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Kindergarten Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great kindergarten year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



1. Read to your child every night.

Reading to your child expands his/her vocabulary, stimulates your kindergartener's imagination, and improves your child's listening skills. It also nurtures the bond between you and your child.



2. Encourage active reading.

While reading a story, ask your child questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?" "What would you do?" and "How do you think he felt?"



3. Develop writing skills.

Encourage your child to write simple thank you notes and get well cards, and to title and sign his/her artwork.



4. Build math skills.

Look for ways to talk about numbers in everyday life. Ask your child to bring you a certain number of objects, and play games that require counting.



5. Stay informed.

Attend parent programs, meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. Also, regularly check your school's website for news and updates.



6. Work with your child's teacher.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, be sure to talk to your child's teacher.



7. Develop routines.

Routines for sleep, meals, chores, and play provide stability for young learners. Sticking to routines at home will also make it easier for your child to follow routines at school.



8. Be interested and enthusiastic.

Talk about what happened at school each day. Ask specific questions about your child's day, such as, "Who did you play with at recess today?"



9. Teach independence.

Encourage your child to do things for him/herself, such as using the bathroom independently and zipping up his/her own coat.



10. Build social skills.

Children need support as they learn to build relationships outside of their family. Encourage your child to use words to let others know what he/she needs and wants.

Helping your child have a successful year doesn't require doing extraordinary things. It's the little things you do each day that provide the guidance and support your child needs.



For more, watch this quick video!

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