

Parent Guide to Kindergarten



English Language Arts

In Kindergarten, your child will learn about the alphabet and its role in reading. Your child will practice rhyming, matching words with beginning sounds, and blending sounds into words.

Important goals for the year include:

Reading:

- Name and use uppercase and lowercase letters; match letters with their sounds and print them.
- Retell familiar stories.
- Ask and answer questions about details in a text, including unknown words.
- Identify the characters, setting and major events in stories.
- Make connections within a text.
- Compare and contrast the experiences of characters in stories.
- Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.
- Name the author and illustrator and describe the role of each in telling the story or presenting the information in a text.

Writing:

- Use a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to share information, opinions, and stories.
- Participate in shared research and writing projects with the class.
- Use grade-appropriate grammar and spelling, including capitals (I and the first word in a sentence) and writing letters for sounds.

Speaking/Listening:

- Take part in conversations about topics and texts following rules for discussions (listening, taking turns), and asking questions to seek help or to get information.
- Speak clearly when expressing thoughts, feelings, and ideas.

Mathematics

In Kindergarten, your child will develop and strengthen math habits such as problem solving, persistence, precision, accuracy, modeling, constructing arguments, and checking to see if the answer makes sense. Important goals for the year include:

- Count to 100 by ones and tens (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4... or 10, 20, 30, 40...).
- Count objects to tell how many there are.
- Write numbers from 0 to 20.
- Compare two groups of objects or two written numbers to tell which is greater.
- Understand addition as putting together and adding to and subtraction as taking apart and taking from.
- Solve addition and subtraction word problems.
- Add and subtract within 10.
- Describe and compare objects with measurable attributes (e.g., taller, shorter, heavier, lighter).
- Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category.
- Name and describe two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes (squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres).
- Model, build, and draw shapes.
- Compose simple shapes to form larger shapes.

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Science

As Kindergarten students learn about the life, physical, and earth sciences, they will develop skills of observation, actively participate in simple investigations, have opportunities to use their senses and other tools to gather data, and time to talk about their observations with peers.

Important goals for the year include:

- Describe the position and motion of objects.
- Classify and compare objects based on their physical properties and how they are used.
- Observe and compare daily and seasonal weather patterns.
- Compare characteristics of animals that make them alike and different from other animals and nonliving things (structure, growth, changes, movement, and basic needs).

Social Studies

Kindergarten students focus on their family and families around the world when learning about different social studies concepts.

Important goals for the year include:

- Explain how people and seasons change over time.
- Explain why events and people are celebrated through national holidays.
- Use geographic terms to describe surroundings.
- Explain how people adapt to the weather conditions.
- Explain how people use the environment to meet their basic needs.
- Understand basic economic concepts, including how jobs help people meet their wants and needs.
- Understand the roles of a citizen.
- Understand how people are the same and different.
- Compare different family traditions.

Resources for Parents

Randolph County School System

www.randolph.k12.nc.us

Parent Resources

www.ed.gov/

NBC Education Nation Parent Toolkit

www.parenttoolkit.com/

K-12 Standards in Science and Other Subjects

www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/

National PTA Parent Guides

www.pta.org