

10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

- Read books every day.
- Develop fine motor skills: holding a pencil, coloring, playing with Play Doh, cutting with scissors.
- Print first name with *only* the first letter capitalized.
- Learn to follow 2-step instructions: "Please go get your shoes and then put them on."
- Use good manners: "Please." and "Thank you."
- Talk about social skills: sharing, taking turns, positive words, and handling anger.
- Help your child take responsibility: clean up messes, dress themselves, and get their own snacks.
- Practice number recognition: Count objects daily.
- Practice letter and sound recognition: Practice saying the letters and their sounds every day.
- Build self-esteem: Praise your child often because Kindergarten is hard!

