SUMMER ACTIVITIES









JUNE Countdown to Kindergarten

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Show your child how to hold a crayon or pencil.	Read a book together and have your child talk about their favorite part:	Look in the mirror with your child. Talk about same and different:		Have your child put away the silverware, sorting spoons, knives and forks.	Sing a song that has hand motions.	Play follow the leader: March, jump and hop.
Write your telephone number and read it with your child.	When driving in the car, point out shapes (circles, squares, triangles).	Ask your child how she/he feels.	Talk to your child about hand washing after using the toilet.		Practice putting on socks and shoes.	Make a meal together, following simple directions in a recipe.
Take a walk and pick up leaves. Trace around the smallest:	THE PARTY OF THE P	Go to the library and let your child check out books.	Point out capital and lowercase letters in books and signs.	Bounce a ball back and forth.	Have your child cut out pictures of foods from magazines or ads.	Write the ABCs and sing the ABC song.
Have your child set the table. How many forks will you need?	March and dance with your child. Clap in rhythm.	Ask your child to draw a picture and tell you about it:	Fill a sink or bowl with water. Test if things float or sink.	Help your child write his/her name in color. Trace with other colors.	Tell your child about a good time you had in school.	
Read a book with rhymes. Have your child listen for the rhymes.	Try new kinds of fruits or vegetables with your child.	Talk to your child about their first and last name.	Count the buttons, stripes or snaps on clothes.	Read a book slowly and quietly. Have your child turn the pages.	Write the numbers 1–5 and have your child point to his/ her age.	Talk with your child about how to care for books.









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Read a book and have your child move a finger under the words.	Write numbers 1-10 with your child and point to the numbers.	Play with a box. Have your child put a toy over, under, in, out, behind.	Teach your child a song from your childhood.	Draw shapes (circles, triangles, squares). Make pictures with them.		Name the colors in a meal you make together.
Let your child count your fingers and toes.	Play a board game or card game with your child.		Show your child how we read from left to right.	Visit your child's new school. Play on the playground and talk about school.	Sing songs in the car or walking. Make up silly verses about things you see.	Have your child draw a picture of his/her family.
Find the letters from their name in a magazine or newspaper:		Read a book and have your child guess what happens next:	Line up little toys and talk about first, second and last.	Help your child memorize their full name and phone number:	Make a "to do" list and have your child make one too.	Throw a ball back and forth. Throw high and low.
Outline your child's hands and number fingers 1–10.	Take your child to the park and list what she/he does. Read it later:	Let your child help you sort and fold laundry.	Dance to music: fast/slow, loud/ soft:		Tell your child a story and have them tell it to someone.	Share a special object or photo. Show how to holi it carefully.
Help your child write their name with only the first letter capitalized.	Compare sizes of people's shoes.	Draw a picture with your child and make up a story.	Count off the number of steps from your door to the car.	Do a puzzle with your child.	Teach your child about road safety. "Look both ways."	Have your child help you button, zip, snap.







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Draw shapes with a stick in the dirt or sand.	Have your child practice writing their telephone number:	Kick a ball back and forth. Have your child try using each leg.		Point out letters in stores and on cans and boxes.	Talk about colors with your child. Make a list of what is green, red, etc.	Paint letters and shapes on the sidewalk with a brush and water.
40	Have your child choose a book from the library. Have your child predict what the story is about:	Read a book and find letters from your child's name.	Teach your child their birthday and age.	Set a routine for bed, bath and brushing teeth.	Go to your new school's playground and play follow-the-leader on the painted lines.	Help your child use words when angry.
Write 1–10. Put the right amount of pennies on each number.	Brush your teeth with your child. Talk about up and down.	Ask your child how he/she feels about school.	Ask your child to bring you a certain number of things: 2 hats.	Help your child learn to make choices. Let them pick clothes.		Ask your child to write a note to a friend or relative.
Have your child talk to a friend or relative on the phone about going to kindergarten.	Find matching lower and Uppercase letters in a book.	Talk to your child about things that will happen in kindergarten.	Have your child go to bed and wake up at the time they will need to for kindergarten.	Jump with two feet 20 times.	Sort coins by size. Talk about their names and count each group.	Have your child balance on one foot for 5 seconds.
Play listening games. Hide a small object and then give your child directions on how to find it.	SCHOOL	Talk to your child about who will be picking them up after school.	Find food items or animals that begin with the same letter sound.	Pretend it is the first day of school. Practice ways to say goodbye.	Have your child draw a picture of their new school.	Practice your phone number and address with your child.