



What You Can Do To Prepare Your Child For Kindergarten

- ♥ Read aloud to your child everyday.
- ♥ Be positive about school and learning.
- ♥ Encourage your child to be creative (let your child make things using left- over paper and blunt-edge scissors, experimenting is great)
- ♥ Encourage your child to read and write (large pictures and scribbling are the beginnings of writing. Ask your child what his/her scribbling says).
- ♥ Play!!! This is the way we learn best.
- ♥ Everyday experiences provide opportunities for learning (some examples: as you sort laundry together or help your child dress, say the colors and identify/count articles of clothing; take walks together and encourage your child to talk about what she/he hears and sees; and let your child measure out ingredients you're using for cooking and baking).

Your child's independence and self-confidence will grow if you encourage the following activities before school begins:

- ☺ Dressing himself/herself
- ☺ Putting toys away
- ☺ Listening while others speak
- ☺ Following simple directions
- ☺ Helping with household tasks
- ☺ Sharing with others
- ☺ Knowing his/her full name and address