



In just less than 12 months, your child will be going to Kindergarten. It will be one of the biggest transitions your child will experience in their young lifetime. Teachers, family, and community members can play a key role in helping make that transition go as smoothly as possible. By working together, we can help make sure that your child has the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed.

Helping a child get ready for kindergarten can be fun for the whole family. It doesn't have to be complicated or require special books or supplies. Getting ready for Kindergarten is about making the most of your moments together and helping your child learn through their regular day-to-day activities by **Talking, Reading, and Playing.**

The attached Family Activities calendar provides some suggested activities you or any other family member can do with your child. They do not have to be done in any order, or in just the way they are written. They are examples of ways you can make everyday experiences into teachable moments.

From the moment your child wakes up to the time they drift off to sleep, there are countless opportunities for learning and discovery. Whether it's during a mealtime conversation, in the car while doing errands, during a walk in the park, or even while doing simple chores around the house, you can turn ordinary moments into meaningful learning experiences.

By engaging with your child in these moments, you're not just helping them build skills and knowledge – you're igniting curiosity, nurturing critical thinking, and fostering a love for exploration.

Have fun and enjoy this special time together!.

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