

Kindergarten Literacy



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Oregon Trail School District

Read, Read Read!

- Cherish this time as you read, side by side, with your child.
- Read the title and the title page.
- Look at the pictures and talk about interesting things you see.
- Ask questions as you read.
- Predict what might happen next.
- Talk about new words.
- **Have fun!**

Fun with Letters and Sounds

Play with Your Child's Name

- Write it (First letter only capitalized)
- Talk about the names of each letter in it
- Make it with play dough
- Make it with magnet letters
- Use a small white board
- Use a Magna Doodle
- Make it into a puzzle
- Look for other objects that start with the same sound
- Talk about the sounds of each letter in it



Fun with Letters and Sounds



Use Magnet Letters to learn letter names and sounds.



I Spy something that begins with the letter b.



Play dough Letters

- **Letter Sound Search** – How many things around your house begin with the “t” sound? (telephone, television, table)
- **Grocery Store Alphabet Treasure Hunt** – Look for labels or signs that begin with a certain letter

Fun with Letters and Sounds

Read ABC books

Sing the ABC song-

- Point at each letter as you sing the song.
- Learn the sounds, signs, and letters.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfq20QCnqly> Tutorial

<http://www.youtube.co/watch?v=Rqflg-EVNzY> Kindergarten Sing

Beautiful Printable ABC chart

http://www.nellieedge.com/shop/pdf/ASL_ABC_chart.pdf



Have Fun with Rhymes

Read Rhyming books and Nursery Rhymes and Poetry Books

Nursery Rhyme Guess - (Jack and Jill went up the____.)

Play Rhyme Games – See how many words you can say that rhyme (hop, pop, mop, top).

Picture Match – Match rhyming pictures.

Sing Silly Rhyming Songs like Willaby, Wallaby,
Woo

Have Fun with Alliteration

- Read books or poems that have alliteration (All or most of the words starting with the same sound) like... Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
- Use alliteration to help your child make up silly sentences using his name ...like
Ben bumped into the bear.
Sam slid on the slide.

"Sight Words"

I	a	and	to	see
is	you	the	can	like
my	yes	no	go	he
said	do	at	me	look

Here's a peek at some of the words your child will learn next year in Kindergarten. Have fun finding them in stories you read together.

“Sight Words”

- Make your child a “Personal Dictionary” of words that can be used for writing
- **Word Treasure Box** – Use an inexpensive file box with A, B, C, dividers and some index cards to write the **sight words** and other **words that are important to your child**. Teach your child to file the words behind the letter that they start with. Your child can use them for **writing** and to make **silly sentences**

Sight Words

- Use magnet letters to make sight words
- Play a game of “Go Fish” with the words
- When reading to your child let him read the sight words that he knows
- Give your child a page from a magazine or newspaper and let her use a highlighter to find and highlight the sight words

Writing:

How to Hold a Pencil



Tripod Grip

Writing

- Let your child **experiment** with writing
- Encourage your child to **stretch words out** and write down the sounds she hears
- Let your child **dictate** a story that **you write** for him – **he can practice reading it**
- Encourage your child to **write labels** for pictures that she draws

Writing

- Encourage your child to write for **real audiences and purposes**...Like:
 - **Making a list** (grocery list, favorite books, favorite animals, “What I want for my birthday” etc.)
 - Writing a note to put in Dad’s lunch
 - **Writing a card or letter to Grandma**
 - Making a sign or poster
 - **Making her own book**

Fun With Numbers and Counting

- Help your child to **count real objects** like:
Pennies, Cans in the pantry, **Books**, Stuffed animals, **Shoes** etc. (Make sure he points to each object as he counts)
- Play **Memory** with the number and corresponding picture cards
- Play Games! **Board games** provide wonderful opportunities for counting and other math skills

Fun With Shapes

- Cut out some simple **shapes** such as:
Rectangles, **Squares**, **Triangles**, and **Circles**
- Teach your child the names of these **shapes** and look for them everywhere...like
 - **In the house**
 - **Driving (traffic signs)**
 - **In the store (packages)**
 - **In books**

Just Have Fun!

- You are your child's first and most important teacher
- Always make the learning enjoyable
- Celebrate what your child can do

We look forward to partnering with you as your child begins Kindergarten!

Websites

Common Core State Standards information; early childhood and parent tabs <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2860>

Activities:

Monthly Activity Calendars

<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/activities/monthly-activity-calendars.htm>

Reading Rockets

<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

Articles:

Ready for Kindergarten

<http://www.scholastic.com/resources/article/ready-for-kindergarten>

Creating a Reading Environment

<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/creating-a-reading-environment-at-home.htm>

Websites

Booklets

<http://www.nellieedge.com/free%20little%20books.htm>

http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/printable_booklets.html

ABC Games and Book download

<http://www.starfall.com>

ABC Songs

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