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# Pre-K Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great year in Pre-K! The following ten tips will help you put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



## 1. Read to your child every day.

As you read, talk about the story and the pictures, and ask your child open-ended questions. Move your finger under the words to show your child that we read from left to right.



## 2. Help develop literacy skills.

Teach your child the letters of the alphabet. Read an ABC picture book, sing the alphabet song, and talk about the sounds individual letters make.



## 3. Set routines.

Routines for sleep, meals, and play make your day run more smoothly. Routines also provide structure and stability for young learners.



## 4. Teach responsibility.

Give your child age-appropriate chores such as picking up their toys, making their bed, and putting dirty clothes in the laundry hamper.

*Learning responsibility is a big part of being successful in Pre-K. Watch this video for more!*





### 5. Teach writing basics.

Show your child how to hold a pencil correctly, steady the paper, and write from left to right.

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### 6. Develop gross motor skills.

Encourage your child to swing, run, skip, and jump. Play catch or kick a ball together in the backyard.

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### 7. Stock up on supplies.

Always have paper, pencils, crayons, markers, and scissors available for your child to use.

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### 8. Look for numbers everywhere.

Throughout the day, look for opportunities to count items and use numbers. For example, have your child count the carrots on their plate.

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### 9. Develop fine motor skills.

Encourage your child to do puzzles, build with blocks, use scissors, draw, and color.

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### 10. Create social opportunities.

Provide opportunities for your child to play and interact with others. Go to the park, set up playdates, and attend storytime at the library.

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