



Preparing Your Child For Kindergarten

Literacy

Good oral language skills are the basis for all literacy skills. In Kindergarten we focus on further developing your child's oral language skills to prepare them to read and write. As a parent you can help your child by doing the activities below in your daily routine.

Read To Your Child

Read to your child focussing on the pictures, words and parts of the book (title, cover page, back of book, direction of reading). Discuss what is happening in the story or guess what could happen next.

Practice Name Recognition With Your Child

Practice reading your child's name, Show them labels on their school items with their name so they can identify their belongings. If your child seems ready to write their name practice writing their name with a capital for the beginning letter and lower case for the others. In Kindergarten we will focus on writing in the font 'Foundation'.

Discuss The Sounds Of The Alphabet

Talking to your children about the sounds that the letters in the alphabet make or learning what sound their name starts with.

Discuss Your Daily Experiences

Talk about experiences and places before you go, while you are there and when you get home. This develops their oral language skills so they can share their experiences with their friends at school and further develops the skills they need to learn to write.

Question Your Child

Talk with your child about their day and events, asking theme questions like what, who, when, where and why. This develops their oral language skills which will assist them when they begin to write.

Talk About The Things In The Environment Your Child Sees

Play 'I Spy' games with your child ('I Spy' using colours is a great way to play the game before they can identify the beginning sounds in words) or point out things in the environment (animals, plants, place, people) with your child. This helps build your child's vocabulary which will assist them with learning experiences at school.

Play With Your Child

Play imaginative games with your child and talk about their experiences.