chalk Numbers- Write 5 or 6 numbers on the sidewalk. Have your child say the numbers. Next have your child find that amount 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. Magnetic Letter Activities</p>	<p>4. Your child needs to understand the difference between a letter and a word and that letters make words. Making Words from Letters</p>
<p>5. Encourage your child to write their whole name correctly (capital letter first and the rest lower case 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. Elmo Problem Solving Activity</p>	<p>7. Start a counting collection with your child to develop number sense and counting strategies! Ms. Thies Video</p> <p>Ask your child to identify numbers on the signs as you drive. How many can you find? What shapes do you see?</p>	<p>8. Jump and Count- Use painter's tape or chalk and draw/place 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. Number Hunt Write individual numbers on paper or sticky notes (1-20). Place them around the house and have your child find them. They can find all at once or just the number you name. 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 many times they find the word "the" or other sight words in their book.</p>	<p>11. Read a book to your child if you can 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. Expert Video on Read Alouds</p>

<p>12. Draw some curved lines and have your child cut on the lines you drew.</p>	<p>13. Practice singing the ABC song. You control the volume by moving your hand. As your hand up high is a loud voice, and hand down low is a whisper voice. Meet Maggie Cadabby Video</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. Obstacle Course-Design a course with your child. Use words like over, under, and around. Encourage your child to follow the course in the correct order. Try to beat your time each round.</p>	<p>16. Practice sorting items around the house (coins, toys, laundry, cereal). Try to sort by different characteristics (color, shape, size, texture, use, etc.)</p>	<p>17. Get a bucket of water and paint brush. Write some letters or numbers with chalk outside. Encourage your child to trace over the letters or numbers with the wet paint brush. Can they make the letters and numbers disappear? Can they write the letters in their name with a wet paint brush?</p>	<p>18. "I'm Thinking of a Word" is a fun activity that can be done at any time or anywhere. Being able to hear the sounds in words is an important skill for all beginning readers. Beginning Sounds</p>
<p>19. Encourage your child to play with play dough and squeeze and roll the dough.</p>	<p>20. Name an emotion and have your child make that emotion with his face. Discuss how you can feel that way. 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. Does every section have the same amount? How many are there in all?</p>	<p>22. Bubble Pop- 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. Roll and Build 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 on to the structure with rolling the dice.</p>	<p>24. Make today opposite day- maybe eat breakfast items for dinner. Keep a list of how many opposites you can name. Opposites Book</p>	<p>25. One part of reading readiness is the knowledge that words are separated by spaces. Video: Words must be separated by spaces</p>
<p>26. Practice stringing round cereal on a string or piece of yarn.</p>	<p>27. Play games like Uno, Old Maid, etc with your child. 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! Or 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. Show your child & discuss pictures in magazines of people from different cultures. Talk about how they are the same or different from your family. Sesame Street K is for Kindness</p>		

July 2022

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					<p>1. Cut a few (3-5) 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 or the same length as the ribbon.</p>	<p>2. Practice reading the ABC chart. ABC Chart Chants</p>
<p>3. Encourage your child to look outside and find 5 things they see and try and spell each item they saw.</p>	<p>4. Using stuffed animals, action figures, or dolls, pretend to be sad. Encourage your child to figure out how to comfort them and how to take action to help others. Sesame Street empathy video.</p>	<p>5. Sort, sort, sort! There are many opportunities to sort around the house! Mrs. Gerson Video</p>	<p>6. Play a game of Hopscotch. Get creative (numbers, letters, shapes, etc.)</p>	<p>7. Use stuffed animals to act out story problems. (e.g. There are 3 teddy bears at the park. Then one went home. How many are still at the park?). Use simple addition and subtraction.</p>	<p>8. Walk the Line- Use painter's tape for inside or chalk for outside. Draw straight lines, zig-zag, or wavy lines. Encourage your child to balance on the line as they walk, tiptoe, hop, stomp like a dinosaur, or walk backward.</p>	<p>9. Go on a scavenger hunt with your child. Find letters and words in your home or outside. Letters and words scavenger hunt.</p>

<p>10. Practice writing the numbers of how many numbers of doors and windows are in your house.</p>	<p>11. Practice having your child say their birthday, telephone number, and first and last name.</p>	<p>12. Help develop number sense and even simple addition with resources you already have at home! Mrs. Schafluetzel Video</p>	<p>13. Brainstorm with your child what they can do in 30 seconds. Try their predictions and discuss what they were able to do. Increase the time and try it.</p>	<p>14. Go on a shape scavenger hunt! Create various shapes on the floor using painter's tape and ask your child to find shapes around the house to put in each one!</p>	<p>15. Using a flashlight against a wall practice making animals or objects with your hand. Encourage your child to say the sound and letter that each item starts with.</p>	<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. Beanbag Toss / Sound Boxes</p>
<p>17. Practice buttoning their own shorts, shirt, or pants all week.</p> <p>Encourage your child to practice tying their shoes</p>	<p>18. Encourage your child to help do some chores. Discuss teamwork and its benefits.</p> <p>When your child is playing with friends or siblings, encourage them to play games that require working together. Try building a tent out of old blankets or playing catch. Sesame Street Resolving Conflicts</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. Freeze Dance</p>	<p>21. Rhymes help children build phonemic awareness. Listen to this rhyming song. Rocco the Rhyming Rhino</p> <p>Play a rhyming game. Say "I spy something that rhymes with door, sat, car, etc."</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 this sentence? Counting words in a sentence video.</p>

<p>24. Encourage them 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. Kick the Cup Place 4-6 plastic cups in a line. Write letters, numbers, or shapes on the cup. Have your kick a ball at the cups. Have your child read the numbers or letters of the cups he knocked over.</p>	<p>28. Play a game following positional directions to place a stuffed animal in different locations (e.g. above the book, between the chair and table, behind, under, next to)</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>Memory /Concentration</p>
<p>31. Draw 5 shapes and have your child cut out each shape with scissors.</p>						

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>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?</p>	<p>2. Make your own ABC letter-sound book after you watch this great letter-sound video. Letter Sound Video</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>4. Draw a picture of family members in a line and tell the position of each person (Who is first? Next? Last?)</p>	<p>5. Using some coins explain their worth and then encourage your child to sort and count them. Can they make a pattern with them? (Ex. penny, penny, dime, quarter, penny, penny, dime quarter, penny...)</p>	<p>6. Read your favorite nursery rhyme book together! Watch the video below. Nursery Rhyme Benefits</p>
<p>7. Using some disposable or plastic cups encourage your child to build a tower with them. How long or wide can they build it?</p>	<p>8. Turn on some music and draw with your child. Encourage your child to draw/color when they are upset. Encourage your child to write about their picture. Fun and Easy Tips</p>	<p>9. Play a board game! Board games help develop counting, problem-solving and social skills. Mrs. Lueking Video</p>	<p>10. Grab some household items and head to the bathtub, pool, or kitchen sink. Predict what can sink or float and then sort how each item did in the experiment.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>12. Practice taking deep breaths with your child. Ask them to pretend like they are blowing up a balloon or blowing out candles. Belly Breathing Video Belly Breathing Monster Activity</p>	<p>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?</p>

<p>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 on my lap.)</p> <p>Involve your child in problem-solving throughout the day. Ask "What do you think we should do next?"</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>16. Count your steps! How many will it take to get to the corner? To the tree? To the refrigerator? Mrs. Kollack Video</p>	<p>17. Yoga Check out Cosmic Kids Yoga for fun-themed yoga. Cosmic Kids Yoga</p>	<p>18. Encourage your child to help plan a meal. Have them write down what's needed to make the menu items.</p>	<p>19. The Kahn Academy App provides correct letter formation practice. It is located in the "Tracing" section under the "ABC" tab. Kahn Academy Kids App</p>	<p>20. Trace everyone's hand in your family. Discuss whose hand is biggest or smallest. Then listen to "The Kissing Hand" read to you. The Kissing Hand Video</p>
<p>21. Draw pictures of what your child will need to do each morning to prepare to get ready for school. Get a good night's sleep! Wishing you and your family a great school year!</p>	<p>22. First Day of Kindergarten!</p> 					