

Help Your Child Get Ready for School

Do these activities together. Have fun!

Magnetic Letters and Numbers

Talking about letters and numbers and doing activities with them will help your child develop number and letter recognition.

Help your child to:

- Identify numbers and letters that your child can or can't name.
- Count them. How many are in each pile? How many altogether?
- Find letters from your child's name. Put these letters on the refrigerator.

Books

- Reading to your child will help to develop your child's listening skills and an interest in stories and print.
- Encourage your child to sit with you and look at a picture or story book. Do this for 5 minutes to start. Increase the time to 10-15 minutes as your child enjoys the time together.
- Talk about the pictures and the story.
- Visit your local library and participate.

Crayons, Paper, Glue, Scissors

Art activities will help your child develop the finger control and coordination they need for writing.

- Encourage your child to draw pictures with thick crayons or markers.
- Let your child cut out pictures from old magazines and newspapers.
- Glue favourite pictures to paper.
- Praise your child's art and post it for everyone to see.

Playdough

Playdough helps children develop the finger control and coordination they need for writing.

Ingredients: 1 cup flour, ½ cup salt, 2 tps cream of tarter, 1 cup of water, 1 tbsp oil and food colouring

1. Combine the ingredients and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes.
2. Stir well and put on wax paper to cool.
3. Knead the dough and it is ready.
4. Store it in a covered plastic container.

Show your child how to roll and make balls with playdough. Use the playdough to make shapes, letters and numbers.