

## How can I as a parent help my child to prepare for Kindergarten?

Work with your child so they will:

1. Know their first and last name
2. Recognize their name when written
3. Be able to count from 1- 30
4. Follow 1- and 2- step directions
5. Tie shoes (or at least be practicing)
6. Be able to snap, button, and zip
7. Know how to hold a pencil/crayon/scissors for writing/coloring/drawing/cutting
8. Understand the words: top, bottom, under, over, between, middle, in front of, behind
9. Have basic social skills: sharing, playing without fighting, etc.
10. Be able to listen without interrupting
11. Attempt to solve problems individually before asking for help
12. Know parents name and address
13. Expose your child to a variety of reading materials
14. Read to your child every day