



Preparing Your Child For Kindergarten

Numeracy

In Kindergarten, children develop their early numeracy skills to help them understand numbers, number relationships and to begin solve mathematical problems. Early numeracy skills lay the foundations for more complex mathematical problems and situations. You can help prepare your child for Kindergarten by including some of these simple activities in your daily routine.

Practice Counting With Your Child

Take any opportunity to count touchable objects with children, count the shopping in the trolley, dishes in the dishwasher and even letters in the mail box. You can also practise the counting sequence with your child while driving in the car.

Recognise Numbers With Your Child

Expose children to print numbers and play games that require children to identify numbers like, on letter boxes, in shopping catalogues and on car number plates.

Discuss Colours With Your Child

Find colours and name them. Talk to your child about colours you see on a walk, at the shops and in the car.

Recognise Shapes With Your Child

Talk to your child about the shapes you see when you are out doing your every day activities. This provides children opportunities to recognise and name shapes. You can also go on a shape hunt with your child and point out circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles to your child while you are taking a walk or doing the shopping.

Play Sorting Games With Your Child

Get your child to help you sort items according to colour, size and shapes. This can be done using everyday tasks like doing the laundry, the dishes, unpacking the shopping and packing away their toys.

Discuss Patterns In The Environment

Talk about simple patterns you and your child may see in the environment. This could be as simple as looking at bunting, gardens and even paving in your garden.

Discuss Simple Position Language

Play games like going on a bear hunt with your child using the position words of in, on, under, near and behind.