

Dear Rising Kindergartener,

As you and your child get ready for kindergarten and "big school" you will probably share some nervousness and excitement. Kindergarten is a year filled with excitement, meeting new friends, trying new things, learning to read, and finding new successes. We are so excited your child will become part of our kindergarten!

Math: Throughout the summer please encourage your child to count objects around your home. You can help your child count by showing him/her how to use one-to-one correspondence. Ideas of items to count: spoons, forks, crayons, toys, coins, sea shells, buttons, juice boxes, etc.

Literacy: Attached you will find a list of books that you and your child can borrow from the library and read together. These are books that will expose your child to some of the activities, feelings, friends and daily events of school and really get your child excited about going to "big school". Upon entering kindergarten, your child will then have a feeling of success, "I know this" and "I can do this", which will make the transition easier. You are not limited to these books and don't feel like you are required to buy all of these books. The main idea is to read with your child. You will also find a choice board for your child to complete with you this summer. Each activity is designed specifically to help with readiness skills necessary for kindergarten while still being age appropriate. As your child completes an activity, he/she can color in the box of that activity. Activities with a ** beside them are required. All other activities are choice based. Please have your child bring their choice board with them the week school starts back. Have a wonderful summer and I'll see all of you in August!

Beth Abbott

Biscuit Goes to School by Alyssa Satin
We Share Everything by Robert Munsch
Dad Goes to School by Margaret McNamara
First Day at School by Margaret McNamara
Who Goes to School by Margaret McNamara
Max Goes to School by Adria Klein
Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London
Morris Goes to School by Bernard Wiseman
Mouse's First Day of School by Lauren Thompson
Going to School by Tammy Schlepp
Going to School by Melinda Radabaugh
Clifford Goes to Dog School by Norman Bridwell
Caillou: The School Bus by Marion Johnson
Biscuit Finds a Friend by Alyssa Satin
Who is a Friend by Lisa Trumbauer
Curious George Finds a Friend by Stephen Krensky
Hello, School Bus by Blain Marjorie Parker
Max Goes on the Bus by Adria Klein
Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing
Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
Kindergarten Countdown by Anna Jane Hays
Off to Kindergarten by Tony Johnston
Kindergarten Rocks! by Katie Davis
Arthur Goes to School by Marc Brown
David Goes to School by David Shannon
On the Way to Kindergarten by Virginia Kroll
Clifford's First School Day by Norman Bridwell
The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing
Curious George's First Day of School by Margret & H.A. Rey
The Berenstain Bears Go To School by Stan & Jan Berenstain
Spot Goes to School by Eric Hill
Miss Bindergarten Has a Wild Day in Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell

The Twelve Days of Kindergarten: A Counting Book by Deborah Lee Rose

Tom Goes to Kindergarten by Margaret Wild

A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten by Joseph Slate