

Summer Activities for Entering Kindergarten

Language Arts:

1. Read stories together.
2. Have your child retell the story.
3. Answer questions in a complete sentence.
4. Tell their own story.
5. Sort objects by their beginning sounds.
6. Practice writing their name.
7. Write upper and lowercase letters on a beach ball and toss and catch the ball, identifying the letters the thumbs touch.
8. Write letters in the sand.
9. Make flashcards (from index cards) of upper and lowercase letters:
 1. Identify letters in random order.
 2. Point to letter named in random order, ie. You name a letter and your child points to it.
 3. Match uppercase to lowercase letters.
 4. Put uppercase letters in ABC order.
 5. Put lowercase letters in ABC order.
 6. Play Go Fish with letter cards.
 7. Play Concentration with letter cards.

Math:

1. Write numbers in sand.
2. Make patterns with colors, sizes, shapes (ie. red, red, blue, red, red, blue).
3. Sort objects by color, size, shape, etc.
4. Count to 30.
5. Count and touch objects.
6. Play Go Fish.
7. Play War (without Kings, Queens and Jacks)
8. Play Dominoes
9. Play Bingo
10. Make flashcards, from index cards, of numbers 0-20:
 1. Identify numbers in random order.
 2. Point to numbers named in random order, ie. you name a number and child points it out.
 3. Put numbers in counting order.

Gross Motor Skills:

1. Skip
2. Jump rope.
3. Hop Scotch.

4. Walk backwards.
5. Walk on a balance beam (You can make a “balance beam” by using masking tape to make a line to walk or by drawing a chalk line on cement.).
6. Hang by hands from a bar for 1-2 minutes gradually lengthening time.
7. Bounce and catch a ball.
8. Hop on each foot 5-10 times.

Fine Motor Skills:

1. Tie shoes.
2. Practice using scissors to cut out diamonds, squares, rectangles, triangles, circles and ovals.
3. Practice writing name in sand and on paper.
4. Put on and take off clothes pins, using pincher fingers, on edge of plastic bowl.
5. Trace shapes.
6. Practice coloring inside lines.
7. Lace shoes and pattern cards (punching holes in paper plates will work too).

Recommended Websites:

Disney.com
Noggin.com

Recommended Programs:

Pre-K and K Leapster
Pre-K and K LeapPad
Pre-K and K V-Tech
Pre-K and K Hooked on Phonics