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Ways to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

1 Read to your child daily. Point to the words as you read. Go to the library to pick out books.



2 EXPLORE SHAPES & COLORS MATCH COLORS BY MATCHING SOCKS, LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE AND YARD TO FIND AND IDENTIFY DIFFERENT SHAPES & MAKE PATTERNS.

#3 Count together.

Point out written numbers that you see and have your child identify them. Compare things with words like smaller, larger, bigger, more, fewer. Talk about adding items and taking away items.

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Color, scribble and draw with your child. Use scissors, trace letters and numbers. Work on writing his/her name. Hint: Kindergarten teachers love to see the first letter capitalized and the rest lower case.

5 Use instructions. Start with one instruction, then add additional requests. Give your child simple chores. Let him/her make choices such as what to wear.



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Work on making friends, learning how to share, and taking turns. Practice using 'please' and 'thank you'. Model how to respect other people's things and how to solve problems.

7 Talk to your child, tell stories, make up jokes, talk about rhyming words, talk about things that you see and do, sing songs.

Be creative!

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Set routines for bedtime and waking up, laying out clothes for the next day, eating a good breakfast. Try to eat 3 healthy meals each day and plan snacks that are healthy and nutritious.

#9 TEACH GOOD HYGIENE. INSTRUCT YOUR CHILD ON HOW TO WASH THEIR HANDS AFTER USING THE BATHROOM AND HOW TO COUGH INTO HIS/HER ELBOW.

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Teach the ABC's. Identify letters and share a word that starts with that letter (A as in apple or ant). Look for words that are seen frequently and have your child find them in books or on signs.

