

Key Skills in Kindergarten

Kindergarten introduces foundational skills in reading and math.

By the end of the year, students know about letters, words, and sounds. They understand the basics of print – that words follow from left to right and top to bottom. They match consonant and vowel sounds to the appropriate letters. In math, they understand and use the concepts of small numbers, shapes, and quantities in their everyday environment. They count, compare, describe and sort objects, and develop a sense of properties and patterns.

Students in Kindergarten may or may not be able to read short picture books by the end of the year, depending upon their developmental level. However, parents should read to and with their kindergarten student every day, several times per day, to build literacy skills. Kindergarten students enjoy all Dr. Seuss books, fables and fairy tales, and nursery rhymes, as well as short chapter books that tell a complete story.

English/Language Arts	Math
<p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> identify the front & back covers of a book and the title page <input type="checkbox"/> locate the title, author, and name of illustrator in a book <input type="checkbox"/> recognize that sentences in print are made up of different words <input type="checkbox"/> distinguish letters from words <input type="checkbox"/> recognize and name all upper and lower case letters <input type="checkbox"/> blend vowel-consonant sounds orally to make words or syllables <input type="checkbox"/> produce a rhyming word in response to a prompt <input type="checkbox"/> separate one- syllable words into beginning and ending sounds <input type="checkbox"/> count the number of sounds in a syllable and the syllables in a word <input type="checkbox"/> read simple one-syllable high frequency sight words <input type="checkbox"/> use pictures and context to make predictions about a story <input type="checkbox"/> connect life experiences to text <input type="checkbox"/> retell familiar stories <input type="checkbox"/> distinguish fantasy from realistic text <input type="checkbox"/> write words and brief sentences that are legible, moving from left to right and top to bottom <input type="checkbox"/> write upper and lower case letters independently, spacing correctly <input type="checkbox"/> use complete sentences when speaking 	<p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> understand the relationship between numbers and quantities, that is, that a set of objects has the same number of objects even if rearranged. <input type="checkbox"/> count, recognize, name, and order a number of objects up to 30 <input type="checkbox"/> understand that larger numbers describe sets with more objects than smaller numbers <input type="checkbox"/> use concrete objects to add and subtract numbers (less than 10) <input type="checkbox"/> recognize when estimates are reasonable <input type="checkbox"/> identify, sort, classify, and compare objects by attributes and can identify objects that do not belong in the group <input type="checkbox"/> name the days of the week <input type="checkbox"/> identify the time of everyday events, such as lunch is at 12 and bedtime is at 8 <input type="checkbox"/> understand the concepts of time, such as morning, afternoon, evening, night, today, yesterday, tomorrow <input type="checkbox"/> understand the tools that measure time (clocks and calendars)