

Are you ready for Kindergarten?

3 things for you to do this summer to be ready!

1

Who are you?

- Have your child practice writing his/her first name
- Use a capital letter at the beginning and lower case letters for the rest of the name
- Work on letter identification of the letters in child's name
- Make it fun - magnetic letters, sidewalk chalk, bath paint, puzzle, Slap Jack
- Once your child knows the letters in his/her first name work on the letter sounds

2

You are a reader!

- Read every day - make it a routine! (first thing in the morning, bedtime, etc.)
- Encourage your child to "read the pictures" to you
- Ask your child questions! Remember those "W" questions - who, what, where, why when!
- Encourage your child to ask you questions and answer them!
- Environmental print - McDonalds, Walmart, Turkey Hill, etc.
- Have your child find known letters

3

Build confidence and break bad habits

- Work on correct pencil grip - "ok" sign and rest your fingers
 - Use large pencils/crayons at first and transition to smaller sizes
 - Practice straight and curved lines
- Encourage and praise your child!

