



Welcome to the wonderful world of Kindergarten! What an exciting time for you and your child! The Kindergarten year is filled with discovery, language development, awareness of the world, the exploration of mathematics and the recognition of alphabet sounds that will lead children to success in reading, writing and listening.

Here are some things you can do now to prepare for the year ahead.

*Engage in meaningful conversation with your child to expand language and develop vocabulary.

*Heighten awareness of things around such as; environmental print, traffic signs and how things are categorized in stores that you visit

*Look at opportunities for your child to count items (one to one)

*Read with your child. Exposure to a variety of books such as nursery rhymes, fables and fiction, will expand their knowledge of Literature. Include non-fiction books in your selection and allow children to talk about what they learned. Track the print as you read so they learn that we read from left to right on a line and from top to bottom on a page.

*Have them practice writing their name using lower case letters except for the first letter which should be upper case. Be sure your child holds the pencil correctly.

*Visit the website <http://www.nysed.gov/next-generation-learning-standards> to give you an overview of the Kindergarten Curriculum.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to working with you and your child!

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