

“Kindergarten Success”

Creative ways to help your child learn

Reading

- Letter Bingo/Sound Bingo/Sight Word Bingo (uppercase letters/lowercase letters, sight words)
- Letter Memory/Sound Memory/Uppercase and Lowercase Memory
- Go Fish with Letters and Sounds
- Make letters in shaving cream, in sand, and on whiteboards
- Magnetic Letters-use a cookie sheet and sort letters by color, size, shape, etc.
- Play “I Spy” with sounds/letters; for example I spy something that starts with the “b” sound or I spy something that starts with the letter b
- Letter/Sound practice-use flashcards to quickly quiz your child on letter names and sounds out of order
- Driving in the Car – Look for letters on bulletin boards, sign, etc.
- Grow a Reader pamphlet (found on the district website)
- Make a Name Puzzle – cut up letters in child’s name, mix them up and have them put them in the correct order
- Read a story and ask your child questions about it (Characters, problem/solution, setting, beginning/middle/end)
- Look for tips and ideas in Classroom and School newsletters
- Remember our motto, “Reading 20 minutes before bed really gets your child ahead”

Writing

- Timed Letter Writing
- Sticker Word Stretch (Stretch that Word)
- High Interest Writing
- Scrap Paper Books
- Special Times Journal
- Write grocery list, letter to family member, sight words, etc.

Math

- Make patterns out of cereal, noodles, and other things you find around the house
- Count different items such as toys, cars, stuffed animals, etc.
- Sort different things in your home (M&M’s, buttons, laundry, toys, etc.)
- Driving in the Car – look for numbers and shapes on bulletin boards and signs
- Math Bingo with numbers or shapes
- Quickly quiz your child to see if they can write and/or recognize numbers out of order

