

# Preparing for Kindergarten

## Literacy

Letters and sounds are an important part of building a foundation for reading. In Kindergarten, students are expected to know their letters and to be learning their letter sounds by the first few weeks of school.

**Below are some ways you can help your child learn their letters and sounds!**

Read to your child for 20 minutes each day!

Teach your child to write his/her name. This can be fun to do with a salt tray. Simply take a cookie sheet or baking dish and pour salt or sand in it. Then, have your child practice writing their name in the salt or sand.



Use the Zoo Phonics sheet and practice letter sounds with your child! You can look on YouTube for examples of how to do the motions for each letter sound.

Go on a scavenger hunt for letters. Have your child find letters around the house (in magazines, on pictures, in the kitchen) and write them down. Have them use sticky notes to label things around the house with the beginning sound. For example a D for door, or a W for window.