



## Countdown to Kindergarten Checklist for Parents

You as the parent are a key person in getting your child ready for kindergarten. Here is a quick list to see how you are doing. Good Luck!

Do I .....

- Read to my child each day?
- Take my child to the library to pick out books?
- Encourage my child to retell stories in her own words?
- Provide materials for my child to draw?
- Supply my child with paper, scissors, crayons & glue and encourage him to use this imagination?
- Provide my child with puzzles, play-dough, pegboards and building blocks to enhance small motor development?
- Encourage my child to engage in activities that involve hopping, skipping, running, biking and other outdoor games, which enhance large motor development?
- Use numbers when playing or working with my child?
- Provide activities, which encourage my child to count and write numbers?
- Watch quality television programs with my child and talk about what we saw after the program has ended?
- Talk with my child about her daily activities and encourage her to describe special events?
- Take time each day to talk or do a favorite activity with my child?
- Listen carefully when my child talks to me?
- Praise my child's accomplishments?
- Provide clear and consistent guidelines, expectations and rules for my child?
- Allow for situations where my child can make choices?
- Encourage my child to dress and clean himself?
- Provide social settings for my child to interact with people her own age?
- Encourage kindness, sharing toys and taking turns?
- Encourage my child to solve problems on his own?