



A Parent's Guide to Support Pre-kindergarten Success

Learning new language skills is the foundation of pre-kindergarten.

Please refer to the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards link below:

<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/new-york-state-next-generation-english-language-arts-learning-standards>

A Sample of What Your Child Will be Working on in Pre-kindergarten

English Language Arts

Language

- letter identification
- letter-sound identification
- vocabulary
- phonics
- rhyming
- sequencing, retelling stories, and story elements

Writing

- correct pencil grip
- writing first and last name

Social Skills:

- how to work and collaborate with others
- how to solve conflicts
- how to achieve resolutions

Emotional Skills

- how to verbally express and recognize feelings
- how to help others in need
- how to take turns and share
- how to manage frustrations
- how to stay engaged with the school task at hand

Gross Motor Skills

- how to walk in school and on school grounds safely
- how to climb and descend stairs safely
- how to balance, hop, and skip safely
- how to play catch

Fine Motor Skills

- how to hold writing tools
- how to use scissors
- how to use a computer with a mouse

Mathematics

Please refer to the New York State Next Generation Mathematics Learning Standards link below:
<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/new-york-state-next-generation-mathematics-learning-standards>

- colors
- shapes
- patterns
- one-to-one correspondence
- number recognition and identification
- counting from 1-20
- simple addition (one more and one less)

How Can I Help My Child at Home?



1. Maximize Love, Manage Stress



2. Talk, Sing, and Point



3. Count, Group, and Compare



4. Explore through Movement and Play



5. Read and Discuss Stories

1. Maximize Love, Manage Stress

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK464FuqzPc>

Devote special time after school for time to talk, snuggle on the couch, and give your child undivided attention for a portion of each day.

2. Talk, Sing and Point

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIKkl0RB%Ec>

Build pre-kindergarten vocabulary in your home language and English by singing songs and talking to your child about the world around them. Ask questions and encourage them to ask questions as well.

3. Count, Group, and Compare

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLFS0sy0hsQ>

Practice math skills by sorting socks, setting the table together, and counting everything (steps, windows, block).

4. Explore through Movement and Play

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xX2DFO58z8>

Make certain your child has plenty of time to run and jump and play. Play ball, jump rope, and play games with your child. Take them to the park and play with them. Push them on the swings, slide down the slide, chase each other and laugh and enjoy each day.

5. Read and Discuss Stories

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HFHPOO9OAM>

Set aside time to read every day with your child. Discuss the stories with them. Respond to their comments and ask questions. Enjoy the pictures and talk about what you see.

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