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!