



KINDERGARTEN SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Before you come to kindergarten, do as many of these activities as possible. If you really like some of them, do them over and over again! Ask an adult to cross off the activity after you have done it. REMEMBER: When you are doing a reading activity, you can read the pictures, retell a story that has been already read to you, or read the words.

<p>Letters</p> <p>It's time to get down and dirty with the alphabet! Find a sandbox or talk your family into heading to the beach. Use your pointer finger to write the letters of the alphabet (upper case and lower case) in the sand.</p> <p>Hide-and-Seek Letters Have someone older than you write the letters of the alphabet on flashcards and hide them throughout your house. See if you can find all of them and then read them to the person who hid them for you.</p>	<p>Numbers and Shapes</p> <p>Go on a Shape Hunt Point out circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles to your mom or dad while you are taking a walk, grocery shopping, or simply out and about.</p> <p>Step by Step Count your steps. See how many steps it takes you to get from your room to the kitchen, from your front door to the mailbox, or even take a walk with your mom or dad and see how many steps it takes you to get to the end of the street.</p>	<p>Create</p> <p>We are Family! Draw portraits of each of your family members and label them.</p> <p>CRAY For Crayons! Draw and color anything and everything that tickles your fancy.</p>
<p>Sounds</p> <p>RHYME TIME! Ask your mom or dad to read nursery rhymes to you. See how many rhyming words you can find.</p> <p>"I SPY" Ask a family member to pick a letter sound. Look around the house and find an object that starts or ends with the sound they have chosen.</p>	<p>Fine Motor</p> <p>SNIP, SNIP, SNIP Make your new scissors and glue stick two of your best buddies. Ask your mom or dad for some old magazines and cut out anything that you think is cool. Glue down your snippings onto a blank sheet of paper to make a new picture.</p> <p>Squirt and Spell Ask your mom or dad to squirt shaving cream onto a cookie sheet. Write letters and draw pictures in the shaving cream.</p>	<p>Independence</p> <p>Dress Up Practice getting ready for the first day of kindergarten all by yourself. Practice buttoning buttons, zipping zippers, pulling your pants up and down, and putting on your socks and shoes.</p> <p>Lace Up! Learn to tie your shoes all by yourself. Find someone younger than you and teach them how.</p>
<p>Name</p> <p>That's Me! Ask your mom to write your name on sentence strips and mix it in with sentence strips with other names written on them. Practice finding your name.</p> <p>Puzzle Me Write your first name, and have someone help you cut it apart. Mix up all the letters and then put them back in order.</p>	<p>Read</p> <p>Checkin' Out a Book Ask your mom or dad to take you to the library. Check out books, read them at home, and check them back in to the library. Repeat!</p> <p>ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE! Build a fort out of sheets and read in it... Turn out the lights and read with a flashlight... Read under the kitchen table... Simply read anywhere and everywhere!</p>	<p>Imagination</p> <p>Play School Pretend you are a teacher. Set up your own classroom. Read to your kids and teach them about taking turns, waiting in line, raising their hands, and sitting still.</p> <p>Imagination Station Collect random items from around your house, use your imagination, and pretend to be an inventor.</p>

